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**DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR
OKLAHOMA HERITAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Nominations for the Oklahoma Heritage Association annual awards are due Jan. 12, 2008. These awards and cash prizes recognize organizations, individuals, educators and periodicals that are committed to preserving state and local history. Winners will be recognized at the Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Luncheon on March 26, 2008 at the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

Award categories are:

- Organizations headquartered in the part of the state that was Indian Territory prior to statehood that are committed to preserving state and local history.
- Organizations in the part of the state that was Oklahoma Territory prior to statehood that are committed to preserving state and local history.
- Individuals who have volunteered to preserve state and local history.
- Educators teaching grades four through twelve from Indian Territory who have demonstrated excellence in teaching Oklahoma history.
- Educators teaching grades four through twelve from Oklahoma Territory who have demonstrated excellence in teaching Oklahoma history.
- Educators from an Oklahoma college/university who are committed to preserving state and local history.
- Periodicals that have shown a commitment to preserving state and local history through feature articles or a series of articles/editorials that promote state history.

To download the nomination form and specific criteria for each award, visit www.oklahomaheritage.com. Each nomination form must be accompanied by a one-page letter about the nominee's accomplishments in the preservation of state and local history. Nomination form, letters and supporting materials should be mailed to the attention of the Awards Committee, Oklahoma Heritage Association, 1400 Classen Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73106. Nominations also can be dropped off at the admissions desk of the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum at 1400 Classen Drive. **Nominations must be received no later than Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008.**

The awards are funded by Robert and Roxana Lorton of Tulsa, the late Harold C. and the late Joan S. Stuart of Tulsa, the late Edward L. and the late Thelma Gaylord of Oklahoma City, Wanda L. Bass of McAlester and the McCasland Foundation of Duncan.

The Oklahoma Heritage Association preserves Oklahoma's history and inspires pride in the state by supporting education and celebrating the accomplishments of Oklahomans. The OHA is also recognized as the leader in publishing Oklahoma's history. A 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the Association is committed to telling Oklahoma's story through its people through each of its programs and through the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum.

For more information about the OHA or the annual awards, please call 405.235.4458, toll free at 888.501.2059.

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