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Female Figure, ca. 2010,

Female Fugure, ca. 2010, by Virgil Ortiz (b. 1969). Cochiti (New Mexico). 18³/4" H

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Construction Report, page 10 And some of our favorite pictures Jar, ca. 1930 by Tsayutitsa (active ca. 1920s - 1950s). Zuni (New Mexico). *Gift of Quintus H. and Mary H. Herron* 18" H x 22" Diam.

Collections Spotlight: Southwest Ceramics

Most archaeologists agree that the Southwest area of North America was settled between 12,000 and 20,000 years ago. During this time, the climate was much less severe. Lush grasslands dominated the area and supported large populations of mammoth, camels, and even sloths. Stone tools from this time suggest that the area's inhabitants maintained a hunter-gatherer lifestyle.

By 6,000 B.C. the area began to look as it does today. Deserts had taken the place of wetlands. Deer, antelopes and rabbits replaced mammoth, camels and sloths. However, it wasn't until the arrival of maize and squash from Mexico (around 1,000 B.C.) that people adopted a sedentary, agricultural lifestyle. During this time at least four distinct cultures developed: the Anasazi, Mogollon, Hohokam, and Hakataya. Other groups were formed by the migration and mixing of these groups. A thriving ceramic tradition quickly arose, likely imported from Mexico. **MORE ON SOUTHWEST CERAMICS, PAGE 8.**

Directions



The Museum will be closed from July 14 - 30. In the two-plus years we have been under construction, we have only been closed one day. The length of this shutdown was unexpected. During this time workers will move existing HVAC units and install new ones. Staff will be present during this period, however public spaces will not be available. Galleries will be emptied to safeguard collections from interior "climate" extremes, unregulated due to lack of

electrical power. Storage areas will continue to be monitored and secured.

Nearly fifty trees were planted in the adjoining Museum Park by staff of Oklahoma State University's Kiamichi Forest Research Station (Idabel) and the Rotary Club of Idabel. Community tree-planting was a theme this year for Rotary International, with local clubs encouraged to plant at least as many trees as they have members. Thanks to all involved including Rotary President Faye House and Forestry Station staff, led by Dennis Wilson and Bob Heinemann.

I had the great pleasure of attending the annual meeting of the American Alliance of Museums, held this year in Phoenix, AZ. It was a great opportunity to visit with other museum professionals, attend keynote and educational sessions, address vendors offering the latest in museum-specific products, visit other museums, etc. One gets a better perspective when meeting with colleagues and hearing what they have to say. I am always reminded of our Museum's privileged status in the museum world. Thanks to generous donors past and present, we are able to sustain and operate within established budgets.

-Henry Moy, The Quintus H. Herron Director

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Programs



Summer Explorers Camper Hyden Ellsworth creating a kachina-style doll. The camp allows children ages 8 to 12 to learn about different cultures in a fun, immersive, and engaging environment. **Linda Lou Alexander** will lead a **beer and basket-making workshop** at the Museum on August 11. The total cost for the program, including supplies and drinks, is \$45.

Christina Eastep, Head of Programs, will teach a pottery class at the Colonial Lodge Senior Living Center in Idabel on August 14.

Due to popular demand, the Museum has scheduled a second **Fun with Paint Day** on August 18. The workshop is free and open to the public. Another free workshop, **Fun with Weaving**, is scheduled for September 15.

Local artist **Eveline Steele** will lead an **earring beading workshop** on September 15. Cost is \$45.

The Museum will have a public **gallery opening** for its fall exhibit, *Andean Textiles* on August 30 at 6:30 pm. The opening is preceded by a members-only reception at 6:00.

People

Joyce Hall, with the support of her family, has donated the personal collection of 174 rare and unusual quartz specimens collected by her late husband Cephis Hall (1941 - 2013). An avid collector for many years, and president of the McCurtain County Gem and Mineral Club at the time of his passing, Cephis was a dedicated advocate for appreciating our region's natural resources. He often led tours of the area for "rock-hounds" from around the world and gave lectures to thousands of area school children and visitors. He was also an amateur paleontologist. Among his many achievements was the recovery of the most complete fossil skeleton of *Acrocanthosaurus atokensis*, now the State Dinosaur of Oklahoma. He worked on the project for many years, with his exploring partner Sid Love. The cast *Acro* at the Museum of the Red River was created from their original find.

