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BRADY REGISTER

BRADY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Wess and Cathryn Young Award Winner Announced

The Wess and Cathryn Young Community Service Award is given annually by BHNA to recognize individuals with a long-term contribution to the Tulsa community and to Brady Heights. Past winners have included Steve Liggett, Dr. Betty Conrad, J.D. Metcalf, Emily Warner, and Tim Lovell, among others. The award is a living tribute to the diligent work of our longtime neighbors, Wess and Cathryn Young, who served in many capacities in the BHNA for over twenty years and in the community even before. This year's nominees included:

Merle Inman: Mr. Inman owned the home at 1144 North Cheyenne from 1946 to 2005. He bought the house shortly after he returned to the United States after being a POW in a German prisoner of war camp. At the time of the purchase, Mr. Inman was a boy of 20 and saw the great character of his home and the neighborhood.

When the home was purchased, Brady Heights was an upper middle-class neighborhood. During the 1970s when the neighborhood deteriorated, Mr. Inman

always held to the belief that the neighborhood could be saved and would once again be a desirable place to live. He maintained the home and was meticulous in keeping the house as original as possible. His background in engineering played a big part in his ability to do things right. In 2005, Mr. Inman had to sell the house due to his health. He is still a visitor to the home at 1144 North Cheyenne and was able to spend Christmas Eve there just as he had done many years before.

Mr. Inman was very active in the neighborhood association and was a valued and respected member of the neighborhood. He has held on to his extensive collection of past newsletters and newspaper clippings relating to Brady Heights. At the age of 81, Mr. Inman's love for Brady Heights remains strong.

Tim Williams: Tim has worked extensively in Brady Heights and in the community at large as a tireless crusader for historic preservation. As a 24-year resident of Brady Heights, Tim has worked on the restoration of over 12

homes. He has also represented Brady Heights on the Historic Preservation Certificate of Appropriateness Subcommittee for over five years. In this capacity, Tim has worked with each homeowner seeking to obtain a COA, helping them through the process and often representing them at COA reviews.

Tim has also served as BHNA past president and was responsible, in large part, for the exciting and highly successful Home Tours than ran during those years. Tim's greatest legacy is in the homes he has helped restore, the tradition of preservation he has upheld, and the his great love for Tulsa's architectural history.

Margaret (Margee) Aycock:

"Margee" Aycock, as most people know her, has been a long-time resident of Brady Heights, an advocate for its people, and a leader in bringing performing and visual arts to the community. She is an Impressionist oil painter and art teacher who has been painting for over 25 years. She has participated in multiple juried shows and won best painting in the

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BHNA Annual Business Meeting

Due to weather conditions in early Jan., the BHNA annual business meeting was not conducted and will be held at the regular Feb. monthly meeting. The agenda will include nominations and elections for officers and available board positions as well as an amendment to the bylaws. The proposed bylaw amendments would add language to express our commitment to non-discrimination and equal opportunity as well as language to provide a minimum acceptable balance to our banking account. At that time we will also recognize the winner of the Wess and Cathryn Young Award for 2006. Food, beverages and childcare will be provided. See the January issue of the *Brady Register* online at www.bradyheights.com for more information.

Tuesday, Feb. 20 – 7 pm
Centenary United Methodist Church
Golden and North Denver Avenue

Calendar

Brady Heights Neighborhood Events

Sat., Feb. 20 – BHNA Annual Business Meeting
10am at Centenary United Methodist Church.

Living Arts Myers Gallery

308 S. Kenosha Ave. 585-1234, livingarts.org

Thur March 1 – **The Real Superheroes by Dulce Pinzon and The Price of Gold: A Three-Channel Video Installation by Molly Stevens**, closing at the New Genre Festival XIV. See livingarts.org for more information.

Sat., Feb. 17 – **Living Arts 2nd Annual 24 Hour Video Race**. Participating teams will gather at 12:00 midnight, Fri., Feb. 16 and will have 24 hours to write, shoot, and edit a shorter than 5 minute video, relate to a surprise theme that will be revealed to participants on the night of the competition. The video must be returned to Living Arts or IAO Gallery (811 N. Broadway in Oklahoma City) midnight on Sat., Feb. 17. Teams may include up to 8 members. Categories: 18 and under, College, Adult or Animation. For more information contact Living Arts.

