



SMOKE SIGNALS

March 2015

Comments from our President

- Sally Tucker

In March we often think of luck, bad luck as we near the Ides of March, and good luck two days later when we consider ourselves Irish – if only for one day!

While we don't know who originally said, "I am a great believer in luck. The harder I work, the more of it I seem to have," I definitely ascribe to the idea.

The Gillies organization is filled with members who work hard.

Gillies, while carrying out regular jobs as volunteers, often add to their responsibilities by assuming some kind of leadership.

At the March 20 General Membership Meeting, Gillies will be electing some of that leadership – officers for the 2015-2016 year.

In addition, next year's president, Dana Simon, will soon be recruiting various chairs for volunteer areas. Please say, "Yes!" when called upon.

Through the years, Gillies have admirably answered the "call" and viewed service as "jobs."

A current job is the one that Education & Public Programs Chair Silvia Furgason and the Summer Tour Program Committee are doing. They are diligently working on a great summer tour called *Face Time with Super Heroes*, in which children will learn about America, have great fun, and take home a creative art project.

We are regularly told by museum staff that they feel fortunate to have the Gillies as a working volunteer group. And, I feel very lucky to be a part of that.

Now Is Time to Pay For March Luncheon

It is now time to send in your check for the annual Gillies General Membership Luncheon to be held in the Gilcrease Vista Room on March 20.

All Active members, Associates and Interns are invited to attend. A delicious menu has been planned by Chef Geoff Van Glabbeek. A Gillies Coffee starts at 10:30 a.m. The General Membership Meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. The luncheon is at noon, to be followed at 1:00 p.m. by the Gilcrease Forum.

Make out your **\$14.00** check to
"The Gillies" and mail it to:

Treasurer Marsha McElroy
5206 S. Harvard Ave. #331
Tulsa, OK 74135

Final deadline for the luncheon payment is March 13.
For more information contact Dana Simon at:

(918) 749-8889 or danalyn725@yahoo.com

Gilcrease Forum - March 20, 2015

Gilcrease Forum Chair Phyllis Logsdon has planned a fascinating topic for our last program of The Gillie year.

More than 180 years ago, Winnie Guess Perdue's ancestors took the first step of a journey that has led her to Oklahoma today. A proud enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation, Winnie is recognized for her lifetime of cultural achievement and her commitment to her heritage.

An honored elder of the Cherokee Nation and member of the Paint Clan, Winnie will share stories of, her opportunity to break new ground as one of two females in history to perfect and perform the Hoop and Eagle Dances, her memories of early pow-wow and traditional Stomp Dance days, and the diverse and delicate relationship between all native cultures.

Winnie entitles her talk *My Journey*, and she includes the Eagle Dance. This program, featuring one of our own Gillies, is open to the public.

DOCENT CORNER

- Charley Wyatt, Docent Chair

A Docent's Review can be described in many ways, depending on each individual. It can be scary and old hat. It can be irritating and confidence building. It can be a nuisance and a validation.

Regardless of how you look at it, the review should remind you of the search for excellence in which we all are involved.

Our Standards Committee members who perform the reviews have done great work this year.

We began this Gillies year with 77 Docents, 74 of whom were Active. Twenty-eight Docents were scheduled to be reviewed, but three are on leave to date. So, 25 of 74 – 33 percent of our Docent population – were to be reviewed. I'm happy to announce that 22 of those 25 have been reviewed so far this year.

Our 17 Provisionals are in the process of being reviewed and will continue that journey for several weeks to come. At least 13 Provisionals have been reviewed or are scheduled to be reviewed as of February 15.

The Active Docents used *On Common Ground*, *Enduring Spirit*, *Treasures of Gilcrease*, *Focus on Favorites*, and *Ancient Americas* for their stage. Our Provisionals were trained and reviewed using *First Visit* as their focus.

Members of the Standards Committee are selected for their knowledge and experience across the entire collection. Together, they will have reviewed 45 Docents before they're through! That's 47 percent of the Active Docents and Docents-to-be during this calendar year.