Future distributions from the Linda and Jack Bell Scholarship Fund, a donor-advised fund at the Tulsa Community Foundation, will be given to the Museum to support its summer programs. The gift comes from Linda Bell, a former Herron Foundation board member. Linda's previous gifts include the initial funding for the M. "Jack" Bell Hall, the Museum's largest meeting space.



▲ Multiple Cluster Quartz. Found in McCurtain County. Gift of Joyce Hall and Family.

The Museum hosted master flamenco guitarist **Ronald Radford** in a concert June 21. His performance was sponsored by **Idabel Regional Arts Council**, with local support from the **McCurtain County Art Club** and state support from the **Oklahoma Arts Council**, which receives funds from the **State of Oklahoma** and the **National Endowment for the Arts**.

Mural Unveiled

Bill Baker (American, b. 1961) unveiled *Coming to Oklahoma*, at the Annual Dinner (April 29). The mural represents the world's material culture coming to the Museum. The image is one of the many works of art that will be featured in the Museum's new lobby. *Coming to Oklahoma* was commissioned by donors to the Museum's Building Fund.

Bill Baker is one of the nation's premier pastel artists. He has won numerous awards for his work and been featured in many art publications, including the January 2018 issue of **Southwest Art**. He draws inspiration from years of travel to remote villages, where he stays for months to better experience local cultures. To date, he has visited 55 different countries. Baker is currently working on a ten-episode series, *Artist Adventurer*, for the **Travel Channel**.





RECENT ACQUISITION

Above: Painting, *Coming to Oklahoma* by Bill Baker (b. 1961). American. 55" H x 92¹/₂"L

Left: **Bill Baker** and **Henry Moy** unveil the mural at the Museum's Annual Dinner. An enlarged copy of the mural will hang in the Museum's new lobby.

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Exhibits

Nathaniel and Lana Grey Gallery

Island Spirits (through October 28) Ancestor and other "spirit figures" from cultures of the South Pacific (Micronesia, Melanesia, Polynesia), drawn from the Museum's collections.

Mary Bratton Curtis Gallery

Arts of the Southwest (June 12 – August 19) Ceramics, baskets and other examples of the proto-historic to modern Pueblo and other cultures of the American Southwest. **MUSEUM AND EXHIBIT CLOSED JULY 14 TO 31**

Andean Textiles (August 28 – November 4) Woven cloth of native cotton and camelid wools from various Andean cultures (ca. 800 BC–AD 1500), drawn from the Museum's collections.

Recent Acquisitions (November 14 - January 20) Selection of works, received for the collections of the Museum during 2018

Lifeways Gallery

Objects from the Museum's collections which illustrate the ethnological themes of Domestic Life, Beliefs, Encounters, and Technology and Art.

Gregory H. Perino Archaeological Study Area

Study collections of regional archaeological material, honoring the work of **Gregory H. Perino** (1914 - 2005), archaeologist and the Museum's first director (1975 - 1984).

Musings



Courtney Wood, Museum Assistant

Courtney here! I've been lucky to be able help out the Museum a couple days a week. The stellar individuals that make up the staff here have made it very pleasant and enjoyable. Getting to know the history of the area and areas beyond McCurtain County has also been a treat. I'm always astonished at the vast collection of art and artifacts that the Museum has. You can visit the whole world and skip back in time so effortlessly here.

From tourists a state away or a world away, it's always amazing to hear how impressed everyone is with our "gem" of a museum–as it's often referred to. There is quite a bit of buzz and hype surrounding the Museum's remodel. Delays here and there but what's to come will absolutely be worth the wait.

I feel very fortunate to even be a very minute part of all of this. I eagerly await the following months and all the drastic changes and pieces coming together. It's going to be beyond superb. I hope to do my very best to support and help out everyone as I can as things get more lively and busy.

