



SMOKE SIGNALS

April 2017

It was a Success!!!

By Alan Jarvis, President

The March 17 Annual Membership Coffee, Meeting, Luncheon, and Gilcrease Forum were a roaring success. Thank you to all Gillies for participating in a great day. I'm sure not everybody knows the amount of planning, effort and execution it takes to put on a day like this. Thank you to all that helped make this day happen.

The big surprise for the day and totally unknown to me was Director Jim Pepper Henry presenting me (for all Gillies) with a Certificate of Recognition from Mayor G. T. Bynum, honoring the Gillies and their 50 years service to Gilcrease Museum. I was proud too accept the certificate in honor of all Gillies, past and present. Jim also presented two cards. These cards contained not only signatures of Museum Staff but notes of congratulations and gratitude to the Gillies for their 50 years of service. These two cards are on the board in the sign-in room. I have to admit that I totally forgot to put the certificate of recognition on the board too. It will be there on Monday though, I promise.

I also left copies of The Campaign for Gilcrease – FAQ. Please pick up one of these the next time you're in the museum. After attending several meetings concerning the Campaign, I do believe that it's a very important step to insure that the dream of Thomas Gilcrease continues for many generations to come.

Congratulations to our new Executive Officers for the year 2017 - 2018. President Sharon Patch, President-elect Kathy Horne, Vice President Kathe Crapster, Treasurer Frances Whisman, and Secretary Barbara Bush all assume office on June 1. I feel very confident that they will be able to fix anything that I may have goofed up.

We still have money in the bank and thanks to Treasurer Frances Whisman we also passed a new budget for next year. And what about J.D. Colbert and Tuckabache? Do you know that The Gillies host the Gilcrease Forum twice per year? Gilcrease Forum Chair Teresa Adwan searched high and low for the speaker, and did she ever find one. The auditorium was filled for a great presentation. Thank you Teresa, we thank you and the museum thanks you.

I'm going to close by thanking Donna Gainey, Museum Volunteer Services Coordinator for hosting the luncheon for us. If you see Donna in the museum, please be sure to tell her thanks.

And Thank You Everybody. Alan



Newly Elected Executive Board for 2017-18

Treasurer Frances Whisman, Secretary Barbara Bush, President Sharon Patch, President Elect Kathy Horne, Vice-President Kathe Crapster, and Past-President Alan Jarvis.



Gillies Receive Mayoral Decree!

Gilcrease Museum Director, James Pepper Henry presents Gillie President, Alan Jarvis, with Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum's Certificate of Recognition for Gillies' 50 years of service to the Gilcrease Museum!

Many thanks to Dana Simon for all the photos in this edition of the Smoke Signals!

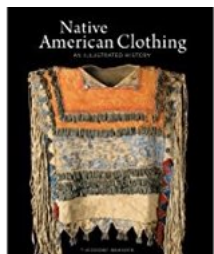
Check it Out!

By Kathy Horne, Gillies Library Chair

Plains Indian Art: Created in Community is receiving rave reviews! Many tours are scheduled for this exhibition in the months ahead. If you are interested in deepening your knowledge of Plains Indian art, please don't forget about our Gillies Library. Below is just a sampling of available titles with much to offer on this topic:

The Plains Indians: Artists of Earth and Sky – was published in 2014 in conjunction with an exhibition that travelled from Paris to Kansas City (Nelson Atkins Museum) to New York City (Metropolitan Museum).

Native American Clothing: an Illustrated History – is a collection of photographs from museums, collectors, and private dealers that documents five centuries of Native American artistry. Text is by Ted Brasser (2009).



Plains Indian Art: the Pioneering Work of John C. Ewers – brings together Ewer's essays written over several years on the visual art traditions of the Plains people. Ewers chose items from the various collections within the Smithsonian Institution to beautifully illustrate his research.

Many other titles on Plains Indian art await your attention. Check it out!!

Please Take Note

By Wennette Pegues,
Secretary

Get well card sent to:

D'Ann Bartley (husband: Jerry Penn – surgery)

Change of email address:

Nancy Foote: foote.gaga@gmail.com

Change of address:

Margaret Foster
P.O. Box 1177
Sand Springs, OK 74063

Ed Webster
Primrose Retirement Community
823 S. Range Road Apt. 117
Stillwater, OK 74074

Sympathy cards sent to:

Tara Wright---Death of her mother
Family of Mary Lou Scharf

Request for change in membership status:

Ed Webster---to Associate

Please send changes in contact information (address, phone, and email), as well as news about a Gillie who is ill to Gillie Secretary Wennette Pegues, 918-585-2089/ wpegues@cox.net.

