



Interior of a School Room by William Tolman
Carlton, 1856

SMOKE SIGNALS

MAY, 2018

GRATITUDE

Sharon Patch, President

The word is defined as the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and return kindness. I am certainly filled with **gratitude**.

Many thanks...

- to those who left a rich legacy for us to follow and, mind you, they set a high bar. Those in leadership positions, from our founders of 51 years ago to the recent past, blazed the trail and many continue to mentor today. Thank goodness I was often the recipient of their kindness.
- to our current Executive Committee of elected officers. It has been a wonderful leadership team all of whom agreed to take on an expanded role in decision making with miles of smiles and lots of hard work. It has been a joyful experience.
- to our Board of Directors. I hope my heartfelt appreciation is obvious. Each of these appointments was accepted graciously and each individual has done an outstanding job. It was a terrific team that worked well together, laughed together, and enjoyed delightful refreshments at every meeting. What more could I have asked for?
- to our staff at the museum and at HCAR. We are grateful for their willingness to give of their time, their expertise and their guidance. Our hard-working Executive Director, Susan Neal, always found time to drop by our Board meetings for an update of museum business and to meet with our President and President-Elect for a monthly information exchange. Our staff liaison, Donna Gainey, was always available, and I do mean always, working diligently on our behalf.
- to our entire Gillies membership, active and associate alike. You are the BEST and you make our organization the BEST!
- and much praise for our newly named 2018-2019 Executive Committee: President Kathy Horne, President-Elect Kathe Crapster, Vice President Sally Tucker, Secretary Barbara Bush (for a 2nd term), and Treasurer Nannette Tresner. You are beginning a wonderful journey and an enormous commitment to service ensuring our continued success.

We are one big volunteer family and it has been my honor and my privilege to serve as your President.

THANK YOU!

Sharing and Caring
Gillies Volunteering Is
Ever So Divine!

Make Your Reservation Now!!

General Membership Meeting & Luncheon
The Club at Indian Springs
16006 E. 131st St. S, Broken Arrow, OK



Friday, May 18, 2018

Menu

Cilantro and Pine Nut Stuffed Chicken
Sliced Pork Loin
Wild Rice
Glazed Carrots
Asparagus Spears
Rolls & Full Salad Bar
Cobbler with Whipped Cream

Your check is your reservation.

\$16.00 check made payable to “The Gillies”

Sent by Friday, May 11, 2018 to:

Frances Whisman
2207 S. Hickory, C-1
Sapulpa, OK 74066

Schedule

10:00 - Meet and Greet

Coffee available

Alcohol/wine tickets - \$9.00

11:00 - Meeting

Induction of the Class of 2018

New Executive Committee Installed

Noon - Buffet Luncheon

You don't want to miss this special day!!

GILLIES DUES!

Gillie Dues should be paid by June 1, 2018.

Active Gillies: \$30
Associate Gillies: \$35

Send check made payable to “The Gillies” to:

Frances Whisman
2207 S Hickory, C-1
Sapulpa, OK 74066

Remember: Gillies dues are NOT Museum membership dues!

SUMMER TOUR 2018

Denise Rock, Education & Public
Programs Chair

Games Tie Us Together

Training: Monday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Come enjoy the fun of learning the games of the past that are still played today. Summer Tour dates are June 5th through August 2nd. Tours will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Tours will not be scheduled during the week of July 4th.

AREA VOLUNTEER COFFEE

By Dana Simon, Gilcrease Forum Chair



Greeters: Silvia Furgason, Linda Harkey, Nannette Tresner, Kathe Crapster



Sharon Patch at the podium.

The annual Area Volunteers Coffee was held in the Vista Room on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Eighty-seven guests were welcomed by forty Gilcrease representatives, including Museum Staff, Gillie Board members, and the Hospitality Committee. They were addressed by Executive Director Susan Neal, Gillie President Sharon Patch, and Volunteer Coordinator Donna Gainey.

Brunch was served and tours of the *Norman Rockwell: Behind the Camera* were provided for our guests.

The photos above show Gillie hosts and hostesses with representatives from the Tulsa Historical Society, Tall Grass Prairie Preservation, Spiro Mounds, Cherokee Heritage Center, Philbrook Museum of Art, Sapulpa Historical Society, Will Rogers Museum, Broken Arrow Historical Museum, and the Military Historical Center in Broken Arrow.