I give you these details in order to recognize and thank Gertrud Schmidt and the Standards Committee. The Committee consists of both Staff and Gillies. Participating Staff members have been Dr. Bob Pickering, Deborah Burke, Sarah Wright, Kim Roblin, and, of course, Mark Dolph. Gillies members are Gertrud Schmidt, Ruth Weston, Erna Schneider, Teresa Adwan, Sondra Mulliins, Linda Harkey, Dana Simon, Rod Schneider, Jim Walker, Bonnie Lytal, Alan Jarvis, Del Schuler, and Phyllis Logsdon.

Thanks to the Committee for their perseverance in giving us positive reinforcement and criticism in order to make us better Docents!

Be a Hero! – Recruit a Gillie!

- Sharon Patch, Vice President

It is time to begin preparations for the next great Gillies Intern Class, 2015-2016.

We know our very own Gillies are the best at seeking out new volunteers.

If you have a friend, relative, fellow club member, neighbor, or if you know a recent retiree whose name you would like to submit, please contact Vice President Sharon Patch at (918) 451-0310 or email: spatchba@gmail.com

A current mailing address, telephone number, and email for the individual will be greatly appreciated.

The Newcomers' Coffee for all prospective Interns is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gilcrease Vista Room.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

~Kathy Horne, Secretary

Death:

Billye Joyce Williams – February 1, 2015

Get well cards sent to:

Jo Ann Clapp	Lana Clark
Joyce Essley	Amanda Lawrence
Ruth Weston	Mark Zumwalt

Sympathy cards sent to:

Joyce Essley – death of sister-in-law
Phyllis Logsdon – death of brother
Marsha McElroy – death of son-in-law

Thinking of you cards sent to:

Krista Gardner	Judy Reiners
Carolyn Rumsey	Janice Wyatt

Please send changes in contact information (address, phone, and email), as well as news about a Gillie who is ill to Gillie Secretary Kathy Horne –

918-747-4716; kchorne49@gmail.com

Gillies 2015-2016 Budget

Receipts

Member Dues *	\$7,030.00
Interest at Bank	\$22.00
Donations	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$50.00

Total Receipts \$7,152.00

Disbursements

Intern Materials	\$300.00
Hospitality	\$3,400.00
Printing Newspaper	\$375.00
Printing Yearbook	\$700.00
Printing - Other	\$100.00
Postage - Newsletter	\$150.00
Postage - Other	\$49.00
Luncheon Guests	\$200.00
Forums	\$600.00
Badges/Stars	\$310.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00
Supplies	\$500.00
Transfer to Education Fund	\$100.00
Memory Book	\$100.00

Total Disbursements \$7,084.00

Gain/Loss \$68.00

*Dues based on:

183 Members at \$30

44 Assoc. members at \$35

SUBMITTED BY

- Marsha McElroy, Treasurer

Nominees Are Announced For 2015-2016 Gillies Officers

David Robertson, Chair of the Gillies Nominating Committee, announced selections for officer candidates for The Gillies fiscal year 2015-2016.

Executive Committee nominees are:

President-elect – Alan Jarvis

Vice President – Linda Harkey

Secretary – Kathy Horne

Treasurer – Marsha McElroy

Current President-elect Dana Simon

automatically will become President.

Current President Sally Tucker will

become Past President, and will serve on the Executive Committee.

Also announced were proposed members of the 2015-2016 Nominating Committee.

They include:

Chair – Jim Walker

Gertrud Schmidt

Beverly Wilcox

Sondra Mullins

Lyon Morehead

1st Alternate: Joe Jahraus

2nd Alternate: Nancy Kingery

Elections will be conducted at the General Membership Meeting on March 20. Nominations may be made from the floor with the permission of the nominee.

Moving the Library

Gillies President's Note: *In early January 2015, Janelle Swearingen sent me this article for the purpose of showing admiration and support for Renee Harvey, Museum Librarian, who has been in charge of the huge task of moving the library from Gilcrease Museum to the Helmerich Center for American Research. This article speaks to the great amount of work done by the Archival Gillies. The numbers in the article reflect the work that had been done two months ago so we could no doubt double those numbers now that the move is completed. Archives Chair Leona Graham says, "The Helmerich Center for American Research now will require many months of planning, filing, putting away, and then, probably rearranging it again so that it works smoothly." No photo or words can adequately describe the huge task completed by this group of dedicated people. We can just say, "Thank you!" – Sally Tucker*

By Janelle Swearingen

What does it take to move a library?

