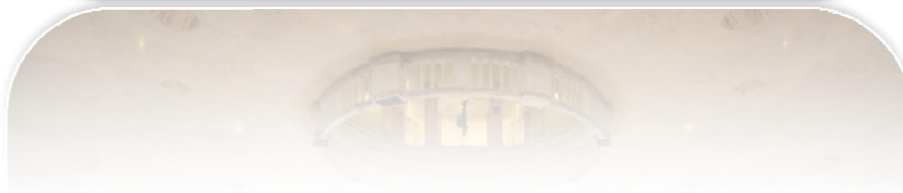




# FRIENDS of the CAPITOL, INC.

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



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## *2014 Annual Report*

**B**uilding on the success of previous years, Friends of the Capitol, Inc. continues to grow and move forward in its efforts to beautify and preserve Oklahoma's iconic State Capitol. Many of the restoration achievements and cultural projects highlighted in this report help to sustain the architectural and artistic integrity of Solomon Layton's seminal work. At the same time, our investment in new technologies leads the way in making the Capitol accessible to a 21st-Century audience. Other Friends of the Capitol endeavors from 2014 celebrate the talents of our state's finest artists and recognize the contributions of some of Oklahoma's greatest cultural icons. In partnership with you, we ensure that the Capitol is maintained as a functional seat of governance, and as an architectural, cultural, historical, and artistic treasure.

As the building's centennial approaches, we must be mindful of the long path ahead. For all of our great accomplishments and for all the extensive work that has been done, there remains much to do. We fervently desire to partner with our state's leadership and private citizens to undertake projects necessary to prepare the building for its next century of service. We thank you for your support of our efforts and hope you enjoy reviewing our accomplishments that's how, together, we can and will ensure a lasting future for The People's House.

*Amy Dillon*

*Executive Director*

*Friends of the Capitol, Inc.*

### ***Our Mission Statement:***

*Friends of the Capitol, Inc. is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation devoted to maintaining and improving the beauty and grandeur of the Oklahoma State Capitol building and showcasing its magnificent works of art. This mission is accomplished through a partnership with private citizens wishing to leave their footprint on our state's rich history.*

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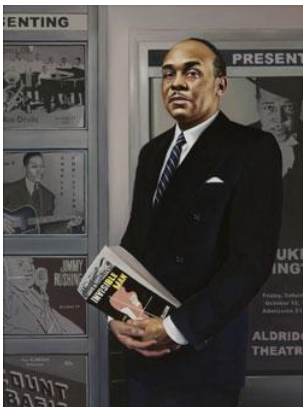
## *Projects 2014*

Annually, Friends of the Capitol undertakes numerous projects in support of developing, preserving, restoring, and making accessible artworks within the Capitol Art Collection. Oklahoma's state house art collection is comprised of more than one hundred permanent sculptures, murals and paintings located throughout the Capitol's hallways, rotunda, and grounds. In addition to enriching a historic civic space, the collection provides thousands of visitors and students a unique and engaging way to learn about Oklahoma's history through the events, people and land depicted in the works.

### **Commissioning and Unveiling of Ralph Ellison Portrait**

Friends of the Capitol served as fiscal agent on the commissioning, installation, and dedication of a portrait of iconic Oklahoma author Ralph Ellison. The oil on linen portrait by Oklahoma native Tracey Harris was dedicated on March 6, 2014 during a ceremony held in the Capitol's fourth floor rotunda.

The development and execution of the portrait was a shared endeavor. Friends of Capitol oversaw project revenues and expenditures while the Oklahoma Arts Council coordinated the commissioning of the portrait and selection of the artist. The Council also developed educational support materials and programming for the public. Fundraising was spearheaded by Robert Henry and Senator David Holt. The project was authorized and completed under the direction of the State Capitol Preservation Commission. The project was completed at a cost of \$14,777.75 and will, along with the other portraits of iconic Oklahomans lining public spaces, serve as an educational tool for thousands of children and visitors who tour the Capitol each year.



Renowned author and activist Ralph Ellison is shown in a portrait by artist Tracy Harris [left]. Ellison joins other Oklahoma icons such as Will Rogers, Jim Thorpe, Dr. John Hope Franklin, Te Ata and Sequoyah in the fourth floor rotunda of the Oklahoma State Capitol. At the unveiling of the portrait on March 6, 2014, Dr. Robert Henry [far left in right image] joins artist Tracy Harris in revealing the painting to the assembled crowd.

