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### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Due to the closing of the Extension Center to the public, there will be no programs in May. Please check the revised schedule provided in this newsletter and make the changes in your yearbooks.

May 28th leader lesson, "The U.S. Census: Everyone Counts", has been cancelled. McClain County Educator, Connie Wollenberg will provide materials that will be emailed/mailed to all members.

OHCE Spring Luncheon has been moved to Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. at the Extension Conference Center. Groups may arrive at 9:30 a.m. to decorate their table. Please bring enough finger foods to feed 6-8 people. Since this is something new, all members who plan to attend, must RSVP to Lisa at [lisa.hamblin@okstate.edu](mailto:lisa.hamblin@okstate.edu) or call and leave a message at 713-1125, to see if there is enough interest in this event.

**Thought for The Day:** Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom. - George S. Patton

### DEADLINE FOR Jun 2020

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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



## President's Column

I do not know about you, but I am having a hard time remembering what day of the week it is, let alone what month; but I do not think I will ever forget the year 2020. I hope this extended time of staying home has allowed you time to reflect, plan, organize, read, enjoy the down time, sew, craft, or whatever else you have done during the last six weeks.

Remember that OHCE Week is May 3rd-May 9th. The proclamation for OHCE Week will be on Monday, May 4th. Due to restrictions at the courthouse, our OHCE proclamation will be read by Corporal Kim Lopez. If you would like, you can watch online.

For many years during OHCE Week, we have served as hostesses for the Symphony Show Home. Due to the virus, the dates have changed. Please read Gayla Mosteller's article below regarding our June 22<sup>nd</sup> day to volunteer.

We have an immediate need for a County Secretary. Do you take the minutes in your group? Have you ever taken minutes? Oklahoma County OHCE could use you to fill this necessary position. Please let me know if you would be willing to serve.

Do not forget that our Annual Achievement Luncheon is now scheduled for Friday, July 18th.

Stay Safe!

## County Website Updated!

Have you visited the new website lately? Use this address to access the OHCE page: <https://extension.okstate.edu/county/oklahoma/oklahoma-home-and-community-education.html> If you have news you would like to see on the page, let us know.



## **VA Fourth of July Project**

For the month of May, we will be collecting deodorant. We hope to have at least 75 to prepare bags for July 4th. You can also still bring puzzle books and personal size tissues.

### **Symphony Show House**

**By Gayla Mosteller**

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**SYMPHONY SHOW HOUSE JUNE 13 – JUN 28**



The Symphony Show House is located at 2737 Guilford Lane in Oklahoma City and is listed by Wyatt Poindexter Group of KW Luxury Homes International. Public tours will be held from 11:00 am- 7:00 pm every day from June 13 - June 28.

**OHCE's date to volunteer at the Show Home is June 22.**

As soon as I get information about signing up to volunteer, I will contact your local presidents.

If you have any questions, please call Gayla Mosteller at 405-769-3855 or you can text 580-656-1955

# Genealogy Group

## Family History Activities You Can Do While Waiting Out the Coronavirus Outbreak

by Jan Beattie



(Cont. from Apr Newsletter)

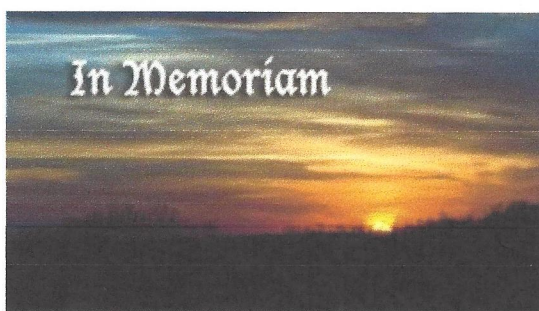
- 8. Timelines.** Create a timeline for an ancestor you are researching. This often helps identify gaps in your research or records you are missing. We will be someone's ancestor one of these days, so take the time to write your own timeline, Include vital records, milestones, and historical events that had meaning for you.
- 9. Start a journal.** We are living in a unique historical period, document it now by starting a journal or even a word document on your computer. Then look at how you can add to it with newspapers, photos, and emails from family.
- 10. Use the time to connect with your relatives and write some family stories and anecdote's.** Use email, social media messaging, Facebook, Skype or Facetime or by telephone. If you don't feel like you're a writer, that's ok! At least record some notes in the word document on your computer or in your journal so these events won't be lost to history.
- 11. Been thinking of joining a lineage society?** This is the perfect time to track down the proofs you will need. Get to work on those applications!
- 12. Document an heirloom.** Have a family heirloom or something you hope will become an heirloom? Take the time to photograph it and record its provenance now. Explain what it is, what its importance is to your family, its history and how it has been passed down through the generations and where it should end up when you are no longer around. Consider long term solutions including family members willing to inherit it or a possible donation plan.
- 13. Take a virtual trip to your ancestral home.** Sure, you might not be able to travel right now but we are so lucky to be able to access places virtually. How about using GoogleMaps or GoogleEarth, HistoryPin or even What

Was There? to access historical maps and images. Explore where your ancestor's property was located on today's maps.

**14. Visit a cemetery and find an ancestor's grave.** Or, volunteer to take photo requests for FindAGrave. This activity allows you to get out while maintaining social distancing. Or, if you're behind in uploading your photos to FindAGrave, this is the perfect opportunity to get caught up.

**15. Search Newspaper Archives.** This is the perfect time to look for obituaries and stories about your family that appeared in the newspaper or to provide details for family stories.

