



SMOKE SIGNALS

February, 2020

President's Message Starting 2020 in a Big Way

January 4, 2020 was a very big day at the Gilcrease Museum with approximately 1,600 guests and 60+ Gillies on hand to be of service. This was the second year that Gilcrease hosted the Dia de Reyes celebration in partnership with The Power of Families Project and Casa de la Cultura. Many thanks to the Gillies Docent Chair, Sharon Patch, for contacting Gillies Docents to serve in all the galleries. Additional thanks to Gillies Education and Public Programs Chair, Sally Tucker, for organizing Gillies who served in the Vista Room. They helped with crafts, assisted with wayfinding, greeting, worked in the Museum Store, and handed out candy bags as guests were leaving the museum. Prior to the event, at least 15 Gillies spent over 60 hours cutting out materials needed for the craft activities. Gillies appreciated the 'break room' for all the volunteers which included fresh tamales and other yummy treats.

Several Gillies who have been around for many years mentioned that Gillies haven't staffed an event like this with such numbers since Rendezvous Days. At the end of the day, several Gillies shared wonderful stories about their experiences. Bill Hellen shared an experience he had that was too wonderful not to share with you. In his own words:

"On Saturday, January 4, while volunteering during the Dia de Reyes celebration, I met a very interesting and charming visitor from Tampico, Mexico. I was walking through the Mexican Modernism exhibit and noticed a lady looking at Raul Anguiano's painting of 'The Volcano' while talking in a very animated way with several other people who were with her. So, I introduced myself and inquired about her obvious interest in this particular painting. I learned that she was Sra. Graciela Anguiano Magana, a niece of the artist Raul Anguiano, and she was delighted to see one of her uncle's paintings exhibited at the Gilcrease Museum!



She then took out her iPhone to show me pictures of other paintings by her uncle. Some of her favorites are owned and exhibited by art museums in Mexico. I asked if she, by chance, owned any of her uncle's paintings. Unfortunately, she said, she did not. But, she did have several "very nice paintings" by her daughter and granddaughter, both of whom are artists. She proudly showed me pictures of some of their work.

I responded by saying something to the effect, "My, you have many artists in your family." She smiled, glanced at the other people in her group, and replied, "Yes, and perhaps more than we know...my uncle 'got around' quite a bit."

Bill's delightful rendition of his encounter beautifully illustrates that you never know who you will encounter when you serve at The Gilcrease.

Please enjoy the photos that depict the many smiles, joy, and pageantry from this glorious day at The Gilcrease Museum. What a wonderful way to start 2020 and a great year to be a Gillie! - Kathe

Photographs from the *Día de Reyes* Celebration



Additional Photographs from the Dia de Reyes Celebration



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, March 20, 2020

Hospitality Hour

Our fabulous Hospitality Committee will start the day with the Hospitality Hour from 10 – 11 a.m. in the Vista Room. It's a great chance for conversation and fellowship while enjoying the delicious treats graciously and lovingly prepared by the Hospitality Committee. They make us feel special and we are always so appreciative of their talents and generosity.

Annual Gillies General Meeting

Following our Hospitality Hour, we will convene in the Auditorium for the March General Membership meeting, at 11:00 a.m. We will vote on a slate of officers for 2020-2021 and the budget for the coming year. Susan Neal, our Executive Director, will update us on the most recent plans and news about the Gilcrease Museum. You will not want to miss this meeting!

Annual Gillies Appreciation Luncheon

A Celebration of Gillies

In appreciation of your gift of time, talents and loyalty to Gilcrease Museum, please join us as we toast you with a glass of wine and enjoy a celebratory luncheon in your honor on Friday, March 20, 2020. We will convene in the Vista Room immediately following the Gillies General Membership meeting. Please RSVP to me, Donna Gainey, by March 13th, either by email, donna-gainey@utulsa.edu, or in the box conveniently located in the Gillies Sign-In room. **No check to write.** Come enjoy great food, fellowship, fun, and be celebrated! – *Donna Gainey, Gilcrease Museum Volunteer Coordinator*

Gilcrease Forum

This year our speaker will be Randy Krehbiel, who will discuss his newest book: **"Tulsa 1921: Reporting a Massacre."** Please see the article on page 3 for more information. Many thanks to Bill Hellen, the Gillies Forum Chair, for organizing this presentation. Mr. Krehbiel is a fabulous speaker who has been extensively researching this topic for over 20 years. The Gilcrease Museum and The Gillies are delighted that he has agreed to be our speaker for The Forum.

