



SMOKE SIGNALS

JUNE / JULY, 2017

Gillies Volunteering is Divine!

Sharon Patch

Gillies President

This refrain from the song “Gillie Time” sung by the Gillie Glee Club Singers(GGCS) at the annual November Membership Party was a tribute to what we all know.

The numbers are in and this year alone....

- There were 3 trips organized by the Travel Committee
- SOG revised 6 former presentations to make them shorter in length with a new one in the works
- Our Standards Committee reviewed 49 Docents
- Anthropology volunteers completed transferring all artifacts into temporary storage
- GGTS reached 3,273 students
- 33 new books were added to our Gillies Library
- Art proofed all labels in the Museum and assisted with disposing of 800 art frames
- Kravis Discovery Center had 15,849 visitors and scheduled 31 labs
- Archives Gillies continued their journey into the past working with historical documents relating to Stand Watie, Ethan Allen Hitchcock, John Ross, and others
- 2 outstanding Gilcrease Forums were held featuring Mary Kathryn Nagle, a young activist attorney and J.D. Colbert, a noted historian and storyteller
- The combined Intern/Docent training class resulted in the presentation of 15 new Gillies at the May General Meeting with Certificates of Completion.
- Gillies performed 632 tours
- Education/Special Programs and friends were responsible for cutting out over 7000 “horse parts” for the Summer Tour Program

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- There is no counting the number of guests welcomed by our 49 permanently scheduled Greeters
 - 6 Docent trainings were held
 - The Imaging Gillies photographed almost 1500 objects
 - The Development Office contributed 202 service hours
 - The Hospitality Committee served more than 995 Gillies
 - Your Executive Committee spent hours upon hours counting the coins, keeping up with membership, writing reports, planning events and in general making the year a smooth ride with the outstanding leadership of President Alan Jarvis
- ... and finally, the Gillies Grand Total of Service Hours was 29,486 which is the equivalent of 14 full-time paid employees!

Many, many thanks to all of our active Gillies working behind the scenes or on the front lines, to those Associates who continue to support the Museum by attending Gillies functions and acting as goodwill ambassadors in the community and finally, to those 13 dedicated women who were inspired by Thomas Gilcrease and his collection to create this wonderful volunteer organization in 1967. Now 50 years later what we all know....

GILLIES VOLUNTEERING IS DIVINE!

CLASS OF 2017

John Admire, JoAnne Goin, Willis Allen, Kat Swearingen, Oliver Sundby, Cheryl Groenendyke, Cherita Harris, Diane Karn, Marian Richardson, Adrena Mahu, Kathy Suprenaw, Judith Ungerman, Dennis Wilson. Not shown: John Ashlock, Kimberly Norman.



DOCENTS' CORNER

Deanna Storm, Docent Chair

Docents:

Congratulations on a year successfully completed. Welcome to all our new Docents and congratulations to you for successfully completing the training program. I hope all of you (new and "otherwise") will take a deep breath, contemplate what you have achieved during the past year, and be filled with renewed energy and enthusiasm as we face the beginning of a new Gillies year.

To get the year off to a good start, I am asking that each of you complete a short Docent Questionnaire for the current year. Your prompt attention in doing so would be appreciated, and will help the new Day Captains to get organized. Questionnaire forms can be found in the Gillies sign-in room and a folder is provided for depositing your completed forms.

Speaking of Day Captains, I am pleased to announce the following lineup for 2017-2018.

Day Captain Chair

Silvia Furgason

Day Captains

Tuesday: Christy Morrow

Wednesday: Judy Howard

Thursday: Nancy Hammond

Friday: Carolyn Ekenstam

Weekend (Sat/Sun): Judy Reiners

Please join me in congratulating each of them in their appointments and in thanking them for taking on this very important responsibility. If you don't yet know your Day Captain, that will soon change – they will be in touch!

Remember: *Docents are flexible; they are responsible; they never stop learning; they are part of a team; they support each other; and communication and planning are keys to their success.*

Thank you for being part of the Gilcrease Docent team.