ACCESS SMOKE SIGNALS ISSUES ONLINE ON THE GILLIES WEBSITE

You may read the current issue and past issues of the Smoke Signals newsletters.

Here's how:

Go to: www.thegillies.org

Log-in: thegillies (all lower case and run together)

**The Password is: Gilcrease2014
(capital G and all run together)**

If you have any questions about the website, contact Gillies Information Technology Chair Tom King at:
tking5419@cox.net or call 918-496-4683.



Don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Charles Marion Russell Symposia - Behind the Brush on May 6th in the Helmerich Center** You may register for the Symposia online NOW on the Gilcrease web site.

Exhibition Update

- **Masterworks from the Gilcrease Collection**9/1/16 - ongoing
Gilcrease Museum Permanent Collection (Myers Gallery)
- **Creating the Modern Southwest**.....10/9/16 - ongoing
Gilcrease Museum Permanent Collection (Gallery 4)
- **The Essence of Place: Celebrating the Photography of David Halpern**.....11/21/16 - ongoing
Organized by Gilcrease Museum with exhibition prints loaned from the artist
(Helmerich Hall & Corridor)
- **Plains Indian Art - Created in Community**.....2/26/17 - 8/27/17
Organized by HCAR and Gilcrease Museum (American West Gallery)
- **Textured Portraits: The Ken Blackbird Collection**.....2/26/17 - 8/27/17
Organized by the Buffalo Bill Center of the West (Ancient Americas Gallery)
- **Black Bodies in Propaganda: The Art of the War Poster**.....4/9/17 - 7/9/17
Organized by the TZ Production Company from the collection of Tukufu Zuberi (Getty Gallery)
- **The Power of Posters: Mobilizing the Home Front to Win the Great War**.....4/9/17 - 7/9/17
Organized by Gilcrease Museum (Getty Gallery)
- **Emergence of the Cherokee Nation in the Indian Territory - 1828-1866**.....8/27/17 - 1/21/18
Organized by HCAR and Gilcrease Museum (Getty Gallery) *(tentative closing date)*
- **Kay WalkingStick - An American Artist**.....10/6/17 - 1/7/18
Organized by American Federation of Arts (American West Gallery)
- **T.C. Cannon: Remember Me Blues**.....7/14/18 - 9/9/18
Organized by Peabody Essex Museum (American West Gallery)
- **Blake Little: Photographs from the Gay Rodeo**.....7/7/18 - 10/7/18
Curated by Eiteljorg Museum, managed by Exhibits USA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance and the National Endowment for the Arts (Gallery 4)
- **Albert Bierstadt: Witness to a Changing West**.....11/4/18 -2/2019
Organized by the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in conjunction with Gilcrease Museum with OU Press publication by Peter Hassrick, Karen McWhorter, Laura Fry, and Emily Burns (American West Gallery)

ROTATIONS/RENOVATIONS 2017

- **Enduring Spirit**, Rotations & Updates..... 6/17/17 - ongoing
Organized by Gilcrease Museum (Enduring Spirit Galleries)
Installation from 5/30/17 - 6/16/17
- **Kravis Discovery Center**.....Closed for renovation 6/1-30/2017
- **Sculpture of Gilcrease** (tentative title).....11/2017 - ongoing
Gilcrease Museum Permanent Collection (Ancient Americas Gallery)
Installation 10/16/17 - 11/10/17

TENTATIVE EXHIBITIONS

- **Thomas Gilcrease: The Collector** (tentative title).....Early 2018 - ongoing
Gilcrease Museum Permanent Collection (Getty Gallery)



On St. Patrick's Day at the Gillie Forum, famed Tulsa storyteller and scholar J.D. Colbert spoke to a capacity crowd of Gillies and the public showcasing Tuckabache, a Creek veteran of the Trail of Tears and a founding citizen of Tulsa. He appeared in a long black frock coat and a high-crowned black hat with a beaded hatband and he sported a silver-gray ponytail.

He is shown in the photo, courtesy of Dana Simon, with Gillie President Alan Jarvis, Gilcrease Museum Director James Pepper Henry, J.D. Colbert (before he changed into his costume), Gilcrease Museum Volunteer Services Coordinator Donna Gainey, and Gillie Forum Chairman Teresa Adwan.