Beginning Feb. 19 – Video Art Production.

Middle and High School age students in partnership with Youth Services of Tulsa will meet at Living ArtSpace. Ins and outs of video movie making, video production and editing techniques as an art-making tool. Enroll through Youth Services of Tulsa, Scott Heberling at: SHeberling@yst.org or call 382-4427. \$50 for 12 weeks. Mon., 5:30-7:30pm. Instructor: Dave McPherson. Entries will be screened on Thurs., Feb. 22 at Philbrook Museum of Art (2727 S. Rockford Rd.) Following the screening, panel of judges will select winners from each category. A reception will follow the screening at Living ArtSpace.

Fri., Feb. 23, 7 pm – **“THE SHIFT” ArtCore Studios Winter Presentation**. Students brainstormed their ideas and come up with: A fake historical event which deals with the imbalance humans have caused in the world. Animals will be used to represent the humans and their actions which have caused the ‘imbalance’.

Brady Heights website update has been completed! Find current and past issues of the Brady Register, Historic Guidelines, and homes for sale. More information to come soon.

bradyheights.com

Tulsa Preservation Commission NOTICE

If you are planning updates to your home you will need a Certificate of Appropriateness for any action to the viewable exterior, other than painting.

Contact the Preservation Commission at **596-2600** for more information or visit their updated new website at:

tulsapreservationcommission.org



Neighbors To Reclaim Lava Flow

Over 15 years ago, a lot in the 600 block of Cheyenne was transformed from a grassy yard into an asphalt parking area for the then owners of the Fairview Apartments. With the black asphalt covering the lot from the alley to the street, residents started calling – unaffectionately – “The Lava Flow”. From its installation the Lava Flow was a blight for the residents close to the cul-de-sac. Cars would use it to bypass the dead end street and race back and forth from the alley and Cheyenne. Foot traffic and illicit activity was the norm because the parking area was both hidden from the street and still accessible to allow quick and easy escape.

The new owners of the Fairview Apartments, the Newnams, have been very gracious in letting the residents of Brady Heights and especially the residents of the cul-de-sac remove the Lava Flow from our midst. The residents of the cul-de-sac are committed to raising about \$1,500 for materials; then to the tune of a lot of sweat equity, the residents of Brady Heights will be removing the curb cut, building an historically appropriate retaining wall, installing a fence and landscaping the street side of the lot.

“Work is slated to begin as soon as the weather permits” said Tim Williams, – the long time BHHD resident who first contacted the Newnams about the plan. “We started with a meeting of the cul-de-sac residents, we made an agreement with the Newnams, then went to the Historic Preservation Commission with our plans. Approval from the Historic Preservation Commission with some minor alterations set us on our way to gathering the funds and scheduling the work”.

Jeri Tucker and Meridith Harrison who live right next to the Lava Flow could not be happier with the plans. “We have watched the traffic from the illicit activity drop to nil after the Lava Flow was blocked by traffic cones (in preparation for the reconstruction). The Newnams have been great in making sure the residents they rent to at the Fairview Apartments are top notch folks – that has been a godsend,”.

All of the funds and work are coming from Brady Heights residents. Anyone wanting to contribute time or money should contact Michelle Barnett at richmish@sbcglobal.net, 592-9135, or Tim Williams at bittertw@aol.com, 584-5787.

Senior Tax Rebates

Within the Vision 2025 infrastructure package a sales tax rebate was included for senior citizens. The rebate is structured to return what seniors may have paid into the Vision 2025 fund during the course of the year through sales taxes. Applications for the refund are now available from www.tulsacounty.org, all public library branches and by mail or in person from the County Treasurer’s office at 500 South Denver Ave., Room 323, Tulsa, OK 74103-3840. This annual rebate has no income requirement. One rebate per household is allowed. Applicants must be ages 65 or older and have lived in Tulsa County for the previous calendar year. The rebate period closes March 31. Those who qualify may expect to receive a check in the mail within approximately two to three weeks.

