



SMOKE SIGNALS

August, 2014

Comments from our President

- Sally Tucker

Gadugi

I can think of no single word that better sums up the spirit of the Gillies than the Cherokee word, *gadugi*, which means the act of working together for common good. While Gillies come from many walks of life, one thing that we have in common is our wish to serve the museum in fulfilling its mission of “bringing art, history, and people together to discover, enjoy and understand the diverse heritage of the Americas.”

That service can certainly be seen this summer, during a time that some might think is a “slow” period with the Gillies. Since the last *Smoke Signals*, the following has occurred: over 30 interviews of prospective Interns, tour development planning for *First Visit* and *Focus on Favorites*, work begun on revising *Speaking of Gilcrease* presentations, Greeter training on current exhibitions, Gillies Art Show planning, Kravis Discovery Center labs revised, countless Summer Tours given, planning for intern training, behind the scenes responsibilities, and. . . I could go on, but you get the idea.

Once in a while the museum has “the really big thing,” a monumental event that requires much of staff and volunteers. Such an event will be the dedication of Helmerich Center for American Research. Mark Dolph has said that on September 6 and 7 the museum will need “all hands on deck.” The Gillie coordination of the many activities going on that weekend is ably chaired by Joyce Essley. Thank you ahead of time for saying “Yes” to Joyce as she calls for volunteers for the many tasks.

Thanks to all the Gillies who diligently serve the museum while exhibiting grace, flexibility, friendliness, professionalism, and *gadugi*.

Gillies Coffee, Meeting, Luncheon & Forum to Be on September 19

The Annual Gillies Membership Coffee on Friday, September 19, will start at 10:00 a.m. in the Vista Room, followed by the General Membership Meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Gilcrease Auditorium, where you may pick up your new 2014-2015 *Gillies Handbook*.

Lunch prepared by Chef Geoff and his staff will be served in the Vista Room at noon. **Send your checks for \$14.00 made out to “The Gillies” to Treasurer Marsha McElroy, 5206 S. Harvard Ave., #331, Tulsa, OK 74135. Payment deadline is September 5.**

After the luncheon, don’t forget to attend the Gilcrease Forum at 1:00 p.m., with featured speaker Rosalind Cook, renowned sculptor from Tulsa and Crested Butte, Colorado. Her topic: “*Capturing the Spirit*.” A book-signing is planned following her lecture.

The Gillies General Membership Luncheon at noon Friday, September 19, 2014

Menu:

Cumin & Ancho Seared Pork Tenderloin
over Succotash
Fiesta Rice
Green Beans with Pearl Onions
Southwest Slaw
Honey Cornbread & Butter
Peach & Blueberry Crumble

DOCENT CORNER - August, 2014
- Charley Wyatt, Chair

Once Upon a Time...summer was the time when Docents were able to pause, reenergize and plan for the upcoming tour year. That time period shrank drastically during 2014! This summer, Docents have done a great job with tours of all kind including the Summer Tour Program, Public Tours, special events, as well as our standard tours. Congratulations, and thank you, for your efforts.

However, we can rest on our laurels for only a few weeks – it's going to be a very busy August through October!

The First Visit program is being moved from *Enduring Spirit* to *On Common Ground*, effective August 25. Linda Harkey, Sondra Mullins, Silvia Furgason, and Sharon Patch have modified this terrific program for new galleries that can accommodate larger groups without former distractions.

In addition, Chris McWaters, Jacque Frye, Sharon Benjamin, and Gary Borchert have been working on tour alternatives for *Focus on Favorite*, options that will give us greater flexibility in touring Gilcrease's treasured American Art.

The special Alexandre Hogue exhibit will open the weekend of August 22. Special discussions and handouts on Hogue will be available following the August Docent Meeting. Docents wanting to do Alexandre Hogue tours will be expected to attend this meeting.

Here's the SCHEDULE:

August 21, 4:00 – Lecture by Susan Kalil, co-curator of *Alexandre Hogue: An American Visionary – Paintings and Works on Paper* in Gilcrease Auditorium. Refreshments at 5:00.

August 22, 9:30 – Docent Meeting in Gallery 18, followed at 11:00 by a special lecture given by Susan Kalil on the Hogue Exhibit. Several handouts related to this exhibit will be available.

August 25, 10:00 and 1:00 – First Visit Training in *On Common Ground*.