Hospitality Committee Shines Again!

Many thanks to these fabulous folks for providing refreshments before the General Meeting on March 17th. They are: seated, left to right: Linda Harkey, Nancy Teasley, Lana Clark, and Janice Henshaw. Standing, left to right: Frances Whisman, Hospitality Chair Dick Clark, Pat Nye, Nancy Pfeifer, Susan Lorton, Suzanne Hinkle, Martha Hughes, Buryl Hughes, JoAnne Goin, and George Hill.

At almost every Gillie event, whether it's the Newcomers Coffee, Area Volunteers Coffee, Gillies Coffees, General Membership Meetings, Docent Meetings, Annual Membership Party in November, we all see the results of their labors of love. We always appreciate your behind the scenes efforts to make all Gillie events decorative with wonderful refreshments. Thank you folks, you are appreciated more than you know.

Photos from March 17th Luncheon - Friendship, Food, and Fun.



Adrena Mahu and Dennis Wilson



Ann Sartain and Gary Borchert.



JoAnne Goin and Winnie Perdue



Julie Godsby, Ann Sitz and Barbara McFall



Marion Richardson and Cherita Harris



Bob Ritz and John Admire

LOTS OF Q AND A!



Q: What animal helped win the Revolutionary War AND brought mail to settlers?

A: **A Horse, of Course!**

Q.: What is the Summer Tour Program all about?

A: Using the theme, “**A Horse, of Course,**” Docents will tour children, ages 5 – 10.

Q: How can docents learn all about the Summer Tour Program?

A: You trot right on down to Docent STP Training

Q: When is that?

A: May 15, 10:00am

Q: Where?

A: Helmerich Hall

Q: Is this going to be boring?

A: Neigh, neigh!

Q: Am I going to have fun?

A: It is MANE-LY fun!

Q: Sounds great! I want to start right now!

A: Hold your horses! The summer tours will be **every Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 – 11:00a.m. in June and July (except July 4). See you May 15 for training! Saddle up!**



Sally Tucker, Summer Tour Program Chair



DOCENT CORNER

By Rod Schneider, Docent Chair

Training for *Plains Indian Art: Created in Community* was completed during the March Docent Meeting with 79 docents and provisional docents attending. It was a great turnout. Laura Fry presented a lecture on the Modern and Contemporary Paintings by Plains Artists. These paintings are displayed in the last Gallery, which she curated, and tied in nicely with our training session.

The Gillies Board of Directors recently voted on a change to Docent tour requirements. The change is that a **maximum of 6 tours** in other areas may be counted towards the 16 tours per year requirement of all docents. (Other areas include GGTS, SOG, Kravis Labs and Garden Tours). This change is effective with next year's tour count which begins May 1, 2017.

The April Docent Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 7 in Gallery 18 with coffee served by our Hospitality Committee at 9:30 a.m. This will be the last Docent Meeting of the Gillie year.

The Docent Spring Luncheon is scheduled on Monday, May 1, in HCAR. Reservations will be accepted no later than April 24th. Your check is your reservation.

Docent Luncheon

Monday, May 1 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Helmerich Center for American Research

Price: \$21.00 per person

Make Check Payable To: Rod Schneider

18412 E. 90th St. N., Owasso, OK 74055

GILLIES MEMBERSHIP DUES

Due JUNE 1, 2017

Dues for the year 2017-2018 are due now for all Gillies.

Associate Members ... \$35.00

Active Members ... \$30.00

Mail to:

