



## Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)

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### VOCs

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are emitted as gases from certain solids and liquids, VOCs include a variety of chemicals (both man-made and natural chemicals), some of which may have short and long-term adverse health effects such as: eye and upper respiratory irritation, nasal congestion, fatigue, loss of coordination, etc. VOCs can smell both pleasant and unpleasant. Some examples include: sealants and coatings, paints and varnishes, household cleaning and disinfecting agents, pesticides, new furnishings, air fresheners, other scented products, perfumes/colognes and other personal products. Other sources of VOCs that can get into the home are from vehicles, waste/garbage receptacles, sewer odors, smoke and/or smoking.

There are some things that can be done about exposure to these sources. You can buy products that come in low-VOCs or no-VOCs. Ventilate your home by opening windows and doors, if pos-

sible, to bring in fresh outdoor air to help reduce the effects of VOCs. Do this for about an hour. If you are using household cleaning and or disinfectant agent, it's best to have windows open while using the products so the fumes do not get trapped in the home.

Also consider the possibility of using an alternative over a chemical. Something like putting baby powder out around your home, during the summer, to stop ants from outside coming in. It coats the feet of the leading ant leaving no scent to follow. Uses for other natural alternatives can be found on the internet.

If anybody has any concerns about their Indoor Air Quality (IAQ). Please contact Phillip Mee at the Office of Environmental Services at, 918-968-0046, or phillip.mee@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov to set up an individual consultation where we can discuss any specific concerns/issues and determine if an indoor air quality assessment needs to be conducted.

## Tulsa Artist Fellowship to offer 30 new fellowships and more than \$1 million for second cohort

Program expands to include writers in second year of fellowship

TULSA, Okla. – George Kaiser Family Foundation has announced they are expanding their national artist fellowship program—the Tulsa Artist Fellowship (TAF)—during its second year to include writers. With the inaugural class of visual artists beginning their fellowships this month, the TAF is now accepting applications for 2017. Awarding up to 30 new fellowships totaling over \$1 million in stipends, free housing and free workspace for the second cohort, the TAF will continue to enhance Tulsa, Oklahoma's growing art scene.

"We are thrilled to expand our fellowship program to include writers," said Stanton Doyle, senior program officer at George Kaiser Family Foundation. "With our inaugural class of 12 visual artists now living and working in Tulsa, we look forward to expanding our program in 2017. Moving forward, we hope to provide more artists the opportunity to fine tune their craft through the TAF across a variety of disciplines."

The 12 visual artists in the inaugural class assembled from all over the United States, including Brooklyn, San Francisco, Juneau and Baltimore. Living in new downtown Tulsa lofts, the artists were selected from an applicant pool of over 300.

Open to local and national artists in the disciplines of writing and visual arts, the TAF fellows will be awarded a stipend, free housing and studio workspace, if applicable. All fellowships are merit-based grants, not project grants, and fellows will be expected to integrate into the local community by participating in local programs, symposiums and more.

In an effort to continue growing and shaping Tulsa's vibrant arts community, non-resident artists will be required to live in provided housing in Tulsa's Brady Arts District. For each discipline category (visual artists and writers) up to 15 fellowships will be awarded based on the quality of entries.

### TAF: Visual Artists

Fellows will be awarded a \$20,000 unrestricted stipend with free downtown housing and workspace during Year One. Year Two is optional and will include a stipend of \$7,500 plus free housing and

workspace.

The program will reserve some of the fellowship positions for Native American, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian artists. A screening committee and selection panel will follow the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 as a guideline in awarding Native American artists a fellowship.

Eligible applicants will be reviewed by a national panel comprised of Kathleen Ash-Milby, Andy Grundberg, Monica Ramirez-Montagut, Jane Sauer, and Marilyn Zapf.

### TAF: Writers

Fellows will be awarded a \$20,000 unrestricted stipend with free downtown housing for Year One of the two-year fellowship. During Year Two, fellows will receive a \$12,500 unrestricted stipend and continued free private housing.

In its inaugural year, TAF: Writers will focus on creative nonfiction, fiction, graphic novel, young-adult fiction, poetry and play/screen writing.