2017-2018 Gillies Board of Directors

PRESIDENT – Sharon Patch

PRESIDENT – ELECT – Kathy Horne

VICE PRESIDENT – Kathe Crapster

SECRETARY – Barbara Bush

TREASURER – Frances Whisman

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ANTHROPOLOGY – Nannette Tresner

ARCHIVES – Jacque Frye

ART – Joe Meeks

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE – Silvia Furgason

DIGITIZATION – Mary Estrada

DOCENTS – Deanna Storm

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS – Denise Rock

GARDENS – Diana Myers Stephenson

GILCREASE GOES TO SCHOOL – Linda Harkey

GREETERS – Wennette Pegues

KRAVIS DISCOVERY CENTER – Rod Schneider

MUSEUM STORE – Joe Tipton

SPEAKING OF GILCREASE – Judy Baggett

STUDENT ART SHOWS – Dale Brown

GILCREASE FORUM – Dana Simon

GILLIES LIBRARY – Carol Stookey

HOSPITALITY – Lana Clark

INTERN EDUCATION – Sally Tucker

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – Tom King

SERVICE HOURS – Nancy Hammond

SMOKE SIGNALS – Charley Wyatt

STANDARDS – Sondra Mullins

TRAVEL – Erna Schneider

T.U. AUDIT PROGRAM – Teresa Adwan

AUDITOR – Diane Cox

DAY CAPTAIN CHAIR – Silvia Furgason

GILLIES ART SHOW – Dick Clark

INTERN EDUCATION ASSISTANT – Bonnie Lytal

PARLIAMENTARIAN – Nancy Setter

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair – Teresa Adwan

Bonnie Lytal

Marsha McElroy

Jacquie Frye

Deanna Storm

Alan Jarvis

First Alternate: Pat Davidson

Second Alternate: Nancy Setter

Gillie Art Show

Dick Clark, 2017 Chair

Please Take Note

By Wennette Pegues, Secretary

Get well cards sent to:

Diane Karn

Sandy Montgomery

Pat Davidson

Minisa Crumbo Halsey—husband

Sympathy cards sent to:

Family of Carolyn Joan Morris

Alan and Karen Jarvis—death of their son

Change in Contact Information:

Ruth Weston rdweston2@gmail.com

Requests for changes in membership status:

Fay Larson—to Associate

Shirley Larson—to Associate

Marjory Hooker –to Associate

Jim Brown—Resignation

*Please send changes in contact information
(address, phone, and email) as well as news
about a Gillie who is ill to Gillie Secretary
Barbara Bush, at 951-317-4664/
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Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have your art displayed at Gilcrease Museum? Well, that opportunity is about to happen.

Each year, the Gilcrease Museum honors Gillies artists with an art show to display their art for their comrades and the public who enter the doors of the museum. We are looking for all Gillies with that certain artistic ability to join the Gillie Art Show. The art show runs from July 10 to August 6, 2017. Your entry does not have to be art on canvas or paper, but it can be the art of jewelry making, basket weaving, needlework, etc. It is all ART. The deadline for letting me know that you want to be a participant in the Gillie Art Show is June 28, 2017. Please email me at channonclark@prodigy.net or call me at 918-288-6949 if you want to display your art. At that time I will send you “The things you need to know about entering the art show.” Looking forward to a successful Gillie Art Show.

We are planning a reception on Sunday, August 6, 2017 for family and friends of all the artists that have participated in this year’s show. This gesture is well appreciated and gives us a chance to honor our artistic Gillies.

You have plenty of time to create that piece of art that you have said you wanted to do, but....well just haven’t. So get busy.

Please help me make this the biggest and best Gillie Art Show honoring our 50th year of service to Gilcrease Museum.

Gilcrease Museum & Helmerich Center

2016-2018 Exhibition Schedule

Masterworks from the Gilcrease Collection

(Myers)

Gilcrease Museum Permanent Collection

10/16/16 through early 2018

Creating the Modern Southwest

(Gallery 4)

Gilcrease Museum Permanent Collection

10/16/16 through early 2018

The Essence of Place: Celebrating the Photography of David Halpern

(Helmerich Hall & Corridor)

11/21/16 – ongoing

Plains Indian Art: Created in Community

(American West)

Organized by HCAR and Gilcrease Museum

2/26/17 through 8/27/17

Textured Portraits: The Ken Blackbird Collection

(Ancient Americas)

2/26/17 through 8/27/17

Black Bodies in Propaganda: The Art of the War Poster

(Getty)

4/9/17 – 7/16/17 (Tentative Closing)

The Power of Posters: Mobilizing the Home Front to Win the Great War

(Getty)

4/9/17 - 7/16/17

After Removal: Rebuilding the Cherokee Nation

(Getty)

Organized by HCAR and Gilcrease Museum

8/27/17 through 1/21/18

Kay WalkingStick: An American Artist

(American West)

10/6/17 through 1/7/18

Norman Rockwell: Behind the Camera

(Getty)

