

OKLAHOMA STATE CAPITOL

A Self-Guided Tour of The People's House



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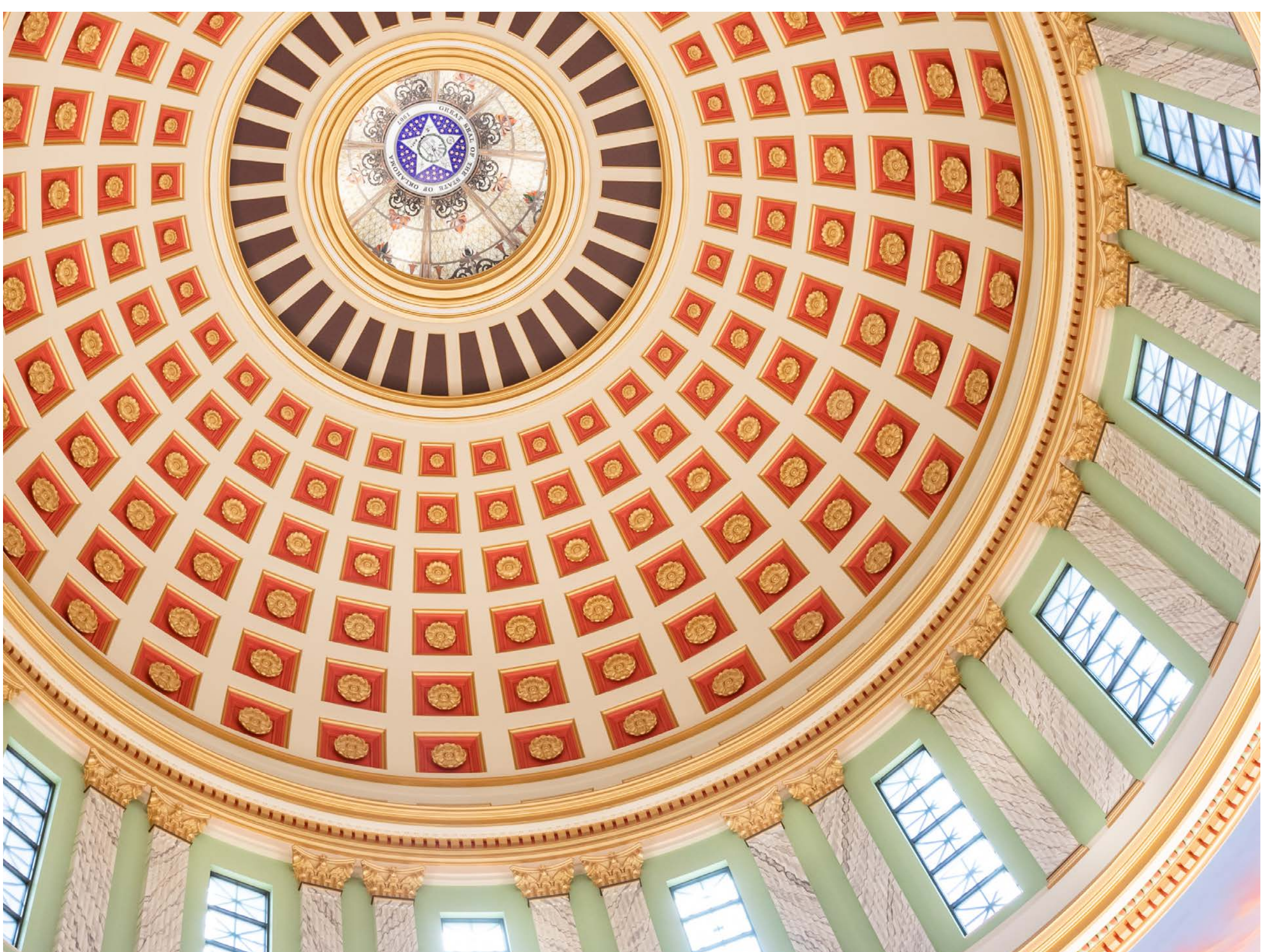
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Welcome to the Oklahoma State Capitol!

