

HISTORY OF PERSIMMON HOLLOW

Persimmon Hollow is quite possibly Broken Arrow's best kept secret!! Located at 6927 South 115th E. Ave St. in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, it is now home to artists, craftsmen and a number of antique and collectible shops offering many unique items for sale. But it's the actual history of the place that contributes to its charm and gives it a life of its own.



It was built in the early 1960's by Felix Graves as a private museum, which he fashioned after an 1880's western frontier town. He built it for his wife, "Babe", who loved antiques, and as a place to show off his classic car collection. Babe loved the color of persimmons, thus the name "Persimmon Hollow Antique Village" was born.

It was "the" place to bring the family and spend the day strolling along Main Street – among the trees and fresh air, past the grist mill with its' working water wheel, the hotel, school house, general store, the bank, the jail, and a covered bridge which crossed over the creek that runs through the property. After some time, Felix sold Persimmon Hollow to Roy and Dorothy Baker. The Baker's operated the property for some 28 years, during which time it became the home to 45 antique dealers, and remained a much-loved place by the locals. The Bakers' retired after selling the property Bill Darnell in 2006.

Bill re-opened the property in April, 2010 as Persimmon Hollow Village after a great deal of "clean up." Much was done in refurbishing the storefronts along Main Street as new shop-owners move in, and much more restoration is planned. The old grist mill building, which was called the "the coke mill", was restored with a new working water wheel.

Persimmon Hollow is now owned by Jennifer Loveless and her sister Natalie Loveless Dolan who have done many renovations on the property. With a Grand Opening Date of April 1, 2016, Persimmon Hollow encompasses 20 buildings on Main Street, Horseshoe Lane and Sagebrush Trail. The buildings represent old west businesses that would have been available in a frontier town, but now house unique antique and vintage shops. In May, 2016, a Vintage Market and an Artisans Market will open.