We hope that your heart will be full with memories of Gillies fellowship, your tummy will be filled with gastronomical delights, and your mind will be enriched with thought-provoking conversation.

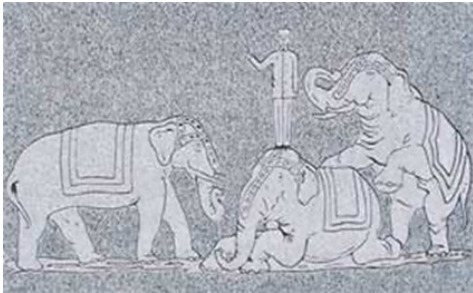
Mark your calendars today!

ATTENTION GILLIES TRAVELERS



Mark your calendars for April 15 and 16 for an overnight bus trip to Idabel and Hugo. We will be staying at the Comfort Suites in Idabel with a Continental breakfast included. Highlights of the trip will be:

- The Museum of the Red River (guided tour with lunch included)
- The Endangered Ark Foundation (home of the 2nd largest herd of Asian elephants in America)
- Frisco Depot Museum
- The Showman's Rest and Bull Riders Reprieve
- Wheelock Academy for Girls



Cost of the trip is \$225 per person based on 22 people. A \$75 deposit per person is needed to secure the bus due by February 1. Spouses and guests are welcome.

Make checks out to "Gillies Travel" and send to:
Karen Jarvis, 13227 S. 67th E. Ave., Bixby, OK 74008

Cell phone: 918-636-3482

Home phone: 918-970-4586

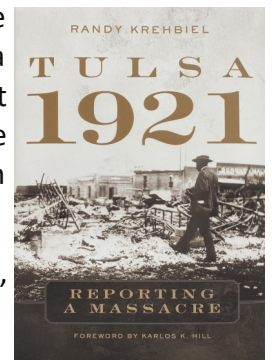
THE FORUM

Friday, March 20 at 1pm
Gilcrease Auditorium

Bill Hellen - Forum Chair



As a reporter and writer for nearly forty years, Randy Krehbiel has chronicled life past and present in his native state of Oklahoma. He currently covers state politics for the Tulsa World and is a contributing editor to Oklahoma Today magazine. He has written five books, including "Tulsa's Daily World: The Story of a Newspaper and Its Town," "Breaking 100: Tulsa Country Club's First Century of Good Times and Good Friends," "Little Bighorn," and "The War to End all Wars," a novel about the social and political unrest in rural Oklahoma during World War I.



Randy will be speaking about his most recent book "**Tulsa 1921: Reporting A Massacre**" which will be the topic of **The Forum** on March 20 at 1:00 pm in the Gilcrease Auditorium.

His book is currently available in the Gilcrease Museum Store.



The Docent Holiday Brunch - Photographs by Tom Duncan





Photographs by Dana Simon - Gillies Photographer

*The
Docent
Holiday
Brunch*



DOCENTS' CORNER

The Docents Holiday Brunch was, as advertised, a morning of frivolity, gaiety, excellent food, and lots of surprises. We had a great turnout. I appreciated the help of Sondra Mullins for table decorations, our new Executive Chef Chris Deschner for delivering a great menu, our Staff Events Coordinator, Jessie Rice, taking care of details, along with valuable reindeer: Ken Fike, Ron Young, Janet Hayes, Larry Hicks, Stephen Campbell, and my 2 elves: Silvia Furgason and Kathy Horne.

Thank you to the Docents, former Docents, Provisionals, and Staff who attended.

REMINDERS

1. Please sign legibly on the Gallery Docent and Public Tour Calendars in the Tour Book.
(Include a count of guests and zero is a number.)

2. Don't forget to schedule your Review Tours.

3. **LEAD DOCENTS – A NEW REQUEST-** On the day of the tour, besides recording the number of guests and adding a comment, please confirm the DOCENT LIST is correct on the confirmation sheet.

(Note any additions or corrections like subs, no-shows, etc. This will be enormously helpful.)

4. Thanks for being part of our Gilcrease Docent Team.

We are stepping into the Roaring 20's

OUR NEXT DOCENT MEETING

Friday, February 7, 2020

Hospitality - 9:30a.m., 10:00 a.m.- meeting

Laura Bryant, Anthropology Collections Manager & NAGPRA Coordinator

Presents

Healing the Past: Caring for Indigenous Collections at Gilcrease

Gallery 18

Don't miss this one.