### **Allan Houser at the Capitol: A Legacy in Bronze**



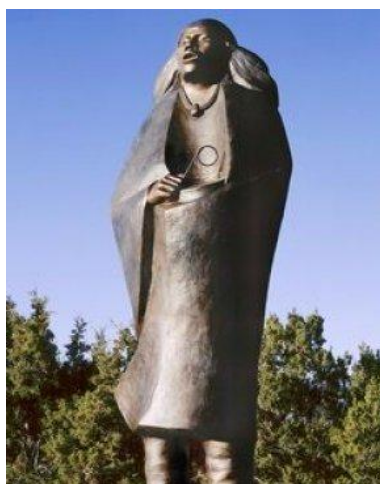
A special exhibit on the grounds of the Oklahoma State Capitol, *Allan Houser at the Capitol: A Legacy in Bronze* was part of a statewide celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of renowned Oklahoma artist Allan Houser. Born June 30, 1914, Houser's impact on Native American art as a form of expression made him one of the 20th century's most influential artists. Through December 15, 2014, visitors to the Capitol could view five temporary, large-scale bronze sculptures created by Houser along with his permanent Capitol sculpture, *As Long as the Waters Flow*, and learn more about Houser's life and legacy. A cell phone audio tour accompanying the exhibit was also available. Friends of the Capitol donated \$10,000 to help defray costs of transporting and installing the Houser artworks for the exhibition at the Capitol.



*Warm Springs Apache Man* by Allan Houser  
East Plaza



*Singing Heart* by Allan Houser  
East Plaza



*Morning Prayer* by Allan Houser  
North Plaza



*Spirit of the Wind* by Allan Houser  
North Plaza

### Dedication of Niche Sculptures

In 2000, prominent Oklahoma sculptors were invited to submit clay maquettes showcasing their designs to be considered for placement atop the soon-to-be finished Capitol dome. The winning sculpture was Senator Enoch Kelly Haney's now famous, "The Guardian," a colossal 21-foot bronze version of which now stands prominently atop the Oklahoma State Capitol dome since it was lifted on June 7, 2002.

The other submissions, each unique and beautiful in their own right, told their own stories of Oklahoma's proud Native community. In recognition of these masterful works, and in coordination with the State Capitol Preservation Commission, Friends of the Capitol commissioned bronze replicas of the maquettes for placement in niches throughout the state house. On May 7, 2014, Friends of the Capitol celebrated Arts Day at the Capitol with many other numerous organizations and held a public dedication ceremony for the five newest additions to the Capitol Art Collection. The total cost of the statues was \$14,348.68.



*Newly elected Friends of the Capitol Vice-chair Richard Ellwanger introduces Chair Ginny Bass Carl at Arts Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol on May 7, 2014 [left]. Friends of the Capitol chose Arts Day to hold the public dedication ceremony for the works.*

## A Statehood Celebration

On November 14, 2014, Friends of the Capitol hosted a Statehood Celebration celebrating Oklahoma's 107th birthday. Friends came and gathered at Red Prime Steakhouse for a happy hour, enjoying appetizers and cupcakes. It was such a fun event that Friends of the Capitol will host a Statehood celebration annually.



*L-R: Debbie Sutor, Julie Law, Debbie Espinosa*

Friends of the Capitol is involved in a variety of fundraising activities, each offering a unique and lasting opportunity to our donors. We offer engraved pavers, Art Treasures of the Oklahoma State Capitol book, The Oklahoma State Capitol

book, and the Oklahoma Postcard Collection. We welcome new and renewed annual sponsorships in addition to supporting these activities directly.

### Granite Pavers in the Centennial Memorial Plaza of the Oklahomans

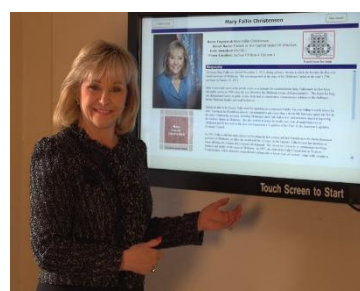
The idea of a Memorial Plaza was conceived to allow every Oklahoman to stake their claim as part of Oklahoma's history. You can purchase a paver for yourself or honor a special person with the selection of a \$300 15" x 15" engraved granite paver.

