



SMOKE SIGNALS

June - July, 2019

THE GILLIES 2019-2020

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Docent Day Captains

Tuesday - Ron Young
Wednesday - Janet Hayes
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Weekends - Stephen Campbell

Special Assignments

Auditor - Marsha McElroy
Gillies Art Show - Dale Brown
Intern Education Assistant - Sondra Mullins
Nominating Committee Chair - Ken Fike
Parliamentarian - Sondra Mullins
Photographer - Dana Simon

GROUNDKEEPING

Every year at the Area Volunteer Coffee, the Gillies host volunteers from over 30 different museums, gardens, and cultural venues from the Tulsa area and beyond. It's an opportunity to share what is happening at each of their sites. This year, our Gillies President, Kathy Horne, did a beautiful job hosting and welcoming our guests at the event. As usual, she represented the Gillies with grace, devotion, enthusiasm and commitment. When you see her, please take a moment to thank Kathy for her service to the Gillies. She has earned our gratitude!

Following the coffee, Kathy invited the guests to tour the Gilcrease Museum. They were especially encouraged to walk through the Pulitzer Prize Photos exhibition. While they were leaving the museum, I overheard several comments about how troubled they were by what they had seen in the photos. So much violence, hate and heartache. As they walked to the parking lot, someone mentioned how all of us gathered that day were "keepers of history." It seemed the exhibit sparked a valuable emotion - a renewed dedication to keep telling stories of the past so that guests remember it and perhaps are not condemned to repeat it.

Whether we work in the Museum Store, serve as Greeters, visit with friends, or give tours, we have the opportunity to share stories told within this vast collection - and a chance to help keep history meaningful and relevant. As Gillies, we might consider ourselves as part of a team of groundskeepers, tending to history. We are helping keep it alive. And maybe, just maybe, we can plant a seed of inquiry, empathy, curiosity, or understanding.

-Kathe Crapster, President



Executive Committee Meetings: 10:00 a.m. in the Gillies Library
Education Committee Meetings: 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room

Annual Membership Party
All Gillies! 5-8 p.m.

Board of Directors Meetings
9:30 a.m. – Board Room



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Docent Luncheons
11 – 1:00

Gillies Art Show
July 9 – August 4th
Reception
July 14th
in CLC from
1:00- 3:00 p.m.

May Luncheon and Graduation
for Class of 2020 – All Gillies!

General Membership Meetings & Forum
10:00 Coffee
11:00 Membership Meeting
12:00 Luncheon
1:00 Forum

Docent Meetings

All Gillies Always Welcome to Attend!
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Intern Training Dates: 9:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Docent Training Dates: 9:30 – 3:00 p.m.

LOOK WHAT GILLIES HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR!

By Nancy Hammond, Past Service Hours Chair, Judy Reiners, Past Day Captain Chair, and Kathe Crapster

The Gillies have once again provided extraordinary service to Gilcrease Museum. During the past year (May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019), Gillie members and interns recorded a total of 26,953 service hours. The total is equivalent to the number of work hours of 13 full-time employees and has a monetary value of \$685,415.