ALL GILLIES ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

A BIG SHOUT-OUT

Thank you, thank you to all the Gillies who gave up a part of their Saturday to volunteer at the "Dia de Reyes" celebration at Gilcrease on January 4th. The museum was full of excitement as happy families enjoyed this special cultural celebration. Because of your hospitality, our visitors felt welcomed and a part of the Gilcrease community! It took a multitude to make this large event successful and the Gillies showed up in great numbers. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you, thank you!!

- The Learning and Community Engagement Team

Gillies Website Reorganized

For several years, we have been adding information to our website to make additional resources accessible to Gillies. As a result, it has now become challenging to search for and find information. Therefore, a team of Gillies with Kathy Horne at the lead, reorganized the information we currently have so that it is more intuitive, logical, and user-friendly. Anna Turner, our webmaster, then made the changes on the website. This was no small task! Many thanks to Kathy for her efforts and to Anna Turner for making the changes on the site.

There are now 7 main headings when you first open the web site:

- [Volgistics Links and Documents](#)
- [The Gillies Information](#)
- [Manuals](#)
- [Tours/Speaking of Gilcrease/Gilcrease Goes to School](#)
- [Exhibition Information](#)
- [References/Resources](#)
- [Gilcrease Museum Information](#)

Take a Look

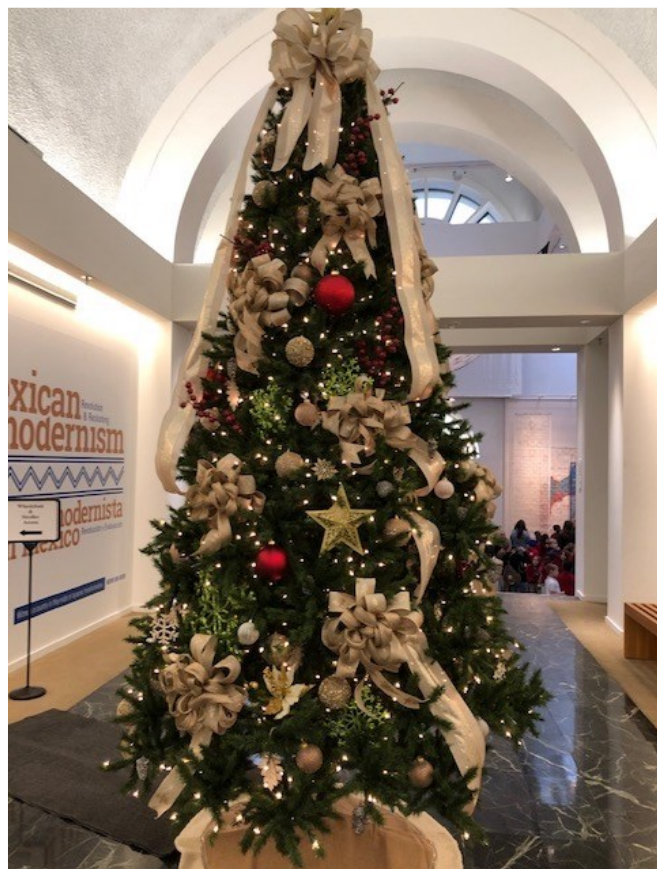
A new addition to the site is a recording of an interview done in 2017 with Eugene Folsom Gilcrease, one of the grandsons of Mr. Gilcrease. It can be found at:

www.thegillies.org

Username: thegillies

Password: Gilcrease2014

Click on [References/Resources](#). Then, click on [Audio/Visual Links](#) and finally click on Voices of Oklahoma: Thomas Gilcrease Interview.



Gillie Decked the Halls!!

Gillie, Kimberly Norman, offered to decorate the museum's Christmas tree and the front entrance this year.

The tree looked glorious with its many hand-crafted bows.

Many thanks, Kimberly. It was just beautiful!

KDC is The 'Use Your Imagination' Place

~ Charley Wyatt, KDC Chair

Looking for a place to entertain kids, or kids at heart, this winter?

How about showing them a place that has:

Three recorded short productions which describe our American history, exotic people who hunt bear and walrus with spears, and tell a campfire story without the fuss of building a fire...

A collection of jewelry which spans centuries and includes necklaces with animal teeth and talons, earrings that pierced the lobes and gauges that left giant holes in the lobe, and medallions that were gifted by Presidents and Kings...

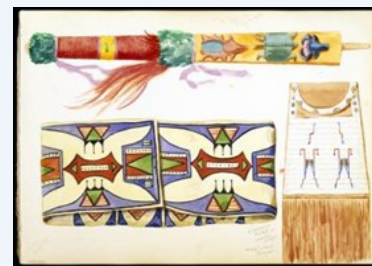


Dolls that span time, shoes and boots that are still wearable and fashionable, weapons that were made for war and for hunting, and tools that made working the earth easier...