- Explore Oklahoma's rich history through captivating works of art.
- Learn about Oklahoma's three branches of government.
- Navigate all six floors of the Oklahoma State Capitol.
- On the ground floor you will find:
 - Tourism Information Center & Gift Shop
 - Cafe and vending machines

Please note:

- Restrooms are available on each floor.
- Learn more by reviewing text panels located throughout the building with added information on the Capitol artwork and state history.



Pre-Statehood & Native American History

The Guardian, by Chief Enoch Kelly Haney is a 9' tall replica of the 22' tall finial sculpture that sits atop the Capitol dome and weighs 5,980 pounds.

The Oklahoma state motto, *Labor Omnia Vincit*, means “labor conquers all things.”

Oklahoma is the 46th state in the union. The bronze state seal is located on the ground floor rotunda and features emblems of the Five Tribes located inside the rays of a five-pointed star.

Explore the *Labor Omnia Vincit* mural suite.

Are you able to locate these five state symbols?

- State insect: honeybee
- State fruit: strawberry
- State tree: redbud tree
- State bird: scissortail flycatcher
- State butterfly: swallowtail

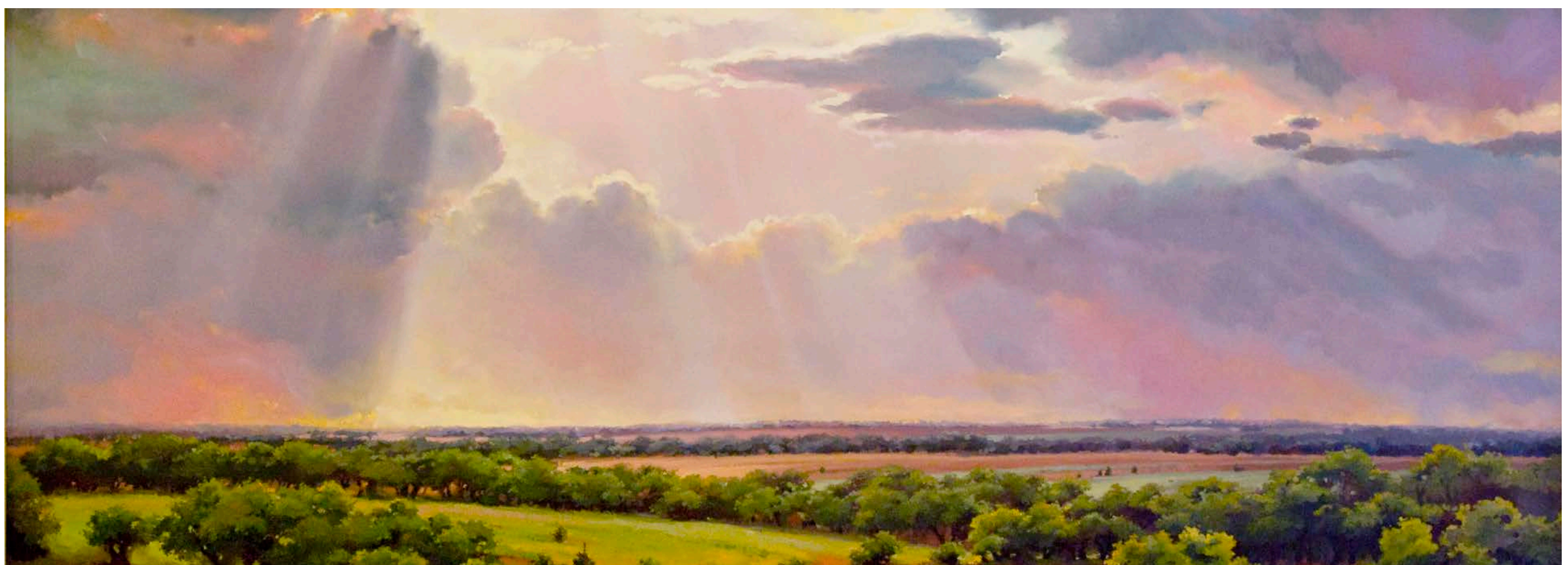


Labor Omnia Vincit (Southeast) by Lucas Simmons (Cherokee Nation)

Oklahoma Capitol Museum

Located near the bronze state seal, this museum features stories of the Capitol's construction and renovation and outlines the three branches of government.