- In our outreach programs, **SOG Gillies** made 220 presentations with 2,796 folks in attendance: an increase of 673 from last year. 39 **Gilcrease Goes to School** docents gave 148 presentations for 3,318 students and 39 teachers. Their presentations included: First Visit, Westward Movement, Early Childhood (Buffy & Ralph), Native Americans, and Oklahoma History.
- In May, Gillies hosted the annual **Area Volunteer Coffee** for volunteers from over 28 museum, cultural, and garden venues.
- Gillies working in **Anthropology** continue to build, wrap, seal, scan, rehouse, and reset valuable assets of the museum. They've been nicknamed the 'gunslingers' as they've been making muslin slings for long term storage of long arms.
- In addition to working through filed materials in the **Archives**, Gillies are working on the letters of Cyrus Byington (a missionary to the Choctaw), the Cherokee Nation Diaries, and the diaries of Ethan Hitchcock.
- The **Development Committee** has logged over 293 volunteer hours which included extensive work with the SmArt Cards as well as filling in with spot jobs as they became available.
- 13 **Digitization** Gillies continued to work behind the scenes entering basic catalog information for eventual upload to the online catalog, photographing documents and pairing them with the online catalog, and repairing and conserving papers from the John Drew collection under the guidance of Joanna Didik.
- The **Summer Tour – Games Tie Us Together** gave 15 tours for 675 students, 176 adults and utilized 168 docents that logged 336 hours.
- Special onetime events such as the **Naturalization Ceremony** in November where 40 people from 16 countries became citizens; **The American Girl Doll Tea Party** in July, with 5 docents working for a total of 30 hours; and **The Three Kings Day** celebration on January 5th hosted over 1,000 guests with 12 docents helping and earning 96 hours.
- **Funday Sundays** are always great! 35 Docents helped host the guests and recorded over 424 hours.
- **Gardens and Greeters** handbooks were both updated.
- 74 **Greeters** welcomed guests 6 days a week all year for a total of 1,872 hours.
- In the **Kravis Discovery Center**, 19,018 guests were served this year and there were 84 Docent Labs. 46 hearty Gillies work in KDC with 13 docents who are trained as Lab Docents.
- 19 **Museum Store** volunteers logged at least 85 hours each month helping guests select that perfect keepsake from their visit to the museum.
- Our 20 **Hospitality Committee** members served approximately 945 Gillies and guests this year recording 955 service hours. How could Gillies survive without their coffee and cookies? They spoil us and we love it and appreciate their hard work!
- Our **Standards Committee** reviewed 29 Docents this year.
- **Gillies Travel** took a day trip to McAlester in October and in April traveled to the Ozarks for a 3 day trip.
- 8 Gillies took advantage of the **TU Audit Program**.
- Two Outstanding **Forums** were held. In the Fall, our own Curator, Mark Dolph, hosted *Immigrant Artists – Then and Now* featuring immigrant artists Jose Antonio Pantoja Hernandez and Mazen Abufadil. In the Spring, The Forum featured Dan Farnum, Professor of Art and Photography at TU.
- 6 **Docent Trainings** were held which included: the Summer Tour, the new First Visit tour, *T.C. Cannon, Americans All!*, *Albert Bierstadt: Witness to a Changing West*, *Pulitzer Prize Photographs*, and *Bob Dylan: Face Value & Beyond*.
- In 1,321 tours, **Docents** interacted with 11,689 students and 10,600 adults earning a total of 6,768 hours.
- The combined **Intern/Docent Training** class resulted in the presentation of 19 new Gillies with Certificates of Completion at the May General Meeting! Congratulations and Welcome to The Gillies!

Many, many thanks to all of our active Gillies working behind the scenes or on the front lines and to those Associates who continue to support the Museum by attending Gillies functions and acting as goodwill ambassadors in the community! We Gillies are a hard-working family who share a love of 'our' Gilcrease Museum and each other!

DOCENTS' CORNER

By Sharon Patch, Docent Chair

EXCITING NEWS!

It is with pleasure that I announce the Day Captain Team for 2019-2020.

Day Captain Chair

Ken Fike

Day Captains

Tuesday:	Ron Young
Wednesday:	Janet Hayes
Thursday:	Larry Hicks
Friday:	JoAnne Goin
Weekends:	Stephen Campbell

They will soon be in touch to update your status including your availability and current contact information.

Congratulate each of them for accepting this position of great responsibility.

MAY DOCENT LUNCHEON

Photos by Dana Simon

*Deanna Storm
says goodbye to
James Reed*



*Lunch served
in HCAR*



Gifts for Day Captains



Past Docents attend the luncheon

SUMMER TOUR 2019 - WELCOME!

In May, training was held for the upcoming Summer Tour entitled **Welcome!**

Many thanks to Denise Rock and her exceptional committee for creating another fun-filled tour for our young guests this summer. And kudos to Denise's husband, Bob, for building the roping steer. Well done, Bob!

- Photos show docents learning about the stops in the *Americans All!* galleries.
- Barbara McFall displaying one of 3 stops on this tour: Roping a Steer. John Goodenow and Sharon Patch display their roping skills.
- Carol Stookey explains the first stop on the tour with the St. Gaudens sculpture of **The Pilgrim**. Docents will role play using a cape and cane.
- At stop 2, Sandy Montgomery tells the story of Ramon Ahumda the famous vaquero honored in the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.
- Two of the stops will be in *Americans All!* and the third will be held in the Vista Room where they will have lots of room to lasso that steer!



GILCREASE GOES TO SCHOOL

By Judy Howard, GGTS Chair

The new school year will be starting before you know it and the first grade classes will be signing up en masse for our ever popular Gilcrease Goes To School program. If you have not signed up for GGTS, and wish to participate in this fun program, please email me at jmhcp@yahoo.com.

