

Friday Footprints

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

-Thomas Gilcrease

July 24, 2020

Important Gillies Information

The Executive Committee met Wednesday afternoon via phone conference for the purpose of discussing and deciding how to move forward on several issues in order to keep you, the membership, informed. The museum's recent closure due to Covid-19 and current protocols guided all of our decisions. Here is the information we have available at this time:

Training of New Gillies – There will be no Intern and no Docent class training for the 2020-2021 Gillies membership year. We plan to stay in touch with the individuals who expressed an interest in becoming Gillies this year.

Gillies Hours for the 2020 - 2021 year – In accordance with our By Laws, Article III – Membership, Section 6 C, stating: *"An Active member in good standing who, because of extraordinary circumstances, is unable to complete the minimum Museum Hours requirement may be granted a waiver of that requirement;"* therefore, **the 30 hour requirement is waived for all Gillies**. In this time of Covid, "good standing" is defined as having your dues paid for the 2020 – 2021 year and keeping up with Gilcrease and Gillies information through emails and/or social media, and we encourage you to continue distance learning. In recognition of "hanging in there" all Gillies will receive a participation star or symbol (to be determined) for your badge at the end of this membership year.

Standards Review - With no tours possible through December at least, **no Docent will be reviewed until further notice**. This will not affect a Docent's standing - we will simply pick up where we left off when we are actively involved in giving tours.

2020 – 2021 Gillies Directory – The directory will be online only and accessible on the Gillies website. We will not publish a hard copy of the directory. Changes in members' information and status will be updated. All members with paid dues will be included in the directory which will be available on our website on September 18.

"Smoke Signals" – We are temporarily suspending the monthly newsletter. The August "Smoke Signals" will be the last newsletter published until Gillies are actively engaged in Museum duties once again. In the interim, all Gillies news will be reported in each "Friday's Footprints."

TU Audit Classes - Stephanie Boulden, TU College of Arts and Sciences, reported to Judy Ungerman, our TU Audit Chair, that there will be no classes available to Audit for the upcoming Autumn semester at the University of Tulsa.

2019 – 2020 Stars for Badges – Kathe Crapster and Carol Stookey have the list of Gillies reaching 100 hours and will be mailing the stars to you within two weeks. We will let you know when they go out so you can be watching for them.

Gilcrease Through Social Distancing

VERY EXCITING NEWS! – Mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 28, 2020 @ 6:00 pm when Susan Neal will give us the inside scoop on the latest developments in the Vision project and hear about what is in store now that the museum is reopening to the public. This webinar will include a presentation followed by a question and answer session. This is a member's only event and you do need to register for it. An email was sent out to all members about this event so please refer to your email for registration.

Remember to Check the Museum's Website for:

Gilcrease to Go - Looking for diversions for your children and grandchildren? Gilcrease to go offers opportunities for children to learn about cultures and make arts and crafts from the comfort of your own home. These classes are led by Gilcrease teaching artists, are age group specific, and require a fee and registration. There are still a few classes offered before summer's end so be sure to check them out.

Maker Moments - Free opportunities for learning to make arts and crafts at home! Gilcrease teaching artists have put together projects for all skill levels that can be made using common materials found at home. These are informative videos that offer step by step instructions. New Maker Moments are added each week.

Curatorial Talks – Keep checking the website for these enlightening gems. What a fantastic way to gain valuable insight into collection pieces straight from our own fantastic staff!

Remember to continue logging your distance learning hours!

If you can, please continue to support the Gillies organization through these baffling times by remaining a Gillie in good standing. Please mail your 2020 – 2021 Gillies dues to:

Dale Brown, 9406 S. 73rd E. Pl., Tulsa, OK 74133

(\$30 for Active, \$35 for Associate)

And a big "Thank You" to everyone already in the "paid" column!