Please come see us! We'd love to have you.



Katsina Sio Hemis, ca. 1950, Hopi (Arizona). Gift of Quintus H. and Mary H. Herron. 141/2" H.

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Visit www.museumoftheredriver.org/membership/ to learn more or to sign-up. Registration is also available by mail or over the phone(580.286.3616). Contact Brian Hendershot, Head of Communications and Outreach (pr@motrr.org) to learn more.

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Male Figure, ca. 300 BC - AD 200. Colima (Mexico). Gift of David Model. 14¹/₂" H x 8³/₄" W



Coiled tray, **RECENT ACQUISITION** late 20th century. Hopi (Arizona). Gift of Ron and Lynne Wetherell to the Museum's Baker-Beasley-Wetherell Collection. 7¹/2" Diam.



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Jar, 20th century, Nupe (Nigeria). *Gift of Dr. David and Karina Rilling.* 14.5" H

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Gifts to the Collections

The *Cephis and Joyce Hall Family Collection* of 174 **quartz specimens**. *Gift of Joyce Hall and Family (*OK)

Seventeen (17) folk **ceramic figurines** and **vessels** from Tonala, Mexico. *Gift of Dr. Robert and Pamela* (OK)

Group of American **baskets** representing Mohawk, Penobscot/New England (3), Micmac (2), Hopi (3), Cherokee (2), Mississippi Choctaw (4) and Gullah (3), [including a 2008 coiled tray by **Andrea Cayetano**] traditions; seal fur "Eskimo yo-yo". *Gift of Ron and Lynne Wetherell (FL) to the Museum's Baker-Beasley-Wetherell Collection*

Ethnographic ceramic vessels including forty-two (42) deep-relief carved **food bowls** from Sawos peoples of Papua New Guinea;

twenty-five (25) decorated ceramic **storage jars** from Dagari peoples of Burkina Faso (6), Bamana peoples of Mali (5), Babessi peoples of Cameroon (6) and Nupe peoples of Nigeria (7), plus one (1) Nupe ceramic "**pot stand**;" six (6) carved-wood Nupe **house posts**; three (3) carved-wood house "**ladders**" of the Dogon peoples of Cameroon; and seven (7) stone **stelae** from Bura peoples of Niger; fourteen (14) reference publications. *Gift of Dr. David and Karina Rilling* (*PA*)

Woven fiber fans (2) and a purse (collected in Tuvalu, ca. 1985 by Jeanie and Takial Vave). Gift of John and Henrietta Burnette (OK)

Two (2) ceramic **figures**, including a seated man and dog effigies (West Mexican traditions, ca. 300 BC – AD 200). *Gift of David Model* (*CA*)



▲ Two ceramic pitchers, late 20th century, Tonala (Jalisco, Mexico). *Gift of Dr. Robert and Pamela Brooks*. 11¹/₄" H

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Museum Purchases

Painted ceramic jar (1997), by Florence Yepa (b. 1949, Jemez Pueblo)

Painted ceramic jar by Geraldine Sandia (b. 1950, Jemez Pueblo)

Painted "Canteen-style" ceramic vessel, by Marie Romero (1927-2007, Jemez Pueblo)

Two ceramic **bowls** (ca. 2017), one with painted surfaces and applied lizard effigies, the other with painted surfaces including "heartline deer" image; both by **Deldrick** and **Lorenda Cellicion** (Zuni Pueblo)

Small **bowl** by **Hilda Coriz** (b. 1949, Santo Domingo Pueblo), painted by her brother **Robert Tenorio** (b. 1950, Santo Domingo Pueblo)

Utilitarian ceramic jar, (ca. 1950's, Navajo)

Southwest Ceramics

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) Despite Mexico's significant cultural influence, the area quickly developed its own unique ceramic traditions. The first pots were relatively utilitarian. But soon, potters began decorating their wares with small, incised designs. Those incisions led to visible coils, which were indented or pinched to create an overall corrugated design. Later artists began to experiment with painted designs. At first they painted simple black lines on gray pottery. Over time, potters began to create red, black, and white pots, which led to the polychrome design that was dominant for many years.