GILLIES BRANSON TRIP

By Karen Jarvis, Gillies Travel Chair

There were 23 Gillies and friends who made the trip to Branson and the Ozarks April 23rd through April 25th. Our timing was perfect for Dogwood Canyon. The trees were at their peak and herds of buffalo and elk were out in force. Other highlights were the Top of the Rock golf-cart tour of the Lost Canyon Cave with its many waterfalls and rock features plus a tour of the Ancient Ozark Natural History Museum. We enjoyed a great lunch at College of the Ozarks' Keeter Center, shopping and dinner at Branson Landing, and a performance of *Samson* at the Sight and Sound Theater. Local artist Tim Cherry and his wife welcomed us into their home to see their artwork followed by a tour of his studio. Our resort hotel, the Chateau on the Lake, was the perfect setting for relaxing and visiting with friends after a busy day. No trip to Branson would be complete without a stop at Lambert's Restaurant, "Home of the Throated Rolls," and more food than anyone could eat. After a short stop at Bass Pro Shop in Springfield, we were back on the road and in Tulsa by 5:00 p.m.

Stay tuned for information about our next trip. Suggestions are always welcome.

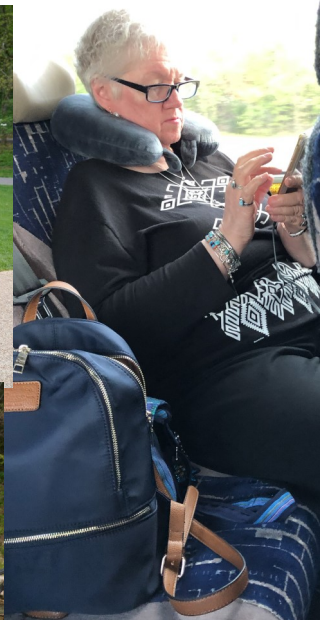
Photos by Rod Schneider



Ready for Dogwood Canyon



Gillies visit artist Tim Cherry's workshop



Going home



NEWCOMERS' COFFEE

*By Sharon Patch, Docent Chair &
Silvia Furgason, Intern Trainer*

Silvia Furgason and Sharon Patch, (aka Thing 1 and Thing 2 respectively), appeared at the Newcomers' Coffee, in costume, to introduce prospective Gillies to Intern Training and Provisional Docent Training.



The most significant part of this whimsical presentation was to establish calendar dates not to be missed for these important trainings in the fall.



Gillies Class of 2019 receive their badges.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 17, 2019

KRAVIS DISCOVERY CENTER

Charley Wyatt, KDC Chair

The Kravis Discovery Center will soon be getting a needed upgrade with new and different model Samsung tablets replacing the current ones which have seen a rapid discharging of their batteries. The new tablets are slightly different in size, but operate much faster and have a better connection to the internal KDC wi-fi system. New monitors are also replacing the projectors in the Bear Cave display.

The KDC has a few openings for facilitators on its schedule. Any Gillie who would like to have a facilitator position should contact the *new* KDC Chair, Charley Wyatt at 918-451-2439 or wyattinba@gmail.com.

Hey KDC Gillies! Thanks for your support for the past two years. Rod



CALLING ALL GILLIE ARTISTS!

By Dale Brown, Gillies Art Show Chair

Remember that wood burning of a horse's head you drew on a walnut panel and coated with a shiny varnish? And how your heart swelled with pride at your creative artistry?

You can bring that feeling back to life by submitting it to be included in the Gillies Art Show which will run from July 9 - August 4. Go through your attic, closet, or cedar chest, and recover that one-of-a-kind treasure of fingerpaint, crayola, macrame, ice cream sticks, or pipe cleaners so you can once again let your light shine for all to see in a World Class Museum.

And don't forget the gala reception on July 14th from 1 – 3 p.m. in the CLC with refreshments provided by the Hospitality Committee. All Gillies, family, guests, and friends are welcome to attend. Contact Dale Brown at 918-859-5409 or dale.brown@gmail.com for submission information.

INTERESTED IN TAKING CLASSES AT TU THIS FALL?

By Kathy Supernaw, Past TU Audit Program Chair

The Gillies are fortunate to be able to audit classes for free at the University of Tulsa. We are anticipating that TU will send us a link in July listing the available classes for the Fall 2019 semester. As soon as we receive it, the link will be sent by e-blast to all Gillies. Enrollment instructions will be included. Please look at it immediately as classes will begin in mid-August.

STORE CHATTER

By Carolyn Ekenstam, Past Museum Store Chair

Come visit the store and see the manager, Melanie Rosencutter and assistant manager, Garrett Gibson in the photograph below on the left. They are very helpful and always willing to answer questions. The well-trained staff, featured in the photograph on the right, include Matthew Toddy, Jacob Lusk, and Sarah Goetz.