First, all books and periodicals must be boxed, and the boxes sorted in the order they are to be shelved.

Rare Books, maps, documents, manuscripts, and photographs must be handled with care. Then, there are the other items in flat storage, supplies, finding aids, reference material, etc.

The moving company in charge of this? Lots of Gillies and Dolly, Inc.

From the beginning, library volunteers were included in the planning for the move. We all agreed that it would be best for the collection if we were the ones doing the job.

Starting in October, Sarah Erwin Library volunteers and a few kind Gillie friends have been busy moving the library.

In November, it became obvious that additional work days would be required, so the "Wednesday Afternoon Gillies," as they are called, increased their work schedule to two full days a week – packing and shelving books and periodicals. More than 2,000 boxes of books and periodicals have been packed and the shelving crew has shelved about 1,500 boxes so far. In the final stages we will move the documents, photos and rare books.

A crew from the University of Tulsa has been helping move the boxes over to HCAR.

Librarian Renee Harvey has done a masterful job of planning and organizing the move. She has gone above and beyond the call of duty supervising the workers while maintaining her sanity, and in the meantime,

serving the needs of some important researchers. All of us feel fortunate to be working with her.

The Sarah Erwin Library Gillies include: "Packing & Shelving" crew – Elaine Faulkner, Leona Graham, Amanda Lawrence, Robyn Sanzalone, Bruce Swearingen, and Janelle Swearingen; "Miscellaneous Tasks" – Jim Brown, Jacque Frye, Jenk Jones, and Jerri Jones, Don Pearson, and Deanna Storm. Other Gillies lending a hand: Kathy Horne (shelving), Larry Lancaster (moving boxes.) Non-Gillies helpers: Caroline Swinson, library cataloger, and D. J. Mason, HCAR custodian.



Gillies Archives Chair Leona Graham rolls in more boxes filled with materials to be placed in library of the new Helmerich Center for American Research, as Janelle Swearingen holds open the steel door.

Photo by Erik Campos



Gillies Archives volunteer Bruce Swearingen meticulously shelves books in the new Helmerich Center for American Research building, as Leona Graham struggles with a full box.

Photo by Erik Campos

SHOP TALK

**Frances Whisman,
Gilcrease Museum Shop Chair**

The Gilcrease Museum Shop has been steady with sales this past month.

New merchandise continues to arrive – clothes, jewelry and other items. Sale books are still on the cart at the front of the museum shop. Items have been moved with the arrival of new merchandise.

New faces are in the shop, as the Interns are being trained. We are bidding a sad farewell and best wishes to Ryan Brandt who is moving out of state at the end of February. He has been an asset to the shop in the short time he has volunteered.

Starting in March, Shop Director Amanda Burns is providing trainings each month for her staff and has invited the Gillies who volunteer in the shop to join in the trainings. The first training is scheduled for March 2, and will be on Archival Reproductions. The discussion for the first training will be the AR process from the order to the delivery, answering all of our questions. This is a new opportunity for anyone who volunteers in the museum shop.

Come by the Gilcrease Museum Shop and join in the museum store activities as it continues to grow.

There still are openings in the shop schedule, if anyone needs hours. To volunteer, feel free to contact me at: frances.whisman@cox.net or 918-759-1131 (cell) or 918-224-8325 (home).

Gillies Library Roundup...

- Robert W. Sears, Library Chair

Gilcrease Museum has been busy this fall and winter with the opening of several new exhibits. *Frontier to Foundry: The Making of Small Bronze Sculpture in the Gilcrease Collection* exhibition will be continuing through March 23.

The exhibit highlights the early history of bronze casting in the United States. Using examples drawn from the Gilcrease collection, the techniques of sand casting and lost wax casting are both demonstrated. If you haven't experienced this exhibit, don't let it pass you by.

