

Native American Heritage Month Newsletter Week One

Tribal Member Spotlight:

Osage Tribal Member, Loren Pahsetopah (1934-2020)

Great Grandfather of Jeremy (Boog) Birdshead

Loren Pahsetopah contributed to his Tribe and to others through Art.

- The Osage Nation Museum states that Pahsetopah used his understanding of his culture to provide drawings and paintings which connects the present to past generations. Pahsetopah began drawing and painting at the age of seven. The understanding of his culture allowed him to draw and paint Osage tribal members in authentic regalia and clothing. Pahsetopah and his brother, Paul Pahsetopah, brought their art to the world by the Philbrook Museum displaying an exhibit specific to the Osage Tribe in 1962. The brother's art was displayed alongside Osage Tribal member and artist, Jim Red Corn, who is also well known in the art world. The exhibit was the first exhibition of Osage art. The U.S. Department of Commerce in 1966 selected Pahsetopah and five other Native artists to participate in a cultural art exchange in Paris, France.
- Pahsetopah was born and raised in Pawhuska, OK
- He graduate from Pawhuska High School in 1952 but also attended Chilocco Indian Boarding School
- You can find Pahsetopah's art at the Gilcrease Museum, the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, Washington D.C. and the Philbrook Museum of Art.

Osage Nation is located in Pawhuska, OK, Osage County, north of Tulsa and Sand Springs. The Osage Nation has close to 20,000 tribal members. Osage Nation has their own branch of government consisting of the Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branches. The Osage Nation's current Chief is Geoffrey Standing Bear. In 1810, the Osage were forced to surrender their tribal land and move to Kansas. In 1872, the Osage were again forced to move to their current tribal land in Oklahoma. <https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/>

Osage Dancer by Loren Pahsetopah. Tempera on paper.
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Loren Pahsetopah Art

RECEIPE FOR
OSAGE INDIAN FRY BREAD

INGREDIENTS: 3 CUPS SELF-RISING FLOUR
 CRISCO OIL (AMOUNT VARIES)

MEASURE FLOUR AND WARM WATER TO MAKE CONSISTENCY OF BISCUIT DOUGH. LET DOUGH SET FOR ABOUT AN HOUR (THE LONGER IT SETS, THE LIGHTER THE BREAD). PUT ON FLOUR BOARD AND KNEAD. ROLL OUT TO ABOUT 1/4 INCH AND CUT IN SQUARES. DROP IN DEEP SKILLET OF HOT CRISCO OIL AND FRY UNTIL GOLDEN BROWN ON BOTH SIDES. DRAIN ON PAPER TOWEL. SERVE HOT.

Osage Fry Bread Recipe



Book with Osage Nation History: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

- The book is based on a mother and three daughters, the Brown's, who were murdered by their governmental appointed Guardians which resulted in the taking of Osage Tribal members money from oil rights. The Brown's were not the only family to experience murder.

- The book is based on true-crime events and covers the development of the FBI including J. Edgar Hoover.

- The tribe was forcefully removed to what is now Osage County, OK. The land in which they were moved was thought to be dry and unproductive of agriculture. Not long after the move oil was discovered, and the Osage were the "the wealthiest people per capita in the world".

- More details upon request or read the book!

Thank you and References

- Special Thank You to the Birdshead Family for sharing their family history, especially so soon after the loss of Loren Pahsetopah in October. Also thank you for the Osage Fry Bread Recipe
- Other members of the Birdshead family are tribal members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho, and Choctaw Tribes.
- **Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI** by David Grann can be purchased on Amazon for less than \$12 right now.