Around A.D. 1150 many prehistoric groups began to disappear. Some of them would go on to form many of the tribes living in the area today. The Anasazi settled along the upper Rio Grande, forming many of the Pueblos there today. The Mogollon culture completely disappeared. Many believe they moved into the Tanoan-speaking pueblos along the Rio Grande and among the Zuni. The Hohokam are represented by the Akimel O'Odham (Pima) and Tohono O'Odham (Papago). Likewise, the descendants of the Hakataya can be found in the tribes of Southeastern California and western Arizona.



Polychrome Jars, ca. 1960 by Lucy M. Lewis (1898 - 1992). Acoma (Arizona). *Gift of Alice Dockstader in Memory of her Husband, Frederick J. Dockstader*. Left: 3¹/₄" x 3⁵/₈: Diam. Right: 6¹/₄" x 8" Diam.

Despite this period of cultural upheaval many groups kept their traditions somewhat intact for hundreds of year. However, around 1880 artists began creating pots to accommodate a growing tourist market. This resulted in smaller pots that featured naturalistic designs instead of geometric ones. Despite this trend, some artists like **Nampeyo** (ca. 1860 to 1942) or **Juan Quezada** (b. 1940) continued to create traditional ceramics. In fact, both artists revived two prehistoric styles of pottery through trial and error! Today, the area is home to a mix of traditional and contemporary ceramists. However, most ceramics are produced for sale, not domestic use.

Several outstanding examples of this latter period are currently on display as part of the Museum's *Arts of the Southwest* exhibit. The show also features several prehistoric ceramics.



Top: Bowl (ca. 2017) by Deldrick and Lorenda Cellicion. Zuni Pueblo (New Mexico). 3¹/₂" H x 8¹/₂" Diam.

Right: Jar (1997) by Florence Yepa (b. 1949). Jemez (New Mexico). 6¹/₂" H x 7¹/₂" W

RECENT ACQUISITION



CONSTRUCTION REPORT





Contractors removing rust from steel beams





CONSTRUCTION REPORT









Mini Construction Update:

Construction was scheduled for completion earlier this year. However, supply problems, an unseasonably wet autumn, and last-minute changes to the project resulted in several delays. Fortunately, most of those problems are squared away and it appears that the project will be finished sometime this year. Despite those delays, **Routh Enterprises** and its associated contractors have been laying the groundwork for a drastic, visible change to the new Museum–the completion of the glass pyramid that serves as its "face". Considerable work has also been done on the interior. In fact, the new collections **areas** are finished and ready for Keeper of Collections **Daniel Vick** (pictured throughout page 11.)

Workers have also laid the groundwork for a three thousand square foot addition to the east side of the Museum. For now, the area will serve as a small storage area. Subcontractors **Scott Wrap Plastering** are in the process of completing the EIFS that serves as the final layer of the new buildings. (Pictured on page, 11 bottom left. The grey layer on the top right of the picture is the final layer.)That project should be finished by the time you're reading this issue!

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The Museum of the Red River is the largest exhibiting facility within a 150 mile radius, providing both learning opportunities and aesthetic experiences to its audiences. Through its exhibits and public educational programs, it offers unprecedented access to some of the finest cultural artifacts in the nation, representing native American groups and others from around the world. Its Public Reference, and Research libraries offer over 6000 volumes and printed materials illustrating cultural history. The Holland and Sallie Webb Family Learning Center provides hands-on, interactive experiences for students of all ages. The Museum is open 10 AM to 5 PM Tuesday through Saturday and 1 PM to 5 PM on Sunday. Closed Mondays and national holidays. Admission is free.

Off-site displays are installed at four regional libraries (Idabel, Broken Bow, Valliant, and Hugo), Southeastern Oklahoma State University's McCurtain County Campus, the Oklahoma Forest Heritage Center and the Kiamichi Family Medical Center.

The Museum's budget is supported by investment income, earned income, and the ongoing support of individuals, families, corporations and foundations. It neither solicits nor accepts government funding. Additionally, it works in cooperation with other arts and cultural agencies to provide activities and events to the public.



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