



SMOKE SIGNALS

May 2015

Comments from our President

- Sally Tucker

Looking Back on 2014-2015

A year ago, I could see that there were many changes on the horizon for the museum and the Gillies so it was natural to ask Gillies to "come grow with me." And growing we have done. Many Gillies took additional responsibilities as their roles expanded, and practically every volunteer area increased its number of volunteers.

As each of us served the museum, we grew individually, not the least of which was your president. I have grown to appreciate even more every Gillie who not only gives time and expertise to the museum and our organization, but does so cheerfully.

I have learned to appreciate the Gillies history, those who came before us and established our framework and set in place a model for us to follow. How lucky we are that our membership is composed of many longtime members who continue to serve and are mentors for us. I have grown to have a greater respect for the museum staff which is most helpful and professional as we work toward museum goals. Among them, of course, is the Gillies' best friend, Mark Dolph.

Fellow Executive Committee members, along with the Board members, have played such a vital role in this year's successes. They are focused, diligent, and so very amiable. Thanks to our leaders for saying, "Yes!" when asked to step up. This growth will continue. In place, to ensure that happens, are President Dana Simon, President-Elect Alan Jarvis, Vice President Linda Harkey, Treasurer Marsha McElroy, and Secretary Kathy Horne.

Albert Schweitzer said that the only people who are really happy are "those who have sought and found how to serve." It has been a privilege to serve as Gillies President and to work alongside the happiest, hardest working museum volunteer group in the world.

May General Membership Luncheon

The Club at Indian Springs

16006 E. 131st St. South, Broken Arrow

Gather at 10:00 a.m., meeting & luncheon to follow

\$15.00, payable to "The Gillies" by May 11

Send to Marsha McElroy,

5206 S. Harvard Ave., #331 Tulsa, 74135

Give fond farewell to Susan Neal, Interim COO

Meet Exec. Director Jim Pepper Henry

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Using Tulsa highways, take either the B.A. Expressway or the Creek Turnpike. Both have Elm Pl. (E. 161st St.) exits. Turn south and go to E. 131st St. South (also called Jasper). At dead end, make a right and a quick left into The Club.

To travel only city streets, plan your own route as Elm Pl. stretches from E. 131st St. to East 41st St. and intersects all major Tulsa streets. Also E. 131st St. (Jasper) intersects all major Tulsa streets from Sheridan Rd. to E. 161st St. (Elm Pl.)

GILLIES BUSY-NESS

As we all gather, there will be much activity. Rod Schneider will be taking photos of those Gillies who have signed a photo release form, and have not already had a photo taken for the pictorial directory for the 2015-16 Gillies Handbook. Sharon Patch will have a list there so we don't have to remember if we're on the list or not.

Treasurer Marsha McElroy and Sondra Mullins will be refunding money to those who had ordered the *Peyote Bird* cold cast sculpture. Marsha also will be collecting Gillie dues.

Service hours chair Karen Jarvis will be handing out Gillies stars.

Meeting, greeting, celebrating, getting photos taken, receiving money and a Gillies star, and enjoying good food and drink Can it get any better?

DOCENT CORNER

- Charley Wyatt, Docent Chair

Finish! If we ever need to concentrate on a word as Docents, it's during the month of May.

The Tulsa Public Schools were testing during April and are scheduled to come to Gilcrease in droves, especially during the first two weeks of May. I hope you have already filled the many tour slots that our Day Captains have to schedule, and that you have a great time as we **Finish** this Gillie year.

Our Docent Meetings will have **Finished** after the Luncheon on May 4. The April Meeting was really fun as we heard from Brian Hosmer and Mark Dolph in the PACCAR classroom at HCAR. I appreciate your attendance and attention at these programs.

Our Provisional Docents have nearly reached the **Finish** Line as a class. Sixteen people have been successfully reviewed and nearly all have been touring on their own for a few weeks, not only in *First Visit* tours, but also *On Common Ground*, *Focus on Favorites*, and *Enduring Spirit*. Their first steps have been **Finished**, but they have so many more to take.

As we come to the end of the year, there are a few who are coming to the end of their time as Docents. We will recognize them at the Docent Luncheon – suffice it to say, it's not my job to call them **Finished** in this space. But I will certainly lead the cheers for them as they make their decisions known.