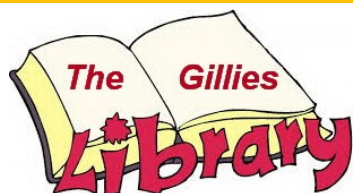
Pottery that could have inspired Tolkien and other authors...

Best of all, KDC inspires conversation with those kids –

If you haven't made a New Year's resolution yet, make it to volunteer in KDC.



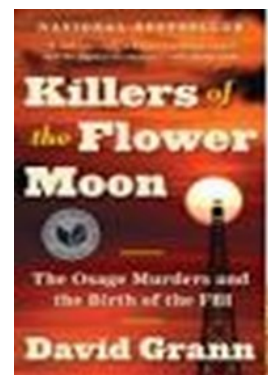
Remember, KDC is looking for volunteers..... Call Charley Wyatt at 918-978-2540



Check It Out!

By Glenda Kilmer, Gillies Library Chair

The most recent book in the library is a best seller: **"Killers of the Flower Moon"** by author **David Grann**. It chronicles the true story of murders of Osage tribal members in the 1920s after the discovery of oil on their land made them wealthy. Some were shot, others were poisoned or died under mysterious circumstances. Many of those who investigated the crimes were themselves killed. As the death toll rose, the case was taken up by the newly created FBI. Former Texas Ranger Tom White put together an undercover team, including a Native American agent, to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.



A finalist for the National Book Award, the book reads like a detective novel. It is being made into a feature film by director Martin Scorsese. Author David Grann has made many visits to the Tulsa area to publicize the book. If you've not had a chance to read it, now is the time! Check it out!

A Message From Our Volunteer Coordinator

Dear Gillie Friends,

Bruce and I extend our heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of care and concern these past several weeks after the car accident involving him and our son, Taylor. We are so thankful for the many gifts of food, cards, prayers and thoughtful expressions from you. You have been a wonderful support group for us. Bruce's hands are healing and physical therapy will help determine if he will regain the use of his right hand or if he will become a "lefty!" He has a great attitude, though, and your friendship has encouraged us greatly on our journey through this experience. Our souls are nourished!

Most fondly,

Donna Gainey

Messages

Nancy Hammond, Secretary

Change in phone number:

David Steele – 918-455-6736

Deaths:

Robert Muckley – November 2019

Val Cantrell – November 2019

Olivette McClure – December 2019

Sympathy cards sent to:

Family of Val Cantrell

Family of Robert Muckley

Family of Olivette McClure

Janice and Charley Wyatt (death of niece)

Beverly Drymon and family (death of granddaughter)

Adrena Mahu (death of sister)

Get well cards sent to:

Ron Young

Janet O'Connor

Carolyn Ekenstam

Janice Henshaw

Adrena Mahu

Jim Morton

George Hill

Anna Turner

Thinking of you card sent to:

Donna Gainey

If you do not want a notice to appear in the *Smoke Signals* newsletter that you received a get-well card, please contact the Gillies Secretary. Please send changes in contact information (address, phone, and email), as well as news about a Gillie who is ill, to the Gillies Secretary Nancy Hammond – 918-749-5938/nancy@hammondo.org

Searching for Future Gillies!

Class of 2020-2021

By Deb Glass, Vice President



February is the time of year when we begin searching for prospective Gillies for the **Class of 2020-2021**. Please help us get the word out and direct anyone interested to contact Gillies Vice President, Deb Glass, at dfglass550@yahoo.com, or call 918-492-7383 or cell 918-798-2463.

Future Gillies will be invited to the Newcomers' Coffee in May where they will have the opportunity to learn more about The Gillies. The training will again be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until

3:00 p.m. beginning in September. The first five weeks will introduce the Gilcrease collection and the second five weeks will provide docent training.

Gillies, better than anyone, know how enriching, fulfilling, and FUN it is to be a Gillie. Please talk to all of your friends and neighbors and encourage them to contact Deb. We hope to have a large class this year!

Spring TU Classes

By Robin Leech, TU Audit Chair

This Spring, seven Gillies are taking advantage of the TU Audit Program! The College of Arts and Sciences provided a diverse and exciting array of class offerings, and our Gillies stepped up to be a part of this life-long learning opportunity.