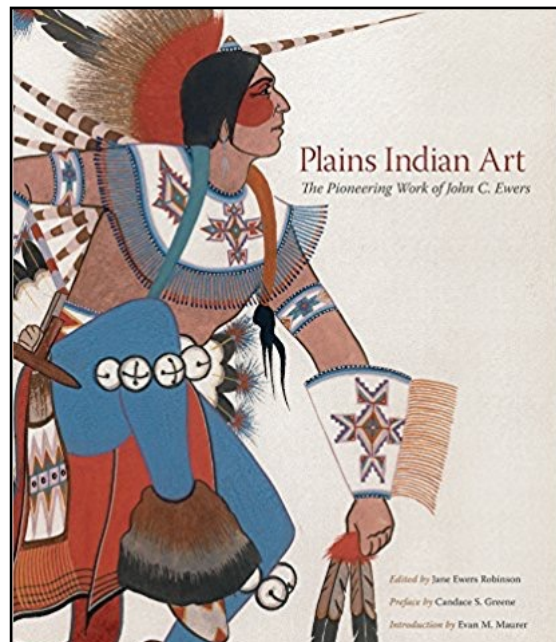
Frances Whisman

2207 South Hickory, C-1

Sapulpa, Oklahoma, 74066

Reminder: The Gillies membership dues are not the same thing as Gilcrease Museum membership dues. All Gillies must be members of the museum. Those dues are separate from the Gillie dues, and the museum staff contacts all members when those dues are due.

The museum collects museum dues, and The Gillies collect Gillie dues. Any questions, feel free to call me at: 918-759-1131



Alcohol in the Museum

By Gillie President Alan Jarvis

The Gillies have been asked by the Museum to no longer **supply or serve** any alcoholic beverage at any Gillie function at the Museum. To comply with Oklahoma liquor laws, anybody serving liquor must have a valid liquor license. We need to comply, not only with the liquor laws but from a liability perspective as well. Should someone be injured after attending a Gillie event where alcohol was served, the Gillie Organization could be held liable, not to mention the Museum, the City of Tulsa, and TU. In reality, this only affects a couple of functions: The Area Volunteers Coffee in April (mimosas) and the Gillies Annual Membership Party in November. We have been treated to wine on several other occasions when the museum has hosted an event for us. This type of event would have been served by Sodexo, the service that runs the restaurant. This type of event could continue in the future, and it would be the museum and Sodexo supplying and serving the wine. If we decide we want wine at a Gillie event, we can contract Sodexo to have a cash bar for us and we can purchase our own wine by the glass. This is actually very cost effective and the Gillies might actually save a little money.

I want to thank everybody in advance for graciously adhering to this request.

~ Alan

More Wonderful Photographs taken by Dana Simon from the March 17th General Meeting and Luncheon. Enjoy!



Barbara Paradise Kelley and Tom Pendergraft



Oliver Sundby and Jerry Ashlock



Steve Walls and Doug Kisling

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL 2017

3 - Area Volunteers Meeting
 6 - Development Office
 7 - Docent Meeting (Open to all Gillies/Interns)
 FMPOV- Tukufu Zuberi:
 Black Bodies in Propaganda
 8 - Gallery Talk – Dr. Tukufu Zuberi
 9 - Music on Exhibit (Curley Taylor, Zydeco Band)
 13 - Exec. Comm. Mtg.
 13 - Educ. Mtg.
 14 - Board of Directors Meeting
 15 - Music in the Museum – Tulsa Symphony
 16 - Funday Sunday
 22 - Earth Day Art Blast

Vista	10:00 a.m.
Board Room	10:00 a.m.
Gallery 18/Study	9:30 - 11 a.m.
 Vista	 12 noon
	1:30 p.m.
Gilcrease Auditorium	2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
Board Room	1:00 p.m.
Board Room	9:30 a.m.
Helmerich Hall	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Museum	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Museum	10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MAY 2017

1 - Docent Luncheon
 3 - Newcomers' Coffee
 4 - Development Office
 6 - Behind the Brush:
 The Art and Life of C.M. Russell
 11 - Exec. Comm. Mtg.- Joint Meeting
 11 - Educ. Mtg. – Joint Meeting
 12 - Board of Directors Meeting – Joint Mtg.
 14 - Music on Exhibit (Ruthie Foster – Blues/Folk)
 19 - Gillies Membership Meeting
 21 - Funday Sunday

HCAR	11:00 a.m.
Vista Room	10 a.m. – 12 noon
Board Room	10:00 a.m.
 HCAR	 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
Board Room	1:00 p.m.
Gallery 18	10:00 a.m.
Gilcrease Auditorium	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
The Club	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Museum	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES BY JUNE 1!

HEAR, HEAR, THE TIME IS HERE!!

By Marsha McElroy, Vice President

**It is time to begin preparations for the next great
Gillies Class, 2017-2018.**

**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 Marsha McElroy
(918)857-9621**

email: marsha.mcelroy@cox.net

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

**The Newcomers' Coffee for all prospective
volunteers is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, at
10:00 a.m. in the Gilcrease Vista Room.**

The Gillies

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