Thanks to the Day Captains, to Dana Simon and the Chairs who make up the Education Committee, to Gertrud for Chairing the Standards Committee so wisely, to the Executive Committee for their leadership.

Thanks to Mark Dolph for his dedication to excellence and his willingness to speak for The Gillies.

Thanks to Sally for her strength, grace, poise, and wit. She has been a wonderful President!

Finally, thanks to the Docents of Gilcrease Museum. It's been a great year to be a Docent. This article is **Finished**.

Come One! Come All! Share the Treasures

Share the Kravis Discovery Center's amazing treasures with the public.

KDC desk facilitators are needed.

Share the artifacts in the drawers and on the shelves.

For training: Dolores Frenier (918) 495-3953.

Gillies Membership Dues Are Due Now

Dues for the year 2015-2016 are due now for all Gillies.

Active Members ... \$ 30.00

Associate Members ... \$ 35.00

Make your check payable to "The Gillies."

Mail to:

Marsha McElroy

5206 S. Harvard Ave. # 331

Tulsa, OK 74135

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 Gillies dues.

Development Office Gillies Provide Varied Services

Judy Baggett, Development Office Chair

Development Office Gillies have had a wide array of duties over the past Gillies year.

Regular duties include preparing renewal letters and Gilcrease Museum membership cards for mailing. There have been requests for a variety of special projects, including assembling bid boxes for the Collectors' Reserve Art Sale, and inserting batteries in the small flashlights used in the *Frontier to Foundry* sculpture exhibit.

Small projects, such as, preparing lanyards and restructuring membership flyers for the opening of the Helmerich Center for American Research have been completed, all with smiling cooperation.

One Gillie keeps the SmArt Cards available for museum guests. A special request has had another Gillie folding, sealing and stamping the *Smoke Signals* newsletters that are mailed monthly to those Gillies without email. A special thanks to Larry Lancaster, IT chair, for providing the address labels used each month.

We gather each month to work and to catch up on each others' lives – more than once a month if necessary. We've enjoyed working with Caitlin Getchell and Karen Darling in the Development Office and look forward to the next Gillies year.

Many thanks to this great team!

Please Take Note

~Kathy Horne, Secretary

Corrected address:

Nancy Pfeifer
2434 E. 72nd St.
Tulsa, OK 74136

New email:

Elizabeth Butler – eabutler@swbell.net

Death:

Happy Young – March 18, 2015

Get well cards sent to:

Glenna Anderson
Judy Reiners
Joe Tipton

Sympathy cards sent to:

Linda Galbraith – death of father
Jenk and Jerri Jones – death of Jenk's cousin
Fay and Shirley Larson – death of Fay's brother
Susan Neal – death of mother-in-law
Dana Yarbrough – death of father

Thinking of you cards sent to:

Marcia and John Clark
Nancy and Don Roberts
Carolyn and Russell Rumsey
Nancy and Robert Teasley

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

BY-LAWS CHANGE

At the May 15, 2015, General Membership Meeting, Gillies will be voting on a proposed by-law change regarding the Nominating Committee.

The by-law as it is currently written is:

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES
Section 1. Standing Committees

E. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members and two (2) alternates. The immediate Past President may serve as a non-voting member. The committee shall prepare a single slate of officers for the following year. They shall also prepare a single slate for the succeeding Nominating Committee and shall designate one member as chair.

The proposed by-law, which has been approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, reads:

E. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members and two (2) alternates. All members shall have completed five (5) years of service to the Gillies. The immediate Past President will serve as a voting member. The chair will be chosen by a vote of the previous year's committee and will be a non-voting member. The committee shall prepare a single slate of officers for the following year. Members of the committee may not make nominations for officers. They also shall prepare a single slate for the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee.

Rationale: In order to have strong Gillies leadership, the Nominating Committee should be composed of knowledgeable, experienced members. The Nominating Committee Chair has many duties, such as informing the committee about the job descriptions of various officers, giving guidelines for the nominating process, and facilitating the meeting from a position of neutrality. For many years, it has been understood that Gillies on the Nominating Committee do not individually make nominations. This is a practice that now will be in writing.

What stays the same: The Nominating Committee still will consist of five members, one of which will be the immediate Past President. There still will be two alternates. The committee still will prepare a single slate of officers for the following year. They still will prepare a single slate for the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee and will select the chair.