OkEq Celebrates Grand Opening

Downtown Tulsa's East End will be teeming with festivities Thursday, February 14 through Sunday, February 18 as Oklahomans for Equality (formerly Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights) celebrate their Grand Opening of the new Dennis R. Neill Equality Center.

The celebration begins on Thurs., Feb. 14 with the Opening Doors Art Exhibit and Competition from 5-9 pm, with complimentary champagne and chocolate fountain. There no doubt will be a door prize for this open competition since all the art submitted will be created on some form of a door.

With a Mardi Gras theme on Sat., Feb. 17 the Wild Hearts Ball VII will provide dancing, food and spirits in a highly festive atmosphere. The Great Divide drawing will be held with the chance of winning thousands of dollars in the 50/50 cash split. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Sun., Feb. 18 will conclude the series of events with Brunch and Blessings



featuring a full breakfast buffet and live gospel music with seating at 11 am-1 pm.

OkEq Oklahoma's largest non-profit organization serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community and its allies, has announced the receipt of a keynote gift from Dennis R. Neill, the organization's co-founder and first president. The OkEq Board of Directors and Capital Fund Trustees have voted to name their new 18,000 square-foot facility in honor of Mr. Neill. The building is located at 621 E. 4th St. in the revitalizing East End of downtown Tulsa.

The Dennis R. Neill Equality Center

will be one of the largest LGBT community centers in the United States. The Equality Center will serve as a base for statewide advocacy efforts and will also house wellness programs, a David Bohnett Cyber Center, the Tulsa LGBT History Project, meeting rooms, health testing services, counseling, a pro-bono legal clinic, a LGBT library, an art gallery, restaurant and retail space available for lease, and rental space for private events.

Established in 2000 and chaired by Sue Welch of Tulsa, the OkEq capital campaign has currently raised almost \$900,000 in foundation and private gifts, including a recent \$100,000 challenge grant from the George Kaiser Family Foundation. Over the last year, more than 275 volunteers have worked over 7,000 hours in refurbishing the facility. At the same time, an outstanding team of design professionals have volunteered their services in orchestrating exterior and interior design concepts and drawings.

Honoring Black History – Feb. 2007

Black History month was first envisioned by a man recognized as “The Father of Negro History” – Harvard professor Carter G. Woodson. Woodson was born in 1875 to former slaves and worked in mines and quarries until the age of 20. Woodson believed the study of black history, using the tools of scholarly research and writing, could serve a dual purpose. “Besides building self-esteem among blacks, (Black History) would help eliminate prejudice among whites,” Woodson concluded. And in 1926, Negro History Week was born. During the nation’s bicentennial Negro History Week was expanded to a month long celebration and renamed Black History Month. Most every website you can pull up from a web search on “Black History Month” mentions Tulsa’s role and responsibility for some of the darkest hours in Black History. But what does Tulsa offer for Black History in 2007? BH area events

related to Black History month include:

- Crossover Bible Church takes a month-long look at the role of the black church in America, each Sunday morning at 10:30 am, at the chapel of the Salvation Army’s North Mabee Center, 32nd and N. Cincinnati.
- Emerson Elementary School will present "A Tribute to Motown," which will highlight advancements by musicians as well as writers and other prominent figures in black history, at 6:30 pm Feb. 27 at 909 N. Boston Ave.
- Roosevelt Elementary School students are tracing black music from Africa to the present day by exploring slaves' work and freedom songs, gospel, spiritual, ragtime, jazz, rhythm and blues, and rap music. Roosevelt students will perform the songs and present a "living museum" in "The Voices of Freedom," scheduled for 7 pm Feb. 13 at the school, 1202 W. Easton St.



- The Tulsa City-County Library is celebrating Black History month with special author visits at Rudisill Regional Library and a youth essay contest. Julia Hare, a native Tulsan, will speak about Tulsa's black heritage and history from 10 am-1:30 pm Feb. 17. She and her husband, Nathan Hare, founded the Black Think Tank in San Francisco to address issues affecting the black family. They are the co-authors of such books as *The Endangered Black Family: Coping With the Unisexualization and Coming Extinction of the Black Race*, and *Bringing the Black Boy to Manhood: The Passage*.

