

Friday Footprints

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

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BUSINESS FIRST

It is a Gillies tradition to review and update our directory every August. We do love to keep in touch!. Please let us know if your address has changed....or perhaps you don't have that landline any more.... (please be sure we know your preferred phone #)...or, maybe you want to adjust your membership status. Please help by contacting the Gillies very efficient secretary, Janet Hayes. You can email her at jrhayes1216@gmail.com.

ON THE HORIZON

Plans are underway for the September Membership Meeting & Forum scheduled for September 17th. (Most likely via Zoom).

Eight of our Docents are hard at work preparing another series of programs for OLLI. They will be shared throughout the year via Zoom to the Gillies. Rather than focusing on a particular artist, these presentations are more thematic and will be featuring many artworks that have not been seen in the galleries recently. They are working closely with Gilcrease curators to ensure historical and artistic accuracy. These will be "award winners" in my opinion!! Kathe Crapster is again leading the way on this project.

GILLIES ASSISTING AT MUSEUM STORE INVENTORY

MORE TASKS MAY BE COMING....many departments at Gilcrease are just beginning to work on site on a regular basis. Various projects and tasks have been mentioned where Gillies could help....such as data entry, cataloging the education artifact collection, moving items, assisting at pop-up locations, assembling art project kits, etc.....Specific details will be shared when needs are more clearly defined.



L to R: Frances Whisman, Carolyn Ekenstam, Judy Baggett and Jo Ann Bishop
(not pictured is Deb Glass)

MORE OUTINGS MAY BE COMING

An expanded Travel Committee is having their first meeting today to begin planning more day trips for Gillies to visit area museums and sites. The members of this group are Erna and Rod Schneider, Karen Jarvis, Karen Morris, Nannette Tresner, Janet Hayes, and Christy Morrow. Stay tuned for further details.

SHARE A MEMORY

This memory card from our July 6th, "Farewell to Gilcrease As We Know It" gathering just made its way to me recently.....

"I loved working the Greeter Desk. I challenged young people to find certain things through out the museum. I was always excited when they returned with a report of what they found. I will truly miss the interaction." Joyce Taylor

If this memory resonates with you KEEP READING!

Several weeks ago I had a phone call from Jeannie Cue (City of Tulsa Councilwoman, District 2). She introduced herself and said *"I understand that the Gillies are on a bit of a hiatus with Gilcrease closing. I have heard about the Gillies for years and was envious of all you did for Gilcrease. I work with a group that could really use some help from the Gillies"*.....she went on to introduce me to the Rt. 66 Historic Village. Specifically, they needed some new energy, help training and staffing a small visitor center, perhaps develop tours for visiting groups, etc. My curiosity led me to make a visit to the site...I peeked in windows and then ventured down the street to the Josh Stout Gallery and introduced myself. (Jeannie had told me he had offered to let us use his gallery if we needed a place to meet with their Board). A little exploring and visiting their website www.route66village.com and I was hooked. A few other Gillies joined me (Becky Hatchett,



Dale Brown, Nannette Tresner, Lynn Cyert, Paul Westbrook, Dick and Lana Clark) and we met with a few members of their board and some local supporters. We are helping update their "Greeters Manual" and define procedures for manning the Visitor Center. The goal is to be able to staff the Visitor Center on weekends and recruit more people to be on their crew. So if you would enjoy spending a few weekend hours a month greeting visitors of all ages from all over the world who are fascinated with, and traveling along Rt. 66 we have a place for you!! Contact me (carol.stookey@gmail.com) or any of the above Gillies for more information.

In case you are concerned that this is a conflict of interest, Gilcrease is pleased that Gillies can be “ambassadors” to help other organizations in the area. In fact, Gilcrease is actually referring other organizations to us. Keep reading for another interesting volunteer opportunity.

FROM THE TULSA BOTANIC GARDEN

Gillies!

I hope you will consider sharing your community spirit with Tulsa Botanic Garden as we prepare for 2 upcoming festivals:

Autumn in the Botanic Garden (the full month of October)

Botanic Garden of Lights ([Nov. 26-Jan. 2, 2022](#))

These festivals offer opportunity to serve as Botanic Garden liaisons, providing guest services and support in a beautiful garden setting. Opportunities are available both indoors and outdoors, depending on your preferences.

Please [email me](#) if you would like further details OR [click here](#) to read about all of the Garden’s volunteer opportunities.

I look forward to hearing from you!

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