Don't forget that the Gilcrease Museum Store is a great place to buy that special something for your Dad for Father's Day! All bronzes will be on sale for 25% off during Father's Day weekend!

The Dylan exhibit has opened and the Museum Store is stocked with related Dylan items. When I go see a new exhibit or museum, I usually want something to take home to help me remember the experience. Our Museum Store is a great place to find that treasure.

GILCREASE PIONEER GARDENS

By Dian Peacock, Gardens Chair

'One for the Blackbird, one for the crow, one for the soil and one to grow.'

From an old farmer's saying when planting corn.



In an interview with reporter Chris Jones back in 2002, Pam Bynum, who was an interim gardener at the Gilcrease, shared that the plants in the Pioneer Gardens reflected the flowers, herbs, and berries raised by pioneer families for food and medicines. Trumpet vine, wild ginger, sassafras, Jerusalem artichoke and rhubarb along with horseradish, holly hocks, apple trees, roses, and blackberry canes were all originally planted in these gardens.

The settlers often grew flowering plants that they brought with them and they learned about many other useful plants from friendly and helpful Native Americans. Surprisingly, their choices were not just for tasty foods, but also foods that would be filled with essential vitamins. They also planted plants that attracted pollinators so that their crops would be pollinated throughout the growing seasons.

Still located in their original areas, the Pioneer and Pre-Columbian Gardens are delightful reclusive areas adjacent to the rambling Stuart Garden. Guests are rewarded with a visual discovery when they make their way down into these lower garden spaces. The hand-built shed is typical of the mid 1800 homesteads where they kept their precious and necessary tools. In late summer you might catch a glimpse of the signature plant for the Pioneer Gardens, the giant sunflower. What would they have done with the sunflower seeds? And, while you're down there, say hello to the *Frontier Woman* by Tulsa artist Jay O'Meilia and enjoy a glimpse of yesteryear.

Ge-tsi-no-hi-se-di

By Barbara Bush, Past Gillies Secretary

Gillies, please check your personal information in your Directory/Handbook 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

Teresa Pena

Christy Morrow

Memorials

James Wendell Brown (former Gillie)

Patricia Green (former Gillie)

Please send news about a Gillie who is ill, to Gillies Secretary Nancy Hammond (918) 749-5938 or

GILLIES DUES FOR 2019-2020

By Nannette Tresner, Treasurer

Active Gillies/Interns - \$30

Associate Gillies - \$35

Please make check payable to "The Gillies"

Checks can be deposited in the box in the Sign-In Room
or mailed to:

The Gillies

Gilcrease Museum

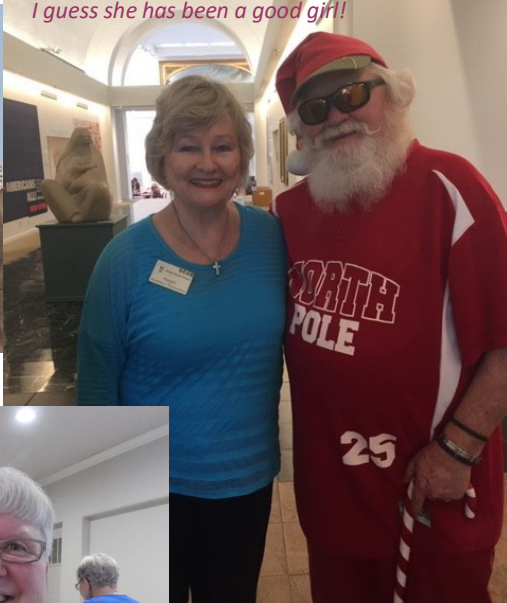
1400 Gilcrease Museum Road

Tulsa, OK 74127

Note: Gillie dues are not the same as Gilcrease
Museum Membership Dues.



*Nancy got to greet Santa today at the museum!
I guess she has been a good girl!*



*Photos by
Dana Simon*



HERE WE GO!

By Angela Hock-Brewer, IT Chair

Volgistics? (VOL-GIS-TICS) *Think: Volunteer Logistics – VOLGISTICS!* That's the name of the Volunteer Management system that the Gillies will begin using over the next few months. The system, accessible on the web via personal computer, iPhone, iPad, or tablet will securely house the Gillies information. Gillies will begin to use the system to log-in hours of service, sign-up for events, view the calendar for a service area, receive reminders of assignments, and more. This is going to be exciting!