Classes they are taking this semester include:

Indians of North America

Introduction to Museum Studies

Colonial American

Philosophy of Art

These are all really great classes, providing wonderful continuing education for Gillies.

I'd like to encourage you to consider taking a class at the next opportunity – we are so lucky that the University of Tulsa offers us this program. To be able to sit in on a college level course, interact with students and faculty of all ages, and continue learning – can't be beat! We'll be hearing more about upcoming classes soon. Stay tuned!

**Gilcrease Museum
Exhibition Schedule**

<i>Masterworks from the Gilcrease Collection</i> Gilcrease Museum Permanent Collection 9/1/16 - ongoing	(Myers)
Groenendyke Gallery Selected Works from the Gilcrease Collection (William R. Leigh & George Catlin) Ongoing	(Groenendyke Gallery)
<i>To Endure in Bronze</i> 12/1/17 - ongoing	(Gallery 8 & 9)
<i>Hidden in Plain Sight: Unexpected Views of Gilcrease Museum-Part II</i> 5/1/18 - ongoing	(Gallery 5)
<i>Americans All!</i> Gilcrease Museum Permanent Collections 9/21/18 - ongoing	(Gallery 7 North)
<i>Aether and Earth</i> (Students' works from masterclass sessions conducted by Mazen Abufadil) 8/12/19 - ongoing	(Gallery 5)
<i>Recall/Respond: A Tulsa Artist Fellowship</i> 11/15/19 - 3/15/20 Part II	(Smith Gallery 4/Helmerich Hall)
<i>Mexican Modernism: Revolution & Reckoning</i> 8/29/19 - 8/9/20	(Gallery 7 East)
<i>Memories & Inspiration: The Kerry and C. Betty Davis Collection of African American Art</i> Organized by International Arts and Artists 1/24/20 - 7/26/20	(Gallery 7 South)
<i>I-Witness Culture: Frank Buffalo Hyde</i> 2/6/20 - 5/10/20	(Getty Gallery)
<i>Landscapes on Fire: Paintings by Michael Scott</i> (working title) 4/17/20 - 8/23/20	(Helmerich Hall)
(MINI EXHIBITIONS OF DOCUMENTS)	
Paul Revere Certification 4/25/20 - 5/3/20	(Masterworks)
Emancipation Proclamation, Slave document, Funeral March 6/12/20 - 6/21/20	(Masterworks)
Native American documents and Cherokee Syllabary 10/9/20 - 10/18/20	(Masterworks)
<i>Weaving History into Art: The Legacy of Shan Goshorn I</i> 6/25/20 Members' Opening 6/25/20 - 10/11/20	(Getty Gallery)
<i>Weaving History into Art: The Legacy of Shan Goshorn II</i> 10/17/20 - 1/31/21	(Getty Gallery)
<i>Men of Change</i> Organized by SITES 9/17/20 Members' Opening 9/17/20 - 1/17/21	(Gallery 7 South)



Antique Valentines from the Gilcrease Digitization Collection

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February

02	<i>I-Witness Culture: Frank Buffalo Hyde</i> - Opens	Getty Gallery	10:00am
06	Development Committee Meeting	Board Room	10:00am
07	Docent Meeting	Gallery 18	10-11:30am
11	- 16 Museum Store Valentines Day Sale 25% off Jewelry	Museum Store	10am-5pm
13	Executive Committee Meeting	Gillies Library	10:00am
13	Education Committee Meeting	Board Room	1:00pm
14	Board of Directors Meeting	Board Room	9:30am
15	<i>Smoke Signals</i> deadline for March Issue		
16	Funday Sunday	Museum	Noon-4:00pm
28	Gilcrease After Hours	Museum	7-10:00pm

March

05	Development Committee Meeting	Board Room	10:00am
06	Docent Meeting	Gallery 18	10-11:30am
12	Executive Committee Meeting	Gillies Library	10:00am
12	Education Committee Meeting	Board Room	1:00pm
13	Board of Directors Meeting	Board Room	9:30am
15	<i>Smoke Signals</i> deadline for April Issue		
15	Funday Sunday	Museum	Noon-4:00pm
17	Jazz Night	Vista Room	5:30-7:30pm
20	Gillies General Membership Coffee	Vista Room	10:00am
20	Gillies General Membership Meeting	Auditorium	11:00am
20	Gillies General Membership Luncheon	Vista Room	Noon
20	Gilcrease Forum - <i>Tulsa 1921</i>	Auditorium	1:00pm
23	Hospitality Committee Meeting	Gillies Library	10:00am
27	Gilcrease After Hours	Museum	7-10:00pm

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