Volunteers from Woolaroc Museum, Sand Springs Cultural & Historical Center, Oklahoma Historical Society, Route 66 Museum, Pawnee Bill Museum, Ataloea Museum at Bacone, Dewey Hotel and others also attended.

Gilcrease Gardens

By Jerry Ashlock, Gardens Chair



Dian Peacock, Class of 2018, went to Gilcrease on Saturday, April 7, to give her first Gardens tour. It was a chilly, blustery morning, but since it was also the first tour of the 2018 season, there was a chance that visitors would come to see how Winter had affected our landscape.

The photos on the left and right of this text show what she found. The tour was cancelled, of course.

Spring IS here, as shown in the photo of *Sacred Rain Arrow* below, and the Gillie Gardens tours have begun! Twelve Garden Gillies offer public tours on Saturdays at 11:00 and are available for scheduled tours as well. Public tours only cover the upper gardens, but the lower gardens can be included if requested.

Tours cover the following areas:

Victorian Garden	<i>Sacred Rain Arrow</i>
<i>Crisita</i>	Patricia Wheeler Rock Garden
Lea's Cutting Garden	Mausoleum
<i>Strength of the Maker</i>	Friendship Garden
<i>Simon Bolivar</i>	Gillies Garden
Garland Kilmer Colonial Garden	
Senator's Walk	

Tours last 45 minutes to an hour.



From the Desk of Kathe Crapster, Gillies VP

Congratulations to the Gillies Class of 2018

By Kathe Crapster, Vice President

May is a time for graduations across the nation. The Gillies also have a new class to celebrate! During the annual luncheon on May 18th at The Club at Indian Springs, the Class of 2018 will be receiving their Certificates of Intern Training. It will be an absolute joy to give these hard working men and women their 'official' Gillies badges.

You have seen their photos in the sign-in room, but a more informal group picture is shown here. It was taken as they ventured down into the lower Gilcrease Gardens. On the far left are Assistant Trainer Bonnie Lytal, and Allen Wallis. Back row left to right: Greg Bledsoe, Ron Young, Robert Taylor, David Steele, Dian Peacock, Anna Turner, Barbara Kelley and Trainer Sally Tucker. In the front row from left to right: Larry Hicks, Roberta Hovis, Stephen Campbell, Cindy Strasheim and Robin Crowell.

Hooray for the Class of 18! WELCOME!



Charles Russell Sure Could Swing a Rope

By Kathe Crapster, Vice President



You can pick out Charles Russell in this photo of him and Harry Carey with a young child circa 1921. They are teaching the youngster how to swing a lasso.

Like Charles Russell in this photo, we Gillies are swinging our lassos far and wide to gather new recruits for the 2018-19 Intern Class.

Please do your part by speaking with folks you know who might want to become a Gillie. Just forward their names and contact information to Donna Gainey at (918)596-2782 or donna-gainey@utulsa.edu.



Store Chatter

Joe Tipton, Museum Store Chair



VISIT OUR NEWLY REMODELED
MUSEUM STORE AND
REFRESHMENT AREA.



We are proud of our Museum Store where the best gifts and keepsake souvenirs are found. The Store offers outstanding selections of Native American art, bronze sculptures; jewelry made of turquoise, coral, and silver; period clothing and complementary accessories. There are items related to our exhibitions and our permanent collection. Check out the expanded area of books with Native American and Western themes. Don't forget the many new items for children.

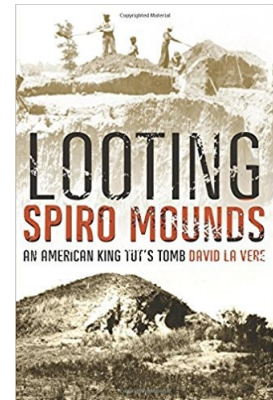
Check It Out!

Carol Stookey, Gillies Library Chair

Two new titles have been added to the library this month.

If you are looking for a good read, ***Looting Spiro Mounds: An American King Tut's Tomb*** by David Laverre, might be it. One reviewer writes, "Mounds is no dry summation of some obscure archaeological site. It's a rollicking account of the seemingly inexplicable looting of a once-great ancient American Indian town. La Vere weaves together the historical facts of the ancient American Indian mound builders with the more recent backstory of the grave robbers and the archaeologists involved, making this book an entertaining read and a valuable resource."