This opportunity is also extended to businesses and foundations to preserve their place as contributors to our great state! New 15" x 30" corporate pavers in the Memorial Plaza are available to Oklahoma businesses through a \$1000 tax-deductible donation to Friends of the Capitol. Mark your company's contributions to Oklahoma, or honor a retiring employee with a personal paver and attached biography. The granite is in place ready to receive your business or honoree's name in the vast Memorial Plaza at the monumental entrance to the Capitol!

Through December of 2014, 3467 pavers have been engraved with the names of dedicated Oklahomans. Add yours to our growing list today!



*Stately granite pavers line the plaza of the Oklahoma Capitol. These beautiful 15" x 15" pavers are engraved with the name of the donor or the donor's honoree and will remain on the plaza permanently. Pavers may be purchased by making a \$300 tax-deductible donation through our website, [www.friendsofthecapitol.com](http://www.friendsofthecapitol.com) or by calling (405) 843-2443.*

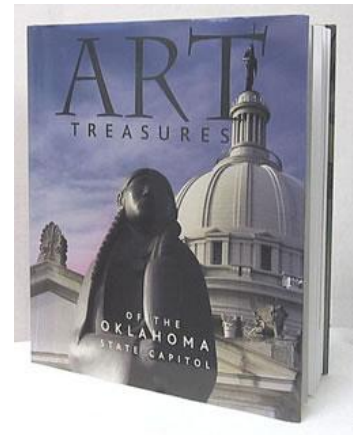


*A touch-screen panel, shown above with Governor Mary Fallin, is located off the east entrance to the Capitol and allows you to locate your honoree's paver as well as read their biography. The technology was provided by Friends of the Capitol at a cost of \$9,700.*



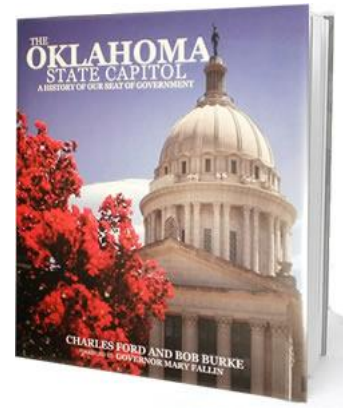
## Art Treasures of the Oklahoma State Capitol

For those who would appreciate the opportunity to savor the beauty of the artwork on display in our state Capitol, we offer Art Treasures of the Oklahoma State Capitol. Art Treasures, a book written by Bob Burke, Betty Crow, and Sandy Meyers, depicts the wealth of artistic expression seen in the Oklahoma Capitol building. Proceeds from the sale of this book benefit the Friends of the Capitol. \$25, [www.friendsofthecapitol.com](http://www.friendsofthecapitol.com) or (405) 843-2443.



## The Oklahoma State Capitol

Written by Charles Ford and Bob Burke, *The Oklahoma State Capitol* tells how the Capitol honors our historic diversity by preserving art treasures and displaying them in the building. Oklahoma's Capitol is rich in artistic wealth revealed by monumental bronze statues and beautiful murals and canvases. \$29.95, includes free shipping, [www.friendsofthecapitol.com](http://www.friendsofthecapitol.com) or 405-843-2443. Also available from the OK Tourism Centers throughout the state.



## Oklahoma Postcard Collection

Donors to this program select a historical postcard from the Capitol collection, with images representing historical events, people and places statewide. The postcard selected will be enlarged to 40" x 60" and hung in the halls of the west entryway of the Oklahoma State Capitol along with an engraved plaque, listing the sponsor's name. The postcard collection provides an expressive walk through momentous times in our state's past. \$500 donation, (405) 843-2443.







*The beauty of our state's Capitol Building is exquisitely captured in the picture above, provided with permission from Paul B. Meyer of Oklahoma City's MA+ Architecture. The granite pavers shown in the plaza entrance are the same pavers that Friends of the Capitol donors purchase to support our ongoing beautification efforts and memorialize themselves or their chosen honorees.*

*We invite you to join*

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Visit the Friends of the Capitol website, [www.friendsofthecapitol.com](http://www.friendsofthecapitol.com), to become a member and sponsor our art acquisition and restoration and Capitol improvement and beautification programs. When you purchase personalized granite pavers, you may enter their biographical information and find the placement of their paver through this site.

You may contact Friends of the Capitol, at (405) 843-2443 or email our Executive Director, Amy Dillon, at [adillon@friendsofthecapitol.com](mailto:adillon@friendsofthecapitol.com). Our mailing address is 7100 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73116.

Please take the time to visit the Oklahoma State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105, and experience some of our accomplishments and see why we are proud to be FRIENDS of the CAPITOL!

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