For further information on bronze sculpting, please refer to the following publications in the Gillies Library: *Cast and Recast; the Sculpture of Frederic Remington*, by Michael Shapiro. (Call no. N6537.R4 S4 1981); *Bronzes of the American West*, by Patricia Broder. (Call no. NK7912 B76 1973); *Icons of the West: Frederic Remington's Sculpture*, by Michael Greenbaum. (Call no. N6537.R4 G73 1996); *Charles M. Russell: Sculptor*, by Rick Stewart. (Call no. ND237.R88 S73 1994)"**Remember: Check Out Your Library!**"

Gillies to Explore Native American Exhibit at Sherwin Miller Museum

Join the Gillies on a visit to the Sherwin Miller Museum at 10:00 a.m. on March 10 to explore the works of Oklahoma Native Americans who express shared traditions and experiences with Jews.

The new exhibit, *Ancient Ways: Modern Forms – An Exploration of Parallel Experience in Native American and Jewish Cultures by Oklahoma Native Artists*, features paintings, pottery and sculpture by the Southeastern Indian Artists Association. Artists connect with the Jewish people in several ways: the importance of keeping traditions alive, and of being forced to vacate their homelands, and persecution.

The entrance fee will be waived. Gillies are invited for lunch for \$10.00 per person. Parking will be at the museum at 2021 E. 71st St. (off 71st Street between Lewis Avenue and Peoria Avenue.) Coordinating the visit are Gillies Sharon Benjamin and Dana Simon. RSVP to Sharon at (918) 609-5774 or email: sharonbenjamin8@gmail.com and indicate if you will be staying for lunch.

Archives Symposium Open to The Gillies

The Gillies are invited to participate in a two-day symposium on Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., presented by the Gilcrease Archives in the new Helmerich Center for American Research.

The symposium is "Unlocking the History of the Americas."

Tickets are \$50.00 for museum members, including Gillies, and \$75.00 for not-yet members. The ticket price includes all lectures and lunch for both days.

For a complete list of speakers and registration information, visit gilcrease.utulsa.edu/unlockinghistory. Deadline is March 13. Seating is limited. For more information, contact Natalie Panther at (918) 631-6414, or Natalie-panther@utulsa.edu

The Gillies
 Thomas Gilcrease Institute of American History And Art
 1400 Gilcrease Museum Road
 Tulsa, OK 74127

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 2015

2 – Summer Tour Comm.	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
3 – Development Comm.	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
6 – Docents Meeting	Gallery 18	9:30 a.m.
Dr. Duane H. King, Executive Director of HCAR		
6 – FMPOV	Gallery 18	noon
<i>John Ford – Poet in the Desert,</i>		
Joseph Malham, author and iconographer		
9 – IT Meeting	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
9 – Hospitality Comm.	Gillies Library	11:00 a.m.
10 – The Gillies' Visit		10:30 a.m.
Sherwin Miller Museum		
12 – Executive Comm.	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
12 – Education Comm.	Board Room	1:00 p.m.
13 – Board of Directors	Board Room	9:30 a.m.
15 – Funday Sunday	Museum	noon
20 – Gillies Coffee	Vista Room	10:30 a.m.
Membership Mtg.	Auditorium	11:00 a.m.
Gillies Luncheon	Vista Room	noon
Gilcrease Forum	Auditorium	1:00 p.m.
<i>My Journey</i> , Winnie Perdue, elder of Cherokee Nation		

23 – <i>Frontier to Foundry</i>		Closes
27 & 28 – Archives Symposium	HCAR	9:00 a.m.
<i>Unlocking the History of the Americas</i>		
29 – <i>Private Collections to Public Treasures</i>		Closes
30 – Provisional Training	Helmerich Hall	10:00 a.m.
<i>Focus on Favorites – Exploring the American Experienc</i>		

April 2015

3 – Docents Meeting	Gallery 18	9:30 a.m.
Speaker: Dr. Brian Hosmer, Associate Professor of Western American History, University of Tulsa		
3 – FMPOV	Gallery 18	noon
<i>Is Art Good for Us</i> , Dr. Joli Jensen, Professor of Communications, University of Tulsa		
7 – Area Volunteer Coffee	Vista Room	10:00 a.m.
9 – Executive Comm.	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
9 – Education Comm.	Board Room	1:00 p.m.
10 – Board of Directors	Board Room	9:30 a.m.
13 – Appreciation Luncheon	Vista Room	noon
19 – Funday Sunday	Museum	noon
20 – Summer Tour Training	Helmerich Hall	10:00 a.m.

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