



Smoke Signals

December 2013 & January 2014

Comments from our President

Sondra Mullins

Thank you, Gillies, for supporting the Museum and our terrific organization. According to Service Hours Chair, Sharon Patch, Gillies have given approximately 12,500 hours of service during this six month period. 39 Gillies have already earned **Star** status. Way to go Gillies.

I would like to thank all the Gillies who participated as Art Marshals at the recent Collector's Reserve art sale. A special thanks to Jim Walker who coordinated the event for the Gillies.

The new Docent class is in training, with 14 from the recent Intern Class and 1 from the previous Intern Class. I know all 15 will make great Docents.

The "Night at Gilcrease" party on November 3 was a great success. Thanks to President-Elect Sally Tucker for all the great ideas. Sally and Phyllis Logsdon wrote a fun and entertaining script. I did not realize the Gillies had so many Actors and Actresses. As usual Lana Clark and her Hospitality Committee did an outstanding job with the food and Nancy Teasley's decorations were great. The event honored our new Gillies from this year's Intern Class 2013-2014. A great time was had by all.

Our most important Gillies responsibility in January is making nominations for officers for 2014-2015. Alan Jarvis, Nominating Committee Chair, will look forward to receiving your nominations in January.

Have a great Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

THINK POSITIVE

Gillies Library News...

- Kathy Horne, Chair



What a wonderful tradition we have of honoring our fellow Gillies by donating books to the Gillie Library! This year's Intern class purchased five excellent books to pay tribute to their Gillie trainers and adjuncts. These five titles are not only beautifully illustrated, but are also on topics that are particularly relevant to our collection. I know they will see wide circulation!

Painters and the American West, Vol. 2

- the Anschultz Collection

In honor of Jim Walker, Intern Educator

George Catlin's American Buffalo,

by Adam Duncan Harris

In honor of Judy Baggett, Vice-President

Ernest L. Blumenschein: The Life of an American Artist by Robert W. Larson

In honor of Ann Sitz, Intern Adjunct

The Image Taker: The Selected Stories and Photographs of Edward S. Curtis;

Ed. by Gerald Hausman

In honor of Marsha McElroy, Intern Adjunct

In the Remington Moment, by Stephen Tatum

In honor of Su Davis, Intern Adjunct

On behalf of all the Gillies, I thank the Intern Class of 2013/14 for this outstanding contribution to our Gillie Library collection.

DOCENT RENDEZVOUS

- Linda Harkey, Docent Chair

Eric Singleton was the speaker for the November 1, 2013, Docent Meeting. The attendance was: 48 Docents, 13 Provisionals, and 1 Gillie for a total of 62. Eric's presentation on *The Mississippian Culture* was wonderful and enjoyed by all.

We will have our fourth Docent Meeting on Friday, February 7, 2014. Mark Dolph will be our speaker. I will send you more information on Mark's surprise presentation when it becomes available.

November 25, 2013, was the last day of our Provisional Docent training. We celebrated with the provisionals and their mentors at my home. Silvia and I have truly enjoyed working with each of the 15 provisionals. The Mentors of our new Provisional Docents are:

Annette Boles –	Gertrud Schmidt
Jerry Boles –	Charley Wyatt
Carolyn Ekenstam –	Kathy Horne
Julie Gentz –	Nancy Kingery
Minisa Halsey –	Dana Simon
Keith Bowers –	Ken Fike
Charles Harrison –	Alan Jarvis
Margarite Harrison –	Rod Schneider
Mindy Paschal –	Judy Reiners
Andrew Paley –	Carolyn Rumsey
Sharon Paley –	Sharon Patch
Wennette Pegues –	Jim Walker
Barbara McFall –	Judy Baggett
Diane Tempelmeyer –	Sally Tucker
Sharon Terry –	Sondra Mullins

The Christmas Docent Luncheon is on December 13, 11:30 am in the Vista room. *Please make your checks of \$21.95 payable to Linda Harkey.* The deadline for reservations will be December 1, 2013. Many door prizes will be handed out plus a great opportunity to get to know the provisionals better.

