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Oilman Frank Phillips, whose lodge, ranch, and many collections were the foundation for Woolaroc.

# DERRICK LIGHTS



Part of the multitude of the relics and Native American Artifacts to be found at Woolaroc.

WOOLAROC MUSEUM **OKLAHOMA'S OWN** By: Connie Price

Recently a group of tenacious members gathered and carpooled for a field trip to the Woolaroc Museum located in the Osage Hills about 12 miles southwest of Bartlesville, OK. With serious storms approaching later in the day, everyone was dedicated to getting the most of our short time there. The car ride was enjoyable as one can appreciate Oklahoma's scenery and rural life on the way. For those who may be wondering, "what is the Woolaroc Museum and why would I want to visit?" The short answer is "you absolutely need to see this part of our Oklahoma history!" Also, it is listed on the U.S. National **Register of Historic Places.** 

Established in 1925, it was originally the ranch retreat of oilman, Frank Phillips. Mr. Phillips, the founder of Phillips Petroleum Company, enjoyed the simple, natural life. Extremely successful, Mr. Phillips, or "Uncle Frank" as he became affectionately known, desired a place where he and others could get back to nature. He loved the rugged Osage Hills and the beautiful scenery. Set on 3,700 acres, it began as a wildlife preserve where Mr. Phillips gathered animals, common and uncommon, and the preserve became home to over 30 species of wildlife, such as buffalo, elk and longhorn cattle. The historic lodge on the property was a gathering place for guests to enjoy the preserve and the rustic accommodations. Today the lodge is preserved as it was in the 1920's and is still quite impressive.





**CLUB MOTTO** "GREATER KNOWLEDGE -**GREATER SERVICE**"

#### **CLUB PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Club shall be to promote the education and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy, and allied industries and to educate the general public about these industries.

#### ADDC MISSION **STATEMENT**

To enhance and foster a positive image to the global community by promoting the contribution of the petroleum, energy and allied industries through education, by using all resources available.

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# From the Editor, Cara Maschmeier

Hello, dear friends,

I hope this finds you all well. If you are like me, though, you've had your bout with illness because there are tons of bugs and strains of flu that are just looking for an unfortunate soul to hit. It has taken me weeks just to get back to where I can function, so I apologize for the multiple delays.

If you or someone you know is hit with this nasty stuff, I encourage you to immediately go to your doctor, push fluids, and stay home until you are well. This nastiness (is there a better word for it? I don't know!) is perpetuated by people who are out and about when they clearly should be home quarantined! It is terrifying to read how many deaths we have already had, and we are only now hitting flu season!

I hope you all have a wonderful, blessed and Merry Christmas, and that your New Year is all you desire!

Best regards,

Cara

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The name "Woolaroc" is derived from three words – woods, lakes and rocks. The name was meant to be only for the lodge, but it became the name for the entire ranch. But Mr. Phillips had acquired an amazing number of artifacts and wanted to establish a place where the items could be displayed and preserved for the public to enjoy and so, the museum was born. It was originally meant to house the Woolaroc airplane which is still on display today but soon it became home to much more.

The entrance to the museum is grand, indeed. A huge bronze statue of Mr. Phillips greets visitors in a large open rotunda with beautiful granite floors. Next are exhibits of archaeological evidence of cultures of the last ice age found in what is now present-day Oklahoma, the "dawn of history." Following that is a collection of items exploring the Pueblos, Apaches and Navajos, including blankets, baskets and pottery. This area also displays the beginning collection of the museum's western and southwestern art.

The next area highlights the Plains Indians and the re-settlement of Native Americans to the Indian Territory, which was a great hunting ground centered around herds of bison. The famous painting, *The Trail of Tears* by Robert Lindneux, is on display in this room. It depicts the forced removal and suffering of the Cherokees to the Indian Territory.

Following the Indian Territory area is a room dedicated to the cowboy way of life. An authentic chuck wagon is on display here along with saddles and branding irons. Next is an area dedicated to the pioneers who settled in this country and their interactions with Native Americans. Here on display are the twelve-original pioneer woman bronze statues. There are also many beautiful works of art by Frederic Remington, William R. Leigh, and Charles Russell.

A large display of the expansion of the west is the next attraction. This room has some of the finest art works in the Woolaroc museum. The paintings are large and beautiful. This area also has special exhibits from some private collections.

A special area houses the Woolaroc airplane which was the winner of the 1927 Pacific Air race from California to the Hawaiian Territory. Here one can also review aviation history with newspaper clippings and video.

More interesting to our members was the room featuring the oil patch between 1850 and 1950. There is a lease house on display for oil workers and families along with a horse pulled oil wagon, gasoline trucks, and a working pump jack. Also, there is a replica of a Phillips 66 gas station complete with a pump. Although a brief history, it is interesting to see the beginnings of the oil industry.

Winding up the last areas of the museum, next is a room dedicated to a huge collection of Colt firearms. It also includes Winchester rifles and every kind of gun imaginable.

Next follows a room showing the history of Frank Phillips and the story of Woolaroc. It includes a replica of Mr. Phillips' New York City office as well as much biographical information about the Phillips family. And last, but not least, there is a room dedicated to memory lane. This houses a collection of antique dolls, games, toys and an interactive O scale train.

At last our journey through the beautiful Woolaroc museum was complete. There is so much to see and admire for the cultural heritage, history and early values. It is a great educational adventure for family and friends.

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and all the stars at night Mele Kalikimaka is Hawaii's way

To say "Merry Christmas to you."

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#### Christmas Gift Ideas

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HERBAL TEAS

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# HOLIDAY Q & A's -

- Q: What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?
- A: Tinselitis
- Q: What do you call the fear of getting stuck in a chimney?
- A: Santaclaustrophobia
- Q: What did the reindeer say before launching into his comedy routine? A: This will sleigh you
- Q: What is a webmaster's favorite hymn?
- A: O, dot com all ye faithful
- Q: What do elves learn in school?
- A: The Elf-abet
- Q: What do you call a naughty child who doesn't believe in Santa? A: A Rebel without a Claus





Lucky birthday winner, Sherri Jones, with Hostess Ann Mefford.



Connie Price, lucky 50/50 winner, with Ann Mefford, Hostess.

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<b>31</b> New Year's Eve						



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