

## **Main Street to Give Workshop on Historic Tax Credits to Renovate Buildings**

Architect Harry Simms of the state Historic Preservation Office will be joining Ponca City Main Street on Wed., February 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in the McFadden Room of the City Hall for a free public workshop on how building owners can take advantage of historic tax credits when renovating their downtown buildings. Lunch will be provided to all registered guests.

Federal Tax Law currently provides attractive incentives for the rehabilitation of historic and older buildings. These special benefits encourage the revitalization of historic districts as well as individual buildings. To qualify for the tax incentives, requirements of both the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior must be met. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) participates in the review of proposed rehabilitation projects and is the initial contact for applicants. The U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service is the agency responsible for certifying historic structures and rehabilitation work.

The Ponca City downtown district will be officially placed on the National Register of Historic Place in February of 2011. This effort, lead by PCMS and completed by the PC Historic Preservation Panel and the City of Ponca City, will allow property owners of historic contributing properties a 20% tax credit.

To register for the workshop and lunch, call the PCMS office at 580-763-8082 by Monday, February 7th. Guests need not be a member of the program to attend. For more information on the PCMS program, see the web site at [poncaicitymainstreet.com](http://poncaicitymainstreet.com).