Your Gillies IT Committee understands the enormity of this transition and plans to proceed carefully and sympathetically. Some of our valued Gillies may not be prepared to enter this brave new world; therefore, the paper system will still be available. Others will enter, perhaps timidly, and we'll be there to help. Still others will be full-speed-ahead and we'll welcome their support.

In May, Tom King set up the system with the categories that our unique volunteer organization will need. (Your IT Committee has been meeting for over a year to get this right and to make sure this system will be a good fit. Tom will use what we've worked on and get it set up in Volgistics. Many thanks and pats on the back to Tom!!!) On May 29th, Tom will train the IT Committee.

Training for the rest of the Gillies will follow as outlined below, unless changes need to be made. If someone misses their training date, they may attend any other training session listed, **except** on June 19th when the Executive Committee will be trained and when we train the new Intern Class on Sept. 9. (Space for these dates will be limited.)

Date	Time	Location	Who Will Be Trained
6/19	10-12	Gillies Library	Executive Committee
6/26	10-12	Auditorium	Board of Directors
8/5	10-12	Auditorium	Archives/Anthro/ Digitization
8/12	10-12	Auditorium	Museum Store
8/19	10-12	Auditorium	Greeters
8/26	10-12	Auditorium	KDC
9/9	TBD	Gallery 18	Interns
9/16	10-12	Auditorium	Docents & SOG & GGTS

We decided to place Docents last as there are so many, they serve in several ways, and many will have received training in other areas of service prior to 9/16. By the time we get to this date, many and perhaps most Gillies and Docents will have had several other training opportunities and already be using the system.

We realize that many Gillies serve in multiple museum areas. Once they receive training in one area, they do not need to attend training in other service areas in which they volunteer UNLESS THEY SO DESIRE. Some may welcome the review and a chance to clarify their understanding.

Many thanks are due to Kathy Horne for taking the initiative to get things rolling! We'll all keep a sense of humor and help one another as we take on this challenge that will certainly make our lives simpler as Gillies. It will take **patience**, **practice**, and **persistence** until we reach our full potential. But we'll get there!

The Gillies
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Tulsa, OK 74127

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June

04	05, 06, 07 Summer Tour: <i>Welcome!</i> (Four tours per day)	Museum	10:30am 1:30pm
06	Development Committee Meeting	Board Room	10:00am
06	Executive Committee Meeting	Gillies Library	10:00am
06	Education Committee Meeting	Board Room	1:00pm
07	Board of Directors Meeting	Board Room	9:30am
14-16	Father's Day Bronze Sale 25% Off	Museum Store	
16	Funday Sunday	Museum	Noon-4:00pm
18	Jazz Night	Vista Room	5:30-7:30pm
21	Tulsa Artist Fellows Exhibition	Smith Gallery 4	Opens
26	Volgistics Training for Board of Directors	Auditorium	10:00am-Noon
28	Gilcrease After Hours	Museum	7-9:00pm

July

09	Gillies Art Show Opens	Creative Learning Center	
11	Development Committee Meeting	Board Room	10:00am
14	Gillies Art Show Reception	Creative Learning Center	1-3:00pm
14	<i>Pulitzer Prize Photographs</i>	Gallery 7 South	Closes
15	<i>Smoke Signals</i> deadline for August		
21	Funday Sunday	Museum	Noon-4:00pm
26	Gilcrease After Hours	Museum	7-9:00pm
30	31 Summer Tour: <i>Welcome!</i> (Four tours per day)	Museum	10:30am 1:30pm

August

01, 02	Summer Tour: <i>Welcome!</i> (Four tours per day)	Museum	10:30am 1:30pm
01	Development Committee Meeting	Board Room	10:00am
04	Gillies Art Show Closes	Creative Learning Center	
05	Volgistics Training for Archives/Anthro/ Digitization	Auditorium	10:00am-Noon
08	Executive Committee Meeting	Gillies Library	10:00am
08	Education Committee Meeting	Board Room	1:00pm
09	Board of Directors Meeting	Board Room	9:30am
12	Volgistics Training for Museum Store	Auditorium	10:00am-Noon
15	<i>Smoke Signals</i> deadline for September		
18	Funday Sunday	Museum	12-4:00pm
19	Volgistics Training for Greeters	Auditorium	10:00am-Noon
26	Volgistics Training for KDC	Auditorium	10:00am-Noon
28	Intern Coffee	Vista Room	10-11:30am
30	Gilcrease After Hours	Museum	7-9:00pm

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