



Friday Footprints

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

September 18, 2020

A Big Thank You!

Many of you have offered kind feedback regarding the Distance Learning opportunities that we post each week in Friday Footprints. We all owe a big "thank you" to Robin Leech for them. To be honest, Robin is the brains behind getting the weekly newsletter out. You've heard the phrase, "it takes a village," no, actually it takes Robin! I am not a whiz at the intricate formatting skills needed to make Friday Footprints happen, so "Thank you, Robin Leech" for remaining calm, researching quality websites, and making my words look good on paper!

Another Thank You:

I know I have touched on this topic before, but as Gillies President, I want to thank all of the Gillies who are steadfastly remaining members through the uncertainty we are facing now and will be facing for some time to come. In March 2020, the new board was understandably excited and had great plans for the 20-21 year. We were anxious to make our mark. (Enter a worldwide pandemic.) Now, I have as many questions and as few answers as you do. What I do know is that Susan Neal and her staff are doing everything humanly possible to keep everyone safe and the museum operating as she spearheads the planning and construction of the new Gilcrease. Susan will join us at the October 9th Board of Directors' meeting, so I should have some insights to share with you afterwards. Once the pandemic is harnessed, we will be as busy as ever – even while we are closed for the build, so again, thank you for remaining a member through this strange time and for staying Gillies strong!

The Directory is Coming!

Be watching for the 20-21 Gillies Membership Directory on our website. We will not be printing hard copies this year. Ordinarily, the Executive Committee meets as a group in the Gillies Library and goes over the text page by page. It has been a bit more challenging to do the work via Zoom and email, but we will have it ready early next week. Tom King is our Directory guru and this year he had the smart idea to post the alphabetical listings in groupings – ABC, DEF, etc. This way you won't have to scroll through the entire directory to arrive at XYZ names. Good thinking Tom!

Happenings from the Museum:

Yoga in the Gilcrease Gardens - **Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm.** Grab your yoga mat and join us in the Gilcrease Gardens for yoga! These free yoga classes will take place in the beautiful Victorian Garden outside the Thomas Gilcrease House. Beginners are welcome!

Framing Your Art Collection

Friday, September 18 at 12:00 pm. Join Gilcrease Museum chief conservator Joanna Didik for a virtual framing demonstration and learn some tips and tricks to mat and frame 2D art for your collection at home. This event will take place via [Facebook Live](#).



Mexican Modernism and Diego Rivera: A Closer Look - Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Don't forget to register for a members-only webinar featuring Alison Rossi, Director of Learning and Community Engagement and curator of [Mexican Modernism: Revolution & Reckoning](#). Rossi will discuss how Diego Rivera shaped both Mexican culture and 20th century art and explore how the artist's works featured in the exhibition shed light on his process and personal life. You should have or will be receiving an email invite.

For All of You Lifelong Readers:

Magic City Books presents a Virtual Event – **September 28 at 7:00 pm.** Nancy Pearl and Jeff Schwager will be discussing their new book, *The Writer's Library: The Authors You Love and the Books that Changed Their Lives*. In this book, America's favorite librarian Nancy Pearl and noted-playwright Jeff Schwager interview a diverse range of America's most notable and influential writers about the books that shaped them and inspired them to leave their own literary mark. *The Writer's Library* is a revelatory exploration of the studies, libraries, and bookstores of today's favorite authors—the creative artists whose imagination and sublime talent make America's literary scene the wonderful, dynamic world it is. A love letter to books and a celebration of wordsmiths, *The Writer's Library* is a treasure for anyone who has been moved by the written word. The event is free but requires registration. Click [HERE](#) to register at Booksmart Events on the Magic City Books website.

Distance Learning Opportunity:

Paul Revere: Biography

This documentary, hosted by Jack Perkins and produced by A&E, explores details of Revere's life, often overlooked. The program follows Revere's life as he became a colonel in the Continental Army and later, a successful entrepreneur. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbNeGtlwOfg> [44.59]



"What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the master calls a butterfly." Richard Bach