

# Arcadia Round Barn Banner

*The Official Newsletter of the Arcadia Historical & Preservation Society, Inc.*

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With help from a federal grant, the Round Barn re-siding project got underway on Dec. 11. Weather permitting, the first phase of re-siding and repainting was expected to be finished by mid-February.

The project received a boost from the National Park Service's Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program. The Arcadia Historical and Preservation Society was one of six recipients of the cost-share award and the only one in Oklahoma, said Ann Young, president of the society, who wrote the grant proposal. The award was for \$30,000, with a match of \$79,850 to be provided by the historical society.

Grant funds helped to re-side the barn using materials and methods used when the barn was built in 1898 and again when it was restored in 1992. The contract was awarded to Dana Holman of Wellston, who has experience with historical properties.

Work was also done in the past year on the Richardson Building, including removing broken concrete steps and replacing a support for the front canopy. On the adjacent lot, broken concrete paving and a collapsed wall were removed and a new retaining wall was built, according to Mike Kertok, a member of the society board.

## NEW SIDING AND PAINT REJUVENATE ROUND BARN



Shellee Graham photo



Kimberly Burk photo

James Scott and Dana Holman work on the re-siding of the Round Barn project January 2024.

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historical landmark, please  
consider sending a donation.

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[www.arcadiaroundbarn.com](http://www.arcadiaroundbarn.com)

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# ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY ON MARCH 11, 2024



The Nominating Committee of the Arcadia Historical & Preservation Society, consisting of Chairman, Karlana Risenhoover, Jackie Caldwell and Andrea Moon, presents the following slate of Officers and Trustees to be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Society on **Monday, March 11, 2024 ■ 6 pm at the Round Barn.**

**TRUSTEES:** THREE YEAR TERMS FROM APRIL 1, 2024

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# MUSIC IS-IN-THE-AIR @ THE ROUND BARN IN 2024!

Our regular **Sunday Elm Tree Concerts** will resume Sunday, May 19th, and will wind up on September 22nd. The 2024 ETC season schedule should be complete by March.

- **The Round Barn Rendezvous** open jam continues to take place on Second Sundays throughout the calendar year, weather permitting. **Saturday Morning Music Sessions** has been going strong all Winter, with a few little breaks for sub-zero temps.

- **The Round Barn Ramblers** convene every Saturday morning at 10:30AM and entertain visitors and fans with the very best of Barn Music. In the event the Ramblers can't make it, other performers will normally be scheduled.

- **Our 7th Annual Round Barn UkeFest** will be held on Sunday September 8th. There are tentative plans to host a couple of music workshops, and maybe a couple "special" music shows. Stay tuned.

Stay in touch with

**Round Barn**  
Music on Facebook- "Arcadia Round Barn."

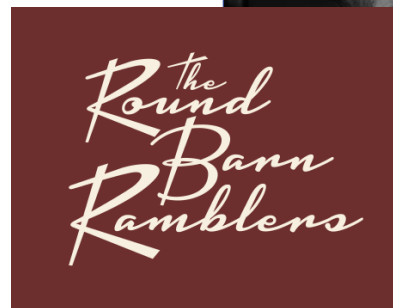


## DID YOU KNOW?

**Round Barn Music programs have been going on since 2009.**

Our mission is to re-establish and uphold the historic Round Barn music tradition, provide a free, family-friendly outdoor destination for OKC area audiences, and give Route #66 travelers a little taste of genuine Oklahoma culture and something to talk about back in Beijing, Berlin, and Tokyo.

Joe Baxter



*The band Gypsy Twang from Tulsa*

## Arcadia Round Barn Music 2024

Music Every Weekend! Free To The Public  
Donations Appreciated!

### -Round Barn Rendezvous-

**2nd Sundays / Noon to 4:00 PM**

Open Acoustic Jam

### -The Elm Tree Concerts-

**Sundays / 1:00PM to 3:00 PM**

Live Acoustic Shows / In The Shade  
(EXCEPT 2nd SUNDAYS)

May 19th through September 22nd  
(UkeFest is Sunday, September 8th!)

### -Saturday Morning Music Sessions-

**Saturdays / 10:30AM - 12:30 PM**

Live Acoustic Music - In the Gift Shop  
With **The Round Barn Ramblers**

Facebook: Arcadia Round Barn Group

Instagram: @arcadiaroundbarn

Website: arcadiaroundbarn.com

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# ROUND BARN LOFT RENTAL FEES RAISED IN 2023



After no increase for many years, the board made the decision in 2023 to raise the Round Barn loft rental fees. The new fee is \$500 for Monday through Thursday and \$650 for Friday through Sunday, which remains competitive among event centers.

The heated loft is available for parties, weddings, family reunions and music events and is an important revenue source for the barn.

The loft has a capacity of 150 people with 10 rectangular tables, 12 round tables and 140 folding chairs.

The barn can be rented for up to 12 hours to allow time for setup and decorating. Renters who want to extend their events to the outdoors can use the grounds for no additional charge.

Photo: Andrew and Zandi Milligan Woodruff held their wedding reception at the Round Barn. Zandi grew up in Edmond. (Photo provided by her family)

Would you like to rent the loft?

For all the details, go to:

<https://arcadiaroundbarn.com/loft-rental-information/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS SAVE THESE DATES!

- (1) Saturday / APRIL 13, 2024 - Classic Cars A-Round the Barn - **First Annual Car Show** in honor of the 32nd Anniversary of the Round Barn Restoration AND the RT66 Centennial. More information <https://oklahomaroute66.com/centennial>
- (2) Saturday / MAY 25, 2024 - Round Barn Spring Dance - **First Annual Boot Scooting Country Dance** with Live Bands!  
More information to come.

## VOLUNTEERING at the ROUND BARN is GREAT FUN

The Round Barn is always looking for people to join our dedicated staff of volunteers. We currently have a need for people who can work on **Wednesday** or **Thursday afternoon** or on **Sunday**.

Volunteers work either from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to greet visitors and ring up gift shop sales. Most work one shift a week but you can also volunteer once or twice a month if you prefer.

**Visitors come from across the world and are great fun to talk to.** If you're interested, please call volunteer coordinator Kimberly Burk at 405-651-0240.

## \* XERISCAPING, ARBOR BEAUTIFY WEST SIDE OF BARN \*

The landscaping to the west of the Round Barn was renovated in the Spring of 2023, according to Linda Simonton, who was serving as board president at the time. A budget of \$2,500 was set to install a decorative metal wedding arbor and to create a walkway with the engraved commemorative bricks that couples purchase when they rent the loft for weddings.

Along part of the walkway, a display of Oklahoma native plants was installed by Linda Simonton and Ann Young from transplants from their gardens.

Clematis transplants were used to cover the arbor. A walkway for future bricks was laid out from the barn door to the arbor.

Since there is no irrigation system, and grass had been brought in for that area several times but to no avail, xeriscaping was created on the advice of a professional landscaper. River rock was used as an attractive ground cover.

Volunteer labor and private donations covered the costs beyond the budgeted amount.