Historical Atlas of Oklahoma (4th edition) by Charles Goins and Danney Goble offers information on many topics relating to Oklahoma and its history and settlement.



Service Hours Notice from Nancy Hammond, Service Hours Chair

Gillies and Interns who have earned 100 or more service hours between May 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018, will be awarded a star for their name badges at the General Membership Meeting on May 18. The stars will be on the table near the entrance to the dining room. Replacement stars will also be available for \$1.50 at the meeting.

Ge-tsi-no-hi-se-di

Barbara Lee Bush, Secretary

Gillies ~ Please check your personal information in the Directory/Handbook (available in the Gillie Sign-In Room) and confirm your address, telephone number and email are current. Let me know if a correction is required. Thank you!

Sent *Get Well* cards to:

Judy Baggett
Lana Clark

Change of Address:

D.C. Anderson
18003 E. 51st St. S, Broken Arrow, OK 74134

Mailed a *Thinking of You* card to:

Robert Sears

Change of Email Address:

Sandy Montgomery sandydeonier@gmail.com

Please send changes in contact information (address, phone, and email), as well as news about a Gillie who is ill, to Gillies Secretary Barbara Lee Bush at 951-317-4664, email: bush.raintreeranch@gmail.com.

THANKS TO MAINTENANCE TEAM

By Charley Wyatt, Newsletter Chair

After signing the daily log in the Gillie Signin Room at the start of the day, do you ever stop and look around at the inside of the Museum? This old building looks great!

I smile every time I enter the Museum, especially before the doors open to the public. The doors are so clean you don't know there's glass in them. The floor shines like you wish yours would at home. Every light bulb is glowing. Every frame is clean. Every electronic device is already showing announcements or programs to watch.

The Gilcrease Museum Maintenance Team handles all that and more. Carolyn Hill, a 20+ year veteran at Gilcrease, leads her group of five hard-working people.



Carolyn Hill, Maintenance Leader

DJ Mason, Travis Mammedaty, Alan Ogden,
Carrie Chapman, Debra McDowell, Carolyn Hill

The team does all cleaning activities, shampoos and vacuums rugs, polishes floors, changes lightbulbs, sets up meetings in the Vista Room (often several times a day), and reacts to the many situations created by Museum visitors. In addition, they may help with exhibit setup and removal.

Every day, they support all three floors of the Museum, but here's the 'rest of the story': They also support the Gilcrease House, the Helmerich Center for American Research, AND the Henry Zarrow Center for Art and Education in the Tulsa Arts District!

Please take a minute while at the Museum next time and thank this group for their hard work. They make our work easier and contribute greatly to the Gilcrease experience for our visitors.

**The Gillies
Thomas Gilcrease Institute of
American History and Art
1400 North Gilcrease Road
Tulsa OK 74127**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May

03 Development Office Meeting	Board Room	10:00 a.m.
04 Docent Luncheon	Vista Room	11:30 – 1 p.m.
06 <i>The Big Trail</i> Exhibition Talk & Screening	Circle Cinema	2:00 p.m.
10 Executive Committee Meeting (Joint)	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
10 Education Committee Meeting (Joint)	Board Room	1:00 p.m.
11 Board of Directors Meeting (Joint)	Gallery 18/Study	10:00 a.m.
11-13 Mother's Day Jewelry Sale, 25% off	Museum Store	
14 Summer Tour training	Helmerich Hall	10:00 - Noon
15 <i>Smoke Signals</i> deadline for June/July issue		
18 General Membership Meeting & Luncheon Club at Indian Springs		10:00 – 2 p.m.
19 Rockwell Drawing Workshop (Registration required)	Museum	10:00 – 4 p.m.
20 Funday Sunday	Museum	Noon – 4 p.m.
26- 06/03 Zapotec Rug Trunk Show	Museum Store	

June

05, 07, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 Summer Tour	Museum	10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
07 Development Office Meeting	Board Room	10:00 a.m.
07 Executive Committee Meeting	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
07 Education Committee Meeting	Board Room	1:00 p.m.
08 Board of Directors Meeting	Board Room	9:30 a.m.
15-17 Father's Day Bronze Sale, 25% off	Museum Store	
17 Funday Sunday	Museum	Noon – 4 p.m.
19 Jazz Night, featuring Matt Magerkurth	Vista Room	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

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