*Above all, stay safe, stay home, stay healthy and stay in touch!*



## **2020 Memorial Service**

**Jan Beattie**

Our annual Memorial Service to honor our deceased members will be held during our annual *Awards and Achievement Luncheon*. To date, I have only received notification of the deaths of five:

**Laura Robinson** from 3Es

**Ray Ridlen**, Oklahoma County Extension Horticulturist

**Judith Irwin** from Genealogy Group.

**Grace Otto** from NW Seekers/Council Grove and

**Sonja Frazier Wilson** from Learn and Serve and Modern Homemakers

If you have any photographs, special memories or anecdotes of any of the deceased, kindly let me know. *I am particularly in need of photos and information for Sonja Wilson.*

If your group has lost a member of which we are not aware, please let me know so they can be remembered during the service. I can be contacted by email at [jankb80@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jankb80@sbcglobal.net) or by phone (405) 513-4014. Thank you.

## Congratulations to Genealogy Group Member Molly Monaghan

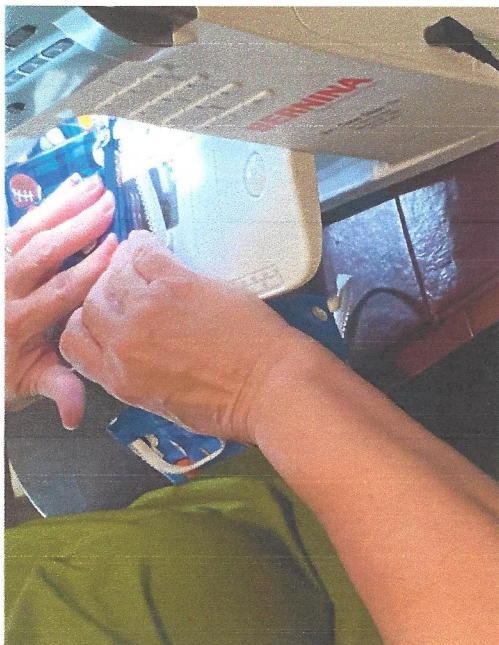
by Jan Beattie



Genealogy Group would like to extend well-deserved congratulations to our member, Molly Monaghan. Molly was recently notified that she received first place in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution American Heritage Committee's annual contest for her hand-made doll in the Crafts: Dolls - other category.

Molly made a Suffragist-themed doll. The doll is sculpted on a wire armature, using a paper mache air-dry clay. She created a mold from an antique doll for the face. The doll is hand painted with acrylic paints. The hair is mohair from an angora goat and the clothes are made from vintage and antique handkerchiefs. The hat is made from part of an old hat. We have a very talented group member and offer her well-deserved congratulations! Well done! She also made a second doll to be given away at the National Continental Congress Convention coming up this summer. Molly has won first place in this category, two years in a row and we can't wait to see what she will craft next!

**Gayla Mosteller of Soldier Creek Group donating masks to Corporal Kim Lopez at the Sheriff's Department Triad office**



**OHCE ACTIVITY CALENDAR UPDATES**

OHCE State Meeting Dates: Mark Your Calendar

The OHCE State meeting is currently scheduled for July 12-14<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites Downtown, OKC. If it has to be postponed, the back-up dates are October 4-6<sup>th</sup>.

## OHCE Members Continue to Serve Their Communities

Even a pandemic can't keep OHCE members from helping their neighbors and community members. Here are just a few great things happening in Oklahoma County:

- Bits and Bytes member, Bill Cress has been calling fellow church members to check on their welfare.
- Cardinal member, Richa Ross has sewn 24 masks for friends and family members.
- Cardinal member, Caroline Robertson has delivered mobile meals.
- Modern Homemakers members Ruby Berg, Dianne Lee and Mary Watson have made and donated 200 masks to Veterans Medical Center, 200 to Integris South Hospital and 20 masks to a group of schoolteachers. They also donated 100 masks to the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program.
- Soldier Creek member, Gayla Mosteller made 125 masks for an optometrist's office, childcare center, tribal administrators and family members. She also donated 125 masks to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and 40 masks to the Del City Police Department.

Let our advisor, Lisa Hamblin, know what you're doing so she can report your activities to OSU officials and county stakeholders.

### Food Storage Q and A:

**Q:** Does putting milk in glass containers prolong its shelf life?

**A:** According to OSU State Specialist, Dr. Barbara Brown, many people are purchasing larger quantities of milk now, because it isn't always available at the grocery store. Transferring milk to a glass container allows for contamination unless you are scrupulously clean. However, glass containers and plastic jugs with tight-fitting lids do seal better than spouts on cardboard containers. The best options are to buy milk with the furthest "Use by" date, put it in your grocery cart last, don't drink from the container and don't pour unused milk back into its container.

Milk can be frozen, leaving 1 ½ inches headspace, but is best used for cooking. Changes in protein and fat will make it unacceptable for most people to drink. Another option is purchasing lactose-free milk, which lasts much longer than milk containing lactose.



## CONGRATULATIONS ELAINE McCLELLAN

Elaine McClellan is a 50 year OHCE Member! She is a member of the Cardinal Group and will be recognized at the County Spring Luncheon and State OHCE Meeting.



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### *Top Homemaker*

Mrs. Harry Atlee, left, was recently honored as Oklahoma County Extension Homemaker of 1978. Mrs. Atlee, member of Cardinal Extension Homemakers for 25 years, received a certificate from former winner Elaine McClellan, right, at annual Extension Homemakers Fair at OSU Extension Center. (Journal Photo by Frank Turner)

1977 Oklahoma County Extension Homemaker of the Year

Elaine McClellan