Organized by Norman Rockwell Museum

2/16/18 – 6/10/18

WHISMAN SELECTED 'VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR' BY ARTS ALLIANCE TULSA

Donna Gainey, Volunteer Services Coordinator

Two years ago, in its inaugural year as an organization, Arts Alliance Tulsa, a 40-member non-profit arts organization, presented The Gillies with the "Volunteer of the Year" award for outstanding service to Gilcrease Museum. This year, an individual Gillie will be honored with the award for outstanding service. By the April 6th deadline, our award winner had already logged 36 museum tours, 22 GGTS presentations and 50 SOG presentations for a total of 523 hours (which included other volunteer duties...museum shop, hospitality and Gillies Treasurer.) The remainder of the month of April added even more hours to this impressive list. Frances Whisman was honored at a brunch on May 20th at the Hyatt Hotel for her service and dedication to the community through Gilcrease Museum. Thank you, Frances, you do us proud!

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE MAY—HERE ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY 2017



We welcomed new friends at the Newcomers Coffee in the Vista Room featuring Docent Chair Deanna Storm and Intern Education Chair Sally Tucker and Assistant Bonnie Lytal, and celebrated the Gillie year during the General Meeting at the Club at Indian Springs. Both were well attended and displayed The Gillies Spirit!



Meanwhile, The Gillies, represented by Mary Elliott and Sunni Wager in Anthropology, continued their great work to provide support to Gilcrease in so many ways. This photo, provided by Nancy Setter, shows Sunni measuring Ross moccasins in order to update an artifact card. Thanks to all The Gillies!!



IT'S A HORSE, OF COURSE!

The Summer Tour Program will run from June 6 through July 27, and will show, once again, the imagination and talents of The Gillies. The program's leaders are Sally Tucker and Denise Rock, last year's and this year's Education & Public Programs Chairs. Denise Rock, Sandy Montgomery, Sally Tucker, and Sondra Mullins are shown individually clockwise from top left.

So, what are these smiling Gillies working on in the photo below—cutting out body parts for horse puppets, of course! As the saying goes “it takes a village,” especially when 8,000 parts are needed. Volunteer workers in the bottom left photo are: Jerry Blauer, John Admire, Sylvia Furgason, Belinda Eubanks, Mindy Paschal, Alana Trisler, Nancy Kingery, Cordi Mansfield, Cathy Luccock, Sandy Montgomery, Judy Howard, Margaret Foster, and Barbara McFall.

A huge THANK YOU to all who volunteered their time!



The Gillies

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE

01 - Development Office Mtg.	Board Room	10:00 a.m.
01-04 Zapotec Rug Trunk Show	Museum Store	
02 – From My Point of View	Gallery 18	Noon
David Halpern: Photography		
05 – Gillies Mystery Day Trip		
06 – Prospective Gillies Interviews	Gillies Library	10 – 4 p.m.
06, 08, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 & 29 (<i>A Horse, Of Course!</i>)		10:30 a.m.
Summer Tour Program		
08 – Executive Committee Meeting	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
08 – Education Committee Meeting	Board Room	1:00 p.m.
09 – Board of Directors Meeting	Board Room	9:30 a.m.
13, 15, & 16 Prospective Gillies Interviews		10 – 4 p.m.
	Gillies Library.	
16-18 Father's Day Sculpture Sale	Museum Store	
(25% off)		
18 – Funday Sunday	Museum	Noon – 4 p.m.
19 – Hospitality Committee Meeting	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
20 – Prospective Gillies Interviews	Gillies Library	10 – 4 p.m.
20 – Jazz Night	Vista Room	5:30 -7:30 p.m.
(Devre Jackson & Friends)		
27, 29 & 30 Prospective Gillies Interviews		10 – 4 p.m.
(Gillies Library)		

JULY

06 – Development Office Meeting	Board Room	10:00 a.m.
06, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 & 27 (<i>A Horse, Of Course!</i>)		10:30 a.m.
Summer Tour Program		
07 – From My Point of View	Gallery 18	Noon
Mark Dolph: <i>The Power of Posters</i>		
07 – Gillies Art Show	CLC Hallway	Opens
16 – Funday Sunday	Museum	Noon – 4 p.m.

AUGUST

03 – Development Office Meeting	Board Room	10:00 a.m.
06 – Gillies Art Show Reception	CLC	1:00 – 3 p.m.
07 – Gillies Art Show	CLC Hallway	Closes
10 – Executive Committee Meeting	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
10 – Education Committee Meeting	Board Room	1:00 p.m.
11 – Board of Directors Meeting	Board Room	9:30 a.m.
20 – Funday Sunday	Museum	Noon – 4 p.m.
30 – Intern Coffee	Vista Room	10:00 a.m.

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