



MARGARET ANNIS BOYS

An only child, Margaret Annis Boys was born in Anadarko, Oklahoma June 27, 1909. Her family moved to Oklahoma City in 1911.

A 1930 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Miss Boys was an educator in Oklahoma City schools for 42 years. As a teacher, she taught at several Oklahoma City elementary schools before serving as principal at Madison, Putnam Heights and Buchanan elementary schools. During Miss Boys' tenure as a principal, students and co-workers say she was meticulous about her own appearance and the appearance of the school.

She loved to travel. With friends, Miss Boys traveled to Europe and Alaska in the 1930s. She also traveled extensively throughout the United States but always said her favorite place was Oklahoma. She enjoyed weekend excursions to different parts of the state to view the various wildflowers. She especially loved the Oklahoma sunsets.

Miss Boys died in 1990 at the age of 80 with no known living family members or heirs. In her will, she directed that the bulk of her estate, approximately \$1.5 million, be used to establish a fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to support the beautification of "public parks and medians in Oklahoma City."

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THE MARGARET ANNIS BOYS TRUST SIGNATURE PROJECT PROGRAM

Interested nonprofit organizations or volunteer groups must first submit a letter of proposal that provide the following information:

- Sponsoring organization
- Primary contact name with telephone number and e-mail address
- Proposed site and project boundaries
- Scope and a conceptual design of project
- Estimated costs of overall project
- Long term maintenance plans
- Community, civic and corporate partners for the project
- Extent of volunteer involvement

Letters must be submitted 60 days prior to the actual application deadline.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

March 1, 2007 (*letter of proposal due January 1, 2007*)

December 1, 2007 (*letter of proposal due October 1, 2007*)

June 1, 2008 (*letter of proposal due April 1, 2008*)

Visit www.occf.org for information on project guidelines and criteria and application forms.

For more information, please contact Sandy Wright or Brian Dougherty at 405/235-5603.

Margaret Annis Boys was a longtime Oklahoma City educator who loved the natural beauty of Oklahoma's trees and plants. And over the past 15 years her name has become synonymous with beautification, thanks to a \$1.5 million bequest she made to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to go toward beautification of public spaces in Oklahoma County.

Since 1991, the Margaret Annis Boys Trust has awarded more than \$1.5 million in beautification grants for nearly 200 projects at schools, public parks, medians, frontages and neighborhood gateways throughout Oklahoma City and Oklahoma County.

SIGNATURE PROJECT PROGRAM TO COMMEMORATE 100TH BIRTHDAY

June 27, 2009 will mark the 100th birthday of Miss Boys. To acknowledge of the significance of her contribution to beautification efforts, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has established the Margaret Annis Boys Trust Signature Project Program.

Over a three-year period starting in 2007, the Margaret Annis Boys Signature Project Program will fund up to five worthy projects in parks and public lands in Oklahoma City or Oklahoma County. The purpose of the program is threefold:

1. Establish a number of significant projects that exemplify landscaping efforts in parks or public spaces;
2. Recognize the Margaret Annis Boys Trust for its contribution to the beautification of public lands since 1991; and
3. Encourage initiative and innovation on the part of citizens and volunteer groups for the care and maintenance of public space.

Selected projects will include exemplary landscaping and enhancement to the area that will be considered permanent improvements to the site. Grants up to \$50,000 will be awarded to each project. All projects must be completed by June 27, 2009.

The signature project program is in addition to the ongoing Margaret Annis Boys Trust grants program administered by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.