

Friday Footprints

"Every man must leave a track and it might as well be a good one."

-Thomas Gilcrease

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Hello Gillies,

In normal times, our regular form of communication, *Smoke Signals*, keeps us up-to-date. But while we're in quarantine, a month is a very LONG time. Therefore, it seems purposeful that at the end of each week I pass on information that I learn from staff about what's taking place at the museum. In a nod to the words of Thomas Gilcrease above, let's call it ***Friday Footprints***. - Kathe

- Is there anybody at the museum these days? Right now, the security folks and a member of the cleaning crew are there. Some staff come and go briefly, but those who are not furloughed are working remotely.
 - All who are still working are required to take an unpaid two-week furlough.
 - Museum staff continue to work remotely with Gallagher & Associates on the Interpretive Plan and with the architects, Smith Group, to design the new Gilcrease. Alison Rossi shared, "It's been exciting to look at diverse perspectives, more hemispheric approaches, and new ways to tell stories. We're also thinking about space allocations attached to some of those stories. With the architects, we are discussing the relationship of the entire campus, including the grounds, parking and the Thomas Gilcrease House. We are looking at approaches that are focused on sustainability and accessibility."
 - Susan Neal meets regularly with representatives from curatorial, education, HCAR, exhibitions prep, and collections in collaboration with Gallagher & Associates and the Smith Group.
 - Susan also meets regularly with the City and University of Tulsa.
 - Staff members continue to bring the museum to the public even while they are sheltering in place. They are creating "maker moments," early childhood-oriented videos, scavenger hunts, and curatorial talks being shared on FB, Instagram and the Gilcrease web site. After creating them on their phones, they send them to Kenny (photographer) who adds music and credits before pushing them out.
 - Remember, it's time to pay your Gillies dues. (\$30 for regular membership and \$35 for Associate) Please send your check to the Gilcrease Museum, 1400 N. Gilcrease Museum Road, Tulsa, OK 74127. Please do not send dues checks to our treasurer.
 - If you have sent in your Gillies dues and not received your returned check back from the bank, please do not worry. Donna has been collecting the checks from our mailbox at the museum and mailed everything last Friday to our treasurer. Moving forward, in Donna's absence, Alison will mail everything to our treasurer toward the end of every month. Subsequently, we will make a deposit at the end of April and then again at the end of May.
 - Also, please don't forget to renew your Gilcrease Museum membership when it comes due.
 - Our Gillies Volunteer Services Coordinator, Donna Gainey, is furloughed through July 31st. She has explained that while museum employees are furloughed, it is inappropriate for us to communicate with them regarding anything to do with the Gilcrease Museum.
 - Finally, check out this **new distance learning site**:
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRcu-ysocX4&feature=emb_rel_end
- 1117 BC: The Year Civilization Collapsed** (Eric Cline, PhD) Oct. 11, 2016
The Cleveland Museum of Art