What will be changed: The immediate Past President will have a vote. The chair of the committee will not have a vote. All members of the committee must have completed five years of Gillies service. It will be in writing that members of the nominating committee may not make nominations.

How would that impact the nominating committee that was just elected? The Nominating Committee that will meet in February 2016, chaired by Jim Walker, **will be under the current by-law.** However, when they select the Nominating Committee for the next year, that committee will choose members who have completed at least five years of Gillies service, and that committee for 2016-2017 will follow the changed by-laws as they select a slate of officers for 2017-2018.

STORE CHATTER

**Frances Whisman,
Gilcrease Museum Shop Chair**

Changes continue to happen in the Gilcrease museum store.

The large printer has been moved to the storage area of the museum store. Store employees are now printing copies of the archival reproductions.

New merchandise keeps arriving along with bronze sculptures in preparation for the May and June sales. May 8 through 10 will be the Mother's Day Jewelry Sale with 25% off of any jewelry. May 29 through 31 will be the Native American Treasures Trunk Show & Sale with pieces from Harold Finkelstein. Each piece is handcrafted in a home workshop. Then, June 19 through 22 is the Father's Day Sculpture Sale with 25% off of bronzes.

Openings in the store schedule are available to those who wish to work more hours. To volunteer, contact me at: frances.whisman@cox.net or (918) 759-1131 (cell) or 918-224-8325 (home).

Finally, it has been my pleasure to serve the Gillies as the museum store chairman for the past two years. It has been a wonderful ride, and I look forward to assisting in the transition to a new store leader for the Gillies as I move to new adventures. Thank you does not seem enough to Gillie store volunteers for all they have done.

Heroes & Photos

**By Sharon Patch
Gillies Vice President**

Heroes: You may continue to submit names of possible Gillie Prospects to Sharon Patch, spatchba@gmail.com or (918) 451-0310.

After May 8, please send names to our new Vice President, Linda Harkey.

Photos: With the hopes of printing a pictorial directory next fall, we must have your signed Gillies Photo

Release Form

in order to include your photo.

These new forms were introduced at the March General Membership Meeting.

Extra forms may be found in the Gillies Sign-In room and they will also be available at the next General Membership Meeting on May 15.

Mother-Daughter Gillies, A Special Relationship

Note by President Sally Tucker: *About a year ago, I asked two Gillies, Mary Elliott and Diane Cox to write about their mothers who were also Gillies. Mary's story about her mother, Neva Brannin, appeared in the June-July Smoke Signals, and below is Diane Cox's story about her mother, Virginia Krumme.*

By Diane Cox

I have been a Gillie for almost 20 years (Intern Class 1996) and for a part of that time, my mother, Virginia Krumme, was also a Gillie.

Always a very busy person, Mother never felt she had time for the training involved. However, after my dad died, she decided it was time to do something she had always wanted to do – become a Gillie.

We had always appreciated the Gilcrease collection as a family, but for the time we were both Gillies, Gilcrease became even more special.

At one time, we planned to take a museum-sponsored trip to Copper Canyon, Mexico, with curator Dan Swan. Unfortunately, shortly before the trip, Mother fell and broke her arm rather badly. She was not willing to cancel the trip, so with her arm in a sling, we set off on what was at times a very strenuous trip in very rugged territory.

I remember one stop where the Mexican hosts were demonstrating the Deer Dance to us and asked for volunteers to participate. Out of the entire group, the only volunteer to get up and do the Deer Dance was my mother, complete with her arm in a sling!

She was the Energizer Bunny personified.

Take a Gillies Garden Tour

Gillies, when was the last time you enjoyed a garden tour?

The Gilcrease Garden tours will commence on April 18 at 11:00 a.m., and they will continue thereafter each Saturday until the end of June.

These tours are slow paced with easy walking paths.

So, join us and the public for a stroll through the Gilcrease Gardens.

- Thanks, Erna Schneider, Gardens

Wanted: Docents For Summer Tours

Training for the Summer Tour Program, *Face-Time with Super Heroes*, is just around the corner.

There still is time to get your name on the list!

The tours take place in the *Focus on Favorites* galleries featuring real-life Super Heroes.