Announcements

The Hot 100

(edited from the Urban Tulsa Weekly)

Congratulations to Steve Liggett, a long-time member of Brady Heights family, who was recently recognized by Urban Tulsa Weekly as one of the City's "Hot 100". Steve was recognized for his work as director of LivingArts Studio and Liggett Studio in bringing the most innovative and interesting art to Tulsa. From the UTW: "They're your neighbors, your bosses, your peers, your co-workers, your employees. By now, UTW's Hot 100, the absolute best, authentic list of the city's movers and shakers, has become what it should be: your guide to the city's leadership. They are progressive. They are visionary. They lead by listening and by example. And, we are glad to once again celebrate them by bringing them to your attention...We're also giving you a heads up as to who to watch for in the coming months -- we expect more great things out of these people. In the end, the list should inspire us to be more active, more influential in our communities. To care. To make a difference in Tulsa."

BHNA Membership is open to residents, property owners, churches, and businesses within Brady Heights. Annual dues are \$10 per year and tax-deductible donations are gladly accepted. To support BHNA, with dues or donations, make your check or money order out to BHNA and send to:

Richard Barnett
c/o BHNA 904 N. Cheyenne Ave,
Tulsa, OK 74106.

Or come to the next BHNA monthly meeting, join up, and get to know your neighbors. Make this year the year you get involved and make a difference in your community -- beginning here in Brady Heights!

2006 BRADY HEIGHTS OFFICERS

President: Michelle Barnett
Vice President: Anthony Clark
Secretary: Mike Keim
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2006 BRADY HEIGHTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sandra Klein	Larry Minor
Alex Galimberti	George Aveille
Cara Lovell	Nathan Pickard
Denny Young	
Bob Glidewell	<i>We currently have</i>
Margee Aycock	<i>one vacant seat on</i>
Terry McGee	<i>the board</i>

Tulsa Preservation Commission: 596-2600
BHNA Representative: Tim Williams

Coalition of Historic Neighborhoods
BHNA Representative: Margee Aycock

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Oklahoma Women in the Arts Show in 1995. Her work has been featured every year since 1995 in Tulsa's International MayFest Invitational Gallery. Her work is currently represented by West End Gallery in Winston Salem, NC and Ziegler's and Doran Galleries in Tulsa.

Though not a native of Oklahoma, Margee came here for college, attending ORU, where she met her husband Scott. Over the intervening years, Margee has served as BHNA past president and current board member. She is currently the Arts Committee Chair and is leading the Tulsa Spirit Youth Arts Program which is assisting Emerson Elementary's art program and bringing hands-on opportunities to area youth.

Margee has long been the face of Brady Heights, bringing welcome baskets to new neighbors, and inviting them to neighborhood activities. Her faithful nurturing of the arts community, in both youth and adults, as well as her commitment to Brady Heights and belief in its people make her a great nominee for this award.

Pastor Dick Bland: Dick Bland is a name you may know better from the marquee in front of Centenary United Methodist Church at North Denver and Golden. In 2006, Pastor Bland celebrated 22 years of service at Centenary and to Tulsa. Over the years, Pastor Bland and Centenary have built up Brady Heights, as it rejuvenated itself. Within memory, there's never been a request of Pastor Bland to which he didn't have hearty "yes" answer whenever the neighborhood has needed anything. When we needed a place to meet, a place to keep the archives, a supporter, Pastor Bland has always been there.

But the contributions of Centenary and Pastor Bland don't end at the neighborhood boundaries. You'll find them always looking for ways to help the greater community – from finding ways to provide low cost food through Angel Food Ministries to helping with clothing at area schools. Pastor Bland's practical and long-term commitment to the community show his deep love for people and are a great example for this day.

And the winner is... Margee Aycock! Congratulations! Thanks to everyone who nominated someone they admired and to our nominees for making the selection of a single person each year more and more difficult. You inspire us all!

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