Eligible applicants will be reviewed by a national panel comprised of experts in the field.

A coordinating committee consisting of local leaders in the Tulsa arts community will screen all fellowship applications for eligibility and coordinate community programs for the fellows during their time in Tulsa.

Applications for the TAF 2017 are due on March 4, 2016, and fellows will be announced on June 1, 2016. The fellowship will begin on January 9, 2017. To learn more about the Tulsa Artist Fellowship and apply, visit [www.TulsaArtistFellowship.org](http://www.TulsaArtistFellowship.org).

### About Tulsa Artist Fellowship

The Tulsa Artist Fellowship is a program established by the George Kaiser Family Foundation to enhance the local art scene by retaining and recruiting artists to Tulsa. In its second year, Tulsa Artist Fellowship will provide fellowships in two categories: Visual Arts and Writing. Fellowships are merit-based, not project grants, with a one-year term for Visual Artist and two-year terms for Writers.

For more information, visit <http://www.tulsaartistfellowship.org>.

Are you a Sac and Fox artist?

Would you like to display some of your artwork in our Cultural Center?

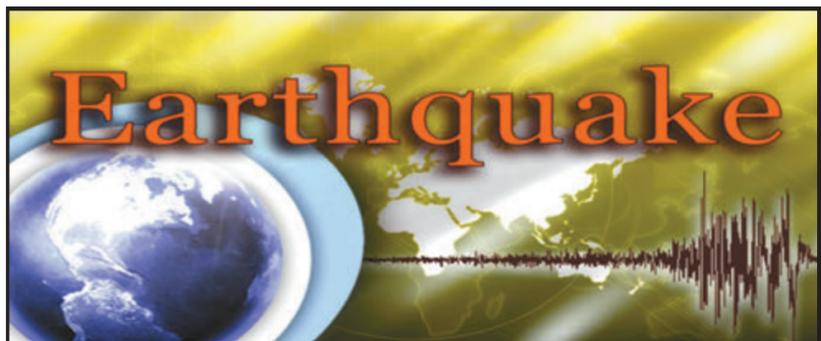
We are limited in size, but we would love to help you show off your best work! Items will be displayed inside the exhibit showcases.

For questions and queries, please visit or call the Sac and Fox National Public Library at 918-968-3526, extension 2021.

Some restrictions will apply.



## Earthquake



### Community Presentation on Earthquakes in Oklahoma

#### When

February 16, 2016

Doors open at 4:30 pm, presentation to start promptly at 5:00 pm

#### Where

Cushing Youth Activity Center  
700 South Little Avenue Cushing, Oklahoma

#### Presenters

Dr. Jeremy Boak, Oklahoma Geological Survey-Director, University of Oklahoma &  
Dr. William Andrews, United States Geological Service Oklahoma Water Science Center-Director

For information contact: Jeremy Fincher Environmental Director  
Sac and Fox Nation @ 918-968-0046

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## SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE

October 2015

Beer and Liquor	\$149.85
State Tobacco Rebate	\$226,353.79
Motor Vehicle	\$3,328.50
Sales Tax	\$9,594.87
Treasury	\$150.00
Oil & Gas	\$12.11
Gaming	\$102,199.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$341,788.38</b>

## INDOOR AIR QUALITY

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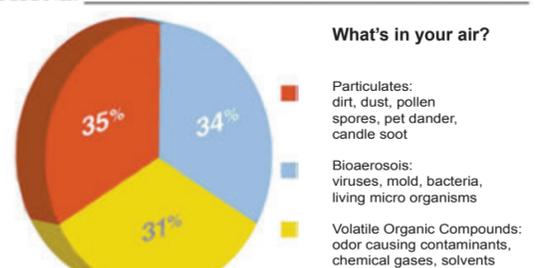
You may also contact us via email, phone, or fax.



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We are seeking input from Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Members so we may address their concerns over Indoor Air Quality (IAQ). All respondents will be contacted individually to better understand their concerns, provide insight into future project development, and determine if an IAQ assessment is needed. All personal information provided is confidential.

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