- Construction of the Oklahoma State Capitol began in 1914 and was completed in 1917 with a flat roof. The original stained-glass ceiling is in the entryway of the museum.
- The dome was added in 2002.
- Extensive renovations began in 2015 and were completed in 2022.



Showers of Sunshine by Linda Tuma Robertson

Did you know? Oklahoma's first capital city was Guthrie. An act of the Legislature and an affirming vote in 1912 brought it to Oklahoma City.

Early Statehood and Western Heritage

Oklahoma became a state in 1907. Explore scenes from Oklahoma's early statehood, including cattle drives, important landmarks, and people who highlight the innovation, hard work and resilience of early Oklahomans.

Oklahoma Black History

Artworks illuminate Oklahoma's pivotal role in the civil rights movement.

Important Offices

Secretary of State and Lieutenant Governor

Explore

Galleries featuring rotating exhibitions of artwork by Oklahoma artists



Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher with Amos T. Hall and Thurgood Marshall by Mike Wimmer



Clara Luper by LaQuincey Reed



Hannah Atkins by LaQuincey Reed

All three branches of Oklahoma government can be found at the Capitol, and all three are represented on this floor:

- **Executive:** Governor's office
- **Judicial:** The Oklahoma Supreme Court
- **Legislative:** Senate and House offices

Wilson Hurley Centennial Suite

Celebrates Oklahoma's biodiversity highlighting four of the state's 12 ecoregions in beautiful murals located in the rotunda.

The **Hall of Heroes** recognizes Oklahoma's distinguished history of military service.

The **Hall of Governors** includes bronze busts of each of Oklahoma's governors.

The **Betty Price Gallery** showcases the Oklahoma State Art Collection.



Spring Morning Along the Muddy Boggy by Wilson Hurley

Oklahoma Luminaries

Explore four portraits of Oklahomans who were visionaries within their respective fields.



Dr. Angie Debo by Charles Banks Wilson



Miss Alice Robertson by Mike Wimmer



Jeane Kirkpatrick by Mike Wimmer



Woody Guthrie by Charles Banks Wilson

Experience grand views of the Capitol dome, dedicated on Oklahoma's 95th birthday in 2002 and made possible through public and private funding.

- The dome measures 157 feet high and 87 feet in diameter.
- Oklahoma's state wildflower, the Indian Blanket, provides the central theme for the dome's interior.

Oklahoma's Legislative Branch: the Senate and House of Representatives chambers.

- Prior to entering the Senate or House chambers, please inquire with the chamber desk attendant.
- The chamber ceilings feature elaborate hand-carved plaster.
- Stained glass panels were recreated based on the original design of the Capitol ceiling, erected in 1917.



Celebrate Oklahoma's legacy in leadership, athletics, popular culture, and government with paintings of Oklahoma's "four sons" prominently displayed in the rotunda.

Above the grand staircase hangs the Capitol's first major art commission, *Pro Patria* by Thomas Gilbert White, which translates to "for one's country." This work pays tribute to the Oklahoma soldiers who served during World War I.



Will Rogers by Charles Banks Wilson



Sequoyah by Charles Banks Wilson



Pro Patria by Thomas Gilbert White

Roots of Oklahoma Commerce and Economic Development

Look out at the magnificent rotunda and gaze upon views of large-scale murals.

Artwork displayed celebrates the state's agricultural industry, natural resources, and historic trade routes, spotlighting Oklahomans who have shaped our economic landscape.



Wilma Mankiller by Star Hardridge (Muskogee)



We Belong to the Land by Jeff Dodd