The month of October, 2013 was a very busy month for our Docents. We did 82 Day, Event (evening), VIP, Kravis Labs,

Art Encounters, and Public tours. We did another 38 GGTS, SOG, and Garden tours. This makes a total of 120 tours for the month. We did 15 First Visit tours. We handled 1,573 students and 1,077 adults.

Thanks to all the Docents who participated in the month of October. You have done a terrific job.

Linda Harkey

NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS

- Alan Jarvis, Nominations Chair

Attention ALL Gillies, it's that time of year when we need to be thinking about next year's officers.

Following are a few guidelines on how this process works.

Written nominations for the office of President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer should be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chair, Alan Jarvis (street address and email address are in the Gillie Handbook) during the month of January ONLY. No verbal nominations will be accepted. All nominations should include specific information about the nominees, such as offices held, specific assignments, chairmanships, and other leadership roles. Please make sure that your nominee actually wants to be considered before submitting. The Nominating Committee shall meet

during the first two weeks in February and select a single slate of candidates for the elected offices except President. The office of President shall be filled by the President-Elect, Sally Tucker. This list shall be presented to the current President and elections will be held during the March General Membership Meeting.

Additional information can be found in the Gillie Handbook in the Bylaws, Article V, Sections 1 – 6. Please note that the entire Gillie membership may participate and all nominations will be considered. Please be thinking about candidates now, and get your written nominations to me during the month of January.

*Thanks everybody,
Alan*

For Your Information ...

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Diane O'Brien

Nancy Foote

Sympathy Notes sent to:

Elizabeth Butler upon the death of her sister

Robyn Sanzalone upon the death of her uncle

Marcia Clark upon the death of her mother-in-law

Minisa Halsey upon the death of her step-son

Charley Wyatt upon the death of his sister-in-law

Louis and Beverly Drymon upon the death of their daughter-in-law

Rod Jones upon the death of his wife,

Mary June "Pinkie" Jones, 91, who was in the Gillies Class of 1984

Death:

Betty Kemm, former Gillies President, 1975-76

Please send new contact information, such as address, phone and email, as well as information about someone who is ill, to Gillies Secretary Dana Simon (918) 749-8889 or email danalyn725@yahoo.com

NEW FACES, NEW PLACES

- Judy Baggett, Vice-President

You'll be seeing new faces around the Museum, in some new places. Several Interns have begun their work. Please make them feel welcome when you see them.

Krista Gardner is now working in the Museum Shop. Rick Paschal will be helping with cleaning and light conservation of rugs in the Anthropology Department. Larry and Thea Lancaster and Margarita and Charles Harrison will be establishing an electronic catalogue and doing an inventory in the Gillies Library. Jane Ketchum has begun work in Kravis Discovery Center. Larry Lancaster, Charles Harrison and Rick Paschal are also helping with the newly-established Digitization Project. Other Interns have made contact in different areas but have not as yet made definite commitments. And if I've missed someone, please let me know.

Thanks to Kathy Horne, Frances Whisman, Bill Leutz, Jane Watson and Mark Dolph for working with these Interns, to try to get a good fit for each person.

The Provisional Docents are now in the Galleries with their Mentors. Thanks to each of the Docents for allowing them to follow your tours. It takes a village of Docents to raise your eventual replacements!

SHOP TALK

- Frances Whisman, Chair

The gift shop has been busy and will get busier in the next month with Christmas coming. By the time you read this, the Gene Waddell "trunk show" and the bronze sale will be over. The members 25% off sale will be December 6-8 and it is on anything in the shop.

Remember the Gilcrease Gift shop is a great place to shop for Christmas gifts. You can have your items gift wrapped and you do not have to "fight the mall" traffic. We have items for the little kids also. New items come in weekly.

Krista Gardner will be a new face in the gift shop starting this month. Several of the interns have expressed an interest in volunteering in the shop, and have been contacted.