September 5-7, all day - HCAR Opening.
Focus on Favorites training will be announced separately as the tour development team gets closer to completion.

**Helmrich Center for American Research
Opening Sept. 6 & 7**



Shown on July 15, construction is nearly complete on the new Helmerich Center for American Research. The Grand Opening Celebration is planned for September 6 and 7. (Photo by Dana Simon)

Attention:

Gillies are needed on these days to:

- welcome visitors
- hand out wristbands, programs and maps
- be "floaters" to help visitors locate activities
- be Gallery Docents to answer questions about exhibits
- assist with children's activities

Gillies will also be needed in assisting with:

- tours of Helmerich Center
- talks and family programs

Saturday shifts:

11:00 - 1:00
1:00 - 3:00
3:00 - 5:00

Sunday shifts:

12:00 noon - 2:00
2:00 - 4:00

Sign-up sheets will be placed in the Gillies sign-in room when activities are finalized.

Questions? Call or email me: 918-298-2194
joyce.essley@cox.net

Joyce Essley
HCAR Gillies Opening Coordinator

Gillie Grapevine

~~Kathy Horne, Secretary

Change in membership status: Resignations

Teddy Adair Delpha Beck
Rosalind Burris Roy Cottrill

Change of address:

Bill Leutz
P.O. Box 336
1032 Eagle Point Road
Clarklake, MI 49234
918-637-8785
wkleutz@cox.net or
wkleutz0620@comcast.com

Congratulations:

Shirley & Fay Larson – 60th wedding ann.

Get well cards sent to:

Barbara Boone Elizabeth Butler
Jo Ann Clapp Mary Elliott
Phyllis Logsdon Judy Reiners
Carolyn Rumsey Rod Schneider
Beverly Wilcox Charley Wyatt

New Email:

Pat Davidson - patsy davidson@icloud.com

Sympathy cards sent to:

Donna Gainey – death of brother
Janice Henshaw – death of nephew
Marsha McElroy – death of sister-in-law
Eric Singleton – death of grandmother
Ruth Weston – death of grandson-in-law

Please send changes in contact info(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

Education/Public Programs

Silvia Furgason - Chair

The Summer Tour Program is in full swing. We have completed five weeks of tours for families, day camps, and child care centers. It has been a great experience for the docents as well as for the children. We know things are going well when we hear, "That's the best tour I ever had," or when BIG hugs are given at the end of the tour.

There are other volunteer opportunities for Gillies such as Funday Sunday every third Sunday of the month. We have a real need for volunteers in the Kid's Site on Funday Sunday. If you are interested, please email me at silviaf@cox.net or telephone me at 918-451-7702 .

TRAVEL

- Beverley Wilcox, Chair

The Travel Committee is planning three trips during the upcoming Gillie year. The first is a multi day trip to Santa Fe and Taos. The trip will leave on October 14, and return on the 19. A wide variety of activities are included during the trip. As of July 16th there were still 4 spaces left. We would love to have you join us for this fun trip! For further information call Beverly at 918-492-3123. or Pat at 918-551-6658

Thursday, November 6 a day trip is planned to the Cherokee Nation and will include visits to several newly restored Cherokee historic sites and museums. More information will follow as plans are finalized.

A spring day trip is being planned that will include the Oklahoma City Museum of Art and a visit to the Atkins Collection at the Fred Jones Museum in Norman. We will keep you posted as plans progress.

Gillies interested in auditing classes at the University of Tulsa please call or email marjoryhooker@gmail.com The classes are preselected with choices relating to the collection at Gilcrease Museum. Classes begin on August 13th, 2014 and close in December. In the event that audit openings are limited, docents will be given preference.

GILCREASE FORUM: ROSALIND COOK

Phyllis Logsdon – Chair

The Gillies are in for a very special day on September 21, 2014. The forum speaker will be Rosalind Cook. She will not only be talking about her new book, about her life and her sculptures, but will also be signing copies of her new book for us - and there will be a fantastic announcement at the Gillies General Meeting that morning. Get the date on your calendar and I will have more information in the September Newsletter.

SHOP TALK

- Frances Whisman, Chair

The shop has been busy the past couple of months with the Mother's Day sale on jewelry and the Father's Day Sculpture sale. In addition, inventory was completed in late June and items were