Bring your calendars to the training so you can reserve the dates you would like to do tours. You will find the June and July dates for tours listed in the Mark Your Calendar section of this May issue of the *Smoke Signals* newsletter. Tours will be scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Training will be in Helmerich Hall Monday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!

RSVP to Silvia Furgason: silviaf@cox.net

NEWSLETTER

As I move on to my life in Michigan, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Gilcrease Museum and the Gillies for the past four years of opportunities; not the least being these last two years as Newsletter Chair.

- Bill Leutz



Just for fun, four of the 16 new Gillies Docents dressed up alike for the Appreciation Luncheon on April 13. Wearing outfits they purchased in the Gilcrease Museum Store are: Barbara Bush, left, Judy Howard, Diana Myers Stephenson and Faye Finley.

Photo by Erik Campos

Photographs from April Events



Gillies Hospitality Committee crew members Patti Kastl, left, Pat Nye, Janice Henshaw, Susan Lorton, Christy Thomas, Lana Clark, Marietta Seibert, Frances Whisman and Dick Clark, take a break after setting up the Vista Room for the Area Museums Volunteer Coffee held on April 7. Not shown is Nancy Teasley.

Photo by Erik Campos



Marjory Hooker, who has been a Gillie since 1988, couldn't have been a more deserving winner of the drawing at the Appreciation Luncheon held on April 13, as she gets a hug from Director of Volunteer Services Mark Dolph. The prize was the exhibition catalogue book for the new show, *California Impressionism: Selections from The Irvine Museum*, which runs through September 6.

Photo by Erik Campos

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 2015

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| 1 – FMPOV | Gallery 18 | noon |
| <i>What You See Is ... What?</i> , Cheryl Smallwood-Roberts,
Gilcrease Museum Assistant Curator | | |
| 1 – Gallery Talk | Myers Gallery | 1:30 p.m. |
| <i>California Impressionism: Selections from
The Irvine Museum</i>
Mr. Jean Stern, Executive Director, The Irvine Museum | | |
| 3 – <i>California Impressionism: Selections from
The Irvine Museum</i> | Exhibition Opens | Myers Gallery |
| 4 – Docents Luncheon | HCAR, Grand Room | 11:30 a.m. |
| 6 – Newcomers' Coffee | Vista Room | 10:00 a.m. |
| 6 – Development Comm. | Gillies Library | 10:00 a.m. |
| 7 – Joint Exec. Comm. Mtg. | Gillies Library | 10:00 a.m. |
| 7 – Joint Educ. Comm. Mtg. | Board Room | 1:00 p.m. |
| 8 – Joint Bd of Direct. Mtg. | HCAR | 10:00 a.m. |
| 11 – Museum Closed | | |
| 13 – Gillies Day Trip | Bentonville, Ark. | 7:15 a.m. |
| 15 – Gen. Membership Mtg. | Indian Springs Club | 11:00 a.m. |
| 15 – Gen. Membership Lunch | Indian Springs Club | noon |
| 17 – Funday Sunday | Museum | noon |
| 18 – Summer Tour Training | Helmerich Hall | 10:00 a.m. |

June 2015

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| 3 – Development Comm. | Gillies Library | 10:00 a.m. |
| 5 – FMPOV | Gallery 18 | noon |
| <i>When Fiction Masquerades As Fact: A Novel Find in the
Gilcrease Archives</i> , Dr. Laura M. Stevens, Associate
Professor of English, University of Tulsa | | |
| 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30 – Summer Tour Prog.
<i>Focus on Favorites</i> 10:30 a.m. | | |
| 10, 17, 24 – Summer Tour Program
<i>Focus on Favorites</i> 1:00 p.m. | | |
| 11 – Exec. Comm. Mtg. | Gillies Library | 10:00 a.m. |
| 11 – Educ. Comm. Mtg. | Board Room | 1:00 p.m. |
| 12 – Bd of Direct. Mtg. | Board Room | 9:30 p.m. |
| 21 – Funday Sunday | Museum | noon |

July 2015

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| 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 – | Summer Tour Program | <i>Focus on Favorites</i> 10:30 a.m. |
| 8, 15, 22, 29 – Summer Tour Program | | |
| | <i>Focus on Favorites</i> | 1:00 p.m. |
| 19 – Funday Sunday | Museum | noon |

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