I look forward to working with any of the Gillies as they offer their assistance to Gilcrease museum shop. To volunteer, feel free to contact me at: frances.whisman@cox.net or 918-759-1131 (cell) or 918-224-8325 (home)

Art Chair

- Joe Meeks

Recently, while cleaning out cabinets in the Art Office, two sets of copper printing plates were discovered. One set appears to be from a book written by W. R. Leigh; *Frontiers of Enchantment; an Artist's Adventures in Africa*. One set seems to be for articles from early editions of the *American Scene* magazine. One set appear to be from a book written by W. R. Leigh, entitled *Frontiers of Enchantment; an Artist's Adventures in Africa*. This later set were part of the Leigh studio gift. Research is continuing to verify these sources.

Carole Klein asked the Wednesday Gillies to inventory the plates. A check with Librarian, Rene Harvey, confirmed that we have a copy of Leigh's book. We will be using that book as a guide in creating an inventory. We are also going through past copies of *American Scene*, *Gilcrease Magazine* and *Gilcrease Journal* up to 1994 to verify with which issues the plates are connected. As these were never accessioned into the collection, their final disposition is still under discussion.

As an interesting side note, It was quite a surprise to all when it was discovered that the book was inscribed by Leigh to "Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 1938," and that the book contained Eleanor Roosevelt's bookplate from her library at Hyde Park, N. Y. and that it was volume 525 in that library. How it ended up as part of the Leigh studio gift is an unsolved mystery.

Anthropology Chair

- Wayne Frenier

New responsibilities and tasks for the Anthro gillies include preparing organic-based artifacts, such as, rugs, blankets and baskets, for periodic removal to the Conservation Lab for photographing and freezing as part of a pest removal project.

These tasks include placement of items in special boxes, as well as taking digital photographs for identification purposes. Work involves the "fur" room, but also some work in the "rug" room.

In anticipation of the construction of the tunnel that will connect the Museum with the new research building, the volunteers helped move and store all of the ceramics and baskets that were on the glass-enclosed shelves of the Kravis Discovery Center. These items will not be on display for the foreseeable future. Fears concern how construction of the connecting corridor might affect the safety of the objects.

The job of performing the weekly inventory and status check of KDC artifacts is being transferred to the KDC facilitators. Anthropology volunteers will provide training and support when needed.

On a more interesting note; When a beautiful Zuni ceramic pot with "frogs" for handles was removed from a KCD cabinet, an actual dead frog was discovered inside. The well-decayed frog apparently had been there for years with no definite evidence as to who might have put it there.

Travel Chair - Erna Schnieder

Photographs from our recent trip to Houston.



Gillies enjoying Kolaches from a Czech bakery on recent Houston ttrip

Travel cont...



Gillies inside one of the Painted Churches of Texas

"A Night at the Museum"



Photographic Mosaics of the Gillies Entertainment
At the Annual Membership Party
by Rod Schnieder

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December

2	Museum Closed –	7:30-Noon
4	<i>A Conversation with Thomas Gilcrease</i>	
	Auditorium	1:00 pm.
6	<i>From My Point of View</i>	Gallery 18 12:00 pm.
	<i>“Prince Maximillian and Karl Bodmer in the West, 1832-1834”</i>	
9	Gillies Apprec. Lunch	Vista Room 11:30 am.
13	Docent Christmas Lunch	Vista Room 11:00 am.
22	<i>On Common Ground</i>	Opens

January

6	<i>Dreams and Visions</i>	Closes
9	Budget Mtg	Gillies Lib, 9:00 am.

January cont...

9	Exec. Comm Mtg	Gillies Lib.	10:00 am.
9	Educ. Comm	Board Room	1:00 pm.
10	Board Meeting	Board Room	9:30 am.
10	<i>From My Point of View</i>	Gallery 18	12:00 pm.
26	<i>Buffalo Bill's Wild West Warriors</i>		Closes

February

7	Docent Meeting	Gallery 18	9:30 am.
13	<i>Form and Line: Allan Houser's Sculpture and Drawings</i>		Opens
13	Exec. Comm. Mtg	Gillies Library	10:00 am.
13	Educ. Comm. Mtg.	Board Room	1:00 pm.
14	Board Meeting	Board Room	9:30 am.

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