



Friday Footprints

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

December 4, 2020

Virtual Gilcrease Forum:

***Tulsa, 1921: Reporting a Massacre:* December 10 at 2:00pm:** Randy Krehbiel will be our guest speaker at the virtual version of the Gilcrease Forum. He was to give this lecture at our Spring 2020 Forum, but we all know why that didn't happen. As our first virtual Forum, this will be a Gillies only event. We are still novices at Zooming! Randy will be speaking on his book *Tulsa, 1921: Reporting a Massacre*. In 1999, as a reporter for the Tulsa World newspaper, Randy was assigned to cover the Tulsa Race Riot by a panel established by the Oklahoma Legislature to investigate the events of May 31 - June 1, 1921, and their aftermath. Thus, began the two decades of research and reporting that became the basis of his book which was named 2020 Oklahoma Department of Libraries' Nonfiction Book of the Year and the Oklahoma Historical Society's Book of the Year. This will be the first in a series of perspectives on the 1921 massacre that support our commitment to inclusivity and to understanding the history of our city.

The Gilcrease Forum will be live online via Zoom on **Thursday, December 10, 2020**. To register, contact Dale Brown at dale.brown@gmail.com by Tuesday evening, December 8.

You can purchase your copy of *Tulsa, 1921* at Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/Tulsa-1921-Reporting-Randy-Krehbiel/dp/0806163313/ref=nodl>

Or to support a local business: Magic City Books at 221 E Archer St, Tulsa, OK 74103:

<https://bookshop.org/books/tulsa-1921-reporting-a-massacre/9780806163314?aid=1616&listref=tulsa-1921-reading-list>

January Business:

The Gillies Nominating Committee will be accepting officer nominations in January. The Executive Committee is studying the officer duties, as roles have certainly morphed during Covid and will most likely continue to evolve as we function during closure. The committee will meet next Thursday, December 10, to define specifically the Vice President's duties so that people being considered will know what has changed before they commit to being nominated. The most significant change for the Vice President's position will be from recruiting and interviewing (no new intern classes for the foreseeable future) to heading up our IT needs. We need this skill set on the Executive Committee not just during Covid, but during closure. These changes are in line with our present By Laws, Article V, Section 7, C.4, which states that the Vice President may "assume other duties assigned to the office by the President and the Executive Committee," so no changes will need to be made in our by-laws. Of course, as we move forward, we will continue to assess any necessary change in leadership roles that will keep Gillies engaged, informed, and learning. After we meet next Thursday, I will send out an eblast defining those changes.



Curator/Cheerleader Mark Dolph:

I hope many of you saw the November 29 Tulsa World's Sunday Scene section with the article "Thankful in Spite of It All." Mark Dolph was one of the contributors and when listing the many things for which he is thankful, one was: "...the joy of seeing our many museum volunteers, The Gillies." This is just the latest in Mark's obvious support of the Gillies. We are so grateful for his Gillies only virtual tour of the Shan Goshorn exhibition and the private in-person tours of the exhibition that he did yesterday and will do again on the 10th and 17th. Both of these gestures were initiated by Mark and shows his enthusiasm for our organization. We know he supports us, but it doesn't hurt to see it in print! Thank you, Mark.

Gillies Who Can Work at Home - We Need You!

Shan Goshorn Activity Kits: The Museum has a project that you can do at home. It is related to art kits sent to area schools. It is a weaving activity for children that highlights the weaving of Shan Goshorn. Each Gillie will be able to pick up one or more boxes at the museum Loading Dock and return the completed work in one week. We need you to pick up a box/boxes by **December 10** and bring back by **December 16**. Each Gillie will assemble packets of 5 or 6 pages of paper to be clipped together. One box may have 180 packets while another only 60, (because they are going to different schools) so it is up to each Gillie how many box/boxes you are willing to pick up. 100 packets take about an hour to assemble. Please email nlaughrey2@cox.net if you would be willing to help. Further instructions on pick up protocol will be forthcoming.

Kimberly Norman Has a Sweet Tooth, er, Sweet Shop:

For anyone who receives "Life's Vintage Newsmagazine" - not me, I'm too young 😊 - the newest edition, December 2020, has a nice article on page 16 about Sweets and Cream, the ice cream shop at 1114 S. Yale, right off Route 66, owned by our own Kimberly Norman and her parents. Check it out.

Big Oops!

Dana Simon gave me permission to share her current mishap. Last week, she took a nasty tumble at a friend's home. She tripped on a stone path and broke her pelvic bone which means she will be out of action for some time to come. I spoke with her the day after her fall. She was alert, upbeat, and anxious for the healing to begin. She says "hi" to everyone.

Distance Learning Opportunities:

Alfred Jacob Miller: Artist in the West

Senior Scholar, Peter Hassrick, lectures on the western scenes of Alfred Jacob Miller (1810-1874), a Baltimore native who traveled west with Scottish adventurer William Drummond Stewart in 1837 to the annual trapper Rendezvous in Wyoming. The lecture celebrates the Ricketts Art Foundation Collection exhibited Spring 2015 at the Museum of Nebraska Art in Kearney, Nebraska.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYDqsBFPGWg>

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We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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