



Smoke Signals

May - 2014

Comments from our President

Sondra Mullins

It is finally spring at Gilcrease and the gardens are beginning to come to life. Time draws near for the new Gillies year, which brings the turnover of officers and board. The support the Gillies have for the museum has, as always, been outstanding; in the words of Mark Dolph's "What you do really does make a difference".

There have been many changes at the Museum this year. We have seen the start of the Digitization Initiative, which will eventually record everything in the collection. While two spectacular long-term exhibits, *On Common Ground* and *Focus on Favorites*, have brought our favorites back into the Galleries, there have also been several special exhibits, such as *Yellowstone and the West: The Chromo-lithographs of Thomas Moran*, *Gilcrease Museum Folio Editions*, and *Buffalo Bill's Wild West Warriors*. All year, we have watched the construction progress of the Helmerich Center for American Research, which will be available for researchers to study and learn about the Gilcrease collections. It should be completed shortly.

Thanks to the Docents who gave *First Visit* tours and presented *Gilcrease Goes to School*. They have made a difference to 4000 first graders this year, giving them a great new experience. And thanks as well to Jim Walker and Linda Harkey for training a wonderful group of Interns and Docents this year. With their help, and the Interns to come, the Gillies will continue to grow as a great volunteer group.

Be sure and attend the General Membership Meeting on May 16 to welcome incoming President Sally Tucker and the new officers and board for the upcoming year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Gillies president for the most dedicated group of volunteers I know. Continue to **THINK POSITIVE**.



New Executive Board: Left to Right

Sondra Mullins, - Past President
 Marsha McElroy - Treasurer
 Kathy Horne - Secretary
 Sharon Patch - Vice President
 Dana Simon - President Elect
 Sally Tucker - President

NEW INTERN CLASS FORMING SOON

It's not too late to recommend someone for the 2014-2015 Gillies Intern Class. We know referrals from current Gillies can pave the way for Interns to quickly become a part of our Gillie family. Please send names and telephone numbers, email addresses if possible to Judy Baggett, baggett513@aol.com. We would like to invite prospective Gillies to the Welcome Coffee on May 6th. After the Gillies Luncheon on May 16th, send information to the new Vice-President Sharon Patch.

Judy Baggett, Vice-President 2013-2014

2014 – 2015 GILLIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Anthropology – Wayne Frenier
Art – Barbara Boone
Development – Judy Baggett
Digitization – Rod Schneider
Docents – Charley Wyatt
Education/ Public Programs – Silvia Furgason
Gardens – Erna Schneider
Gilcrease Goes to School – Ken Fike
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Kravis Discovery Center – Dolores Frenier
Museum Shop – Frances Whisman
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Computer – Larry Lancaster
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Gilcrease Library – Robert Sears
Hospitality – Lana Clark
Intern Education – Glenna Anderson
Newsletter – Bill Leutz
Service Hours – Karen Jarvis
Standards – Gertrud Schmidt
Travel - Beverly Wilcox

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Friday, May 16, 2014
Drink Tickets sold @ 10:30
Luncheon @ 11:00a.m.
The Club at Indian Springs, Broken Arrow

Menu

Cilantro and Pine Nut Stuffed Chicken Breast
Roasted Sliced Pork Loin
Wild Rice
Glazed Carrots
Asparagus Spear with Hollandaise Sauce
Salad Bar and Fruit Tray
Dessert Cobbler

Can accommodate dietary restrictions with advance notice to tucker211@windstream.net

\$14.00 check payable to “The Gillies”

Sent by May 9, 2014 to

Jim Clapp
4607 E. 93rd Pl.
Tulsa, OK 74137

Your check is your reservation

DOCENT RENDEZVOUS

- Linda Harkey, Docent Chair

We had a total of 69 in attendance at the April Docent Meeting. The presentation on the Gilcrease Garden was a nice finish for the Docent year.

We currently have 80 Docents out of which 4 are on Leave of Absence, resulting in 76 Active Docents. This includes 12 Provisionals who have now passed their Standards Review: They are Annette Boles, Jerry Boles, Keith Bowers, Carolyn Ekenstam, Barbara McFall, Julie Gentz, Minisa Crumbo Halsey, Margarita Harrison, Sharon Paley, Mindy Paschal, Wennette Pegues, Sharon Terry. Congratulations to all.

The March Gilcrease Museum Tour Report shows that we gave 99 tours to a total of 2,357 visitors – utilizing a total of 516 Volunteer hours.

Our last Any Given Child-First Visit tour in *Enduring Spirit* for the TPS schools was April 15. This program was a great success thanks to all the hard work of the Docents. We will have training for the new Any Given Child-First Visit tour next Fall. This program will be held in the *On Common Ground* exhibit. The title and theme of the new program will be “Everything Leaves A Track.”

We have recently sent the *Focus On Favorites* Object and Label Lists of Art and Anthropology, as well as the wall labels for the documents, to all Docents. Please let me know if you cannot open any.

I would like to say thank you to Rod Schneider and Sondra Mullins for giving me the opportunity the last two years to be your Docent Chair. I truly appreciate all the wonderful Docents that we have at this museum and for being able to work with so many of them. It was a pleasure to work with the various exhibit programs and the training of Provisionals.

For Your Information ...

Dana Simon, secretary

Resignation:

Diane O'Brien

New Address:

Lois Mason

105 Veterans Drive, Villa D

Jenks, OK 74037

Phone number is the same

Sympathy Notes sent to:

Judy Baggett upon the death of her aunt.

Sharon Terry upon the death of her father-in-law.

Mark Dolph upon the death of his father-in-law.

Please send changes in 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

SHOP TALK

- Frances Whisman, Chair

The shop has remained steady this past month with new items arriving for purchase. Items are being moved around, especially with the new exhibits in the museum. Amanda and Melanie have returned from market and new jewelry has arrived for the sales in the next month.

The big sales are around the corner. A jewelry sale for Mother's Day is scheduled for May 9-11 with 25% off of jewelry and gift wrapping is free. The Father's Day Sculpture sale is scheduled for June 13-15 with 25% off all bronze sculptures. No other discounts apply during these two sales. Both are great sales to honor your mothers and fathers or to pick up that special gift for someone.

The other sale for the spring is the Native American Treasures Trunk Show brought to Gilcrease by Harold Finkelstein on May 16-18. He brings jewelry, fetishes and other treasures which will sell in the museum shop. For more information, look on page 17 of the latest edition of the Gilcrease Museum Newsletter (Spring 2014) for more information on Harold and his background with his treasures.

To volunteer, feel free to contact me at: frances.whisman@cox.net or 918-759-1131 (cell) or 918-224-8325 (home). Shifts can be found for anyone needing hours.



Spring has arrived in the Gilcrease Gardens
Daffodils in Stuart Park

Digitization

- Bill Leutz - Chair

As the Gillie year draws to a close for 2013-2014, there have been a great many changes for the Digitization effort. From November, 2013, when it was recognized as a full Gillie function, eleven Gillies have been trained in this area. Openings are still available in either Scanning or Photography. If any of you are interested in working with us, please contact Rod Schneider at (918-272-7651 or rodfs@cox.net, who will serve as Chair during the coming year.

Mystery Solved

Gillies Travel to Oklahoma's 'Bad Lands'

Thirty of our Gillies, who were game for a mystery trip adventure, left for parts unknown from Gilcrease Museum on sunny Saturday morning, April 5.

In Muskogee we met our guide, Dr. Ron Hood, a Tulsa orthopedic surgeon, and continued to our first stop, the scenic park overlook of Eufaula Dam and the surrounding rolling hills. We then traveled deep into Indian Territory where notorious Oklahoma outlaw Belle Starr lived and carried on her lucrative business of horse thievery during the late 1800s.

Dr. Hood and his wife, Donna, purchased 55 acres where Ms. Starr's log cabin used to stand, and where she is buried. The Hoods reconstructed a cabin and also Ms. Starr's looted grave marker near her home. The area is designated as an Oklahoma Historic Site.

Dr. Hood, a history buff, narrated the life and times of Belle Starr. Even though she was a well-educated, cultured lady of her times, who also was an accomplished pianist, Belle was a true juxtaposition. She was killed in an ambush while riding her horse home from a neighbor's house in Eufaula at age 41.

Ron and Donna Hood have rebuilt their cabin into a warm and cozy retreat which they love to share with visitors. Before leaving, they treated the Gillies to a lavish brunch.

The Mystery Tour continued to Muskogee for a down-home lunch at the Harmony House restaurant and bakery. After that, the Gillies proceeded on to the Ataloa Lodge Museum on the Bacone College campus where John Timothy, the director and cultural interpreter, explained the history of Ataloa. John also played his flute for the Gillies. Then it was back to the Gilcrease Museum after a fun day with perfect weather.

It was just another great Gillies Trip. (Travel Committee: Joe Meeks, Dana Simon, Erna and Rod Schneider)



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 2014

2- Docent Luncheon	Campbell Hotel	11:00 a.m.
2 – <i>From My Point of View</i>	Gallery 18	Noon
“Shoot ‘Em Ups on the Little Screen”		
6 – Newcomers Coffee	Vista Rm	10:00 a.m.
8 – Exec. Com. (Joint)	Gillies Lib.	10:00 a.m.
8 – Educ. Com. (Joint)	Board Rm.	1:00 p.m.
9 – Board Mtg. (Joint)	Gallery 18	10:00 a.m.
16 – General Mbrshp Mtg/Lunch		
	Indian Springs CC, BA	11:00 a.m.
19 – Summer Tour Trng.	OCG	10:00a.m.

June 2014

6 – <i>From My Point of View</i>	Gallery 18	Noon
“Chief John Ross and His Papers”		
Duane King		
12 – Exec. Com. Mtg.	Gillies Lib.	10:00 a.m.
12 – Educ. Com.	Board Rm.	1:00 p.m.
13 – Board Mtg.	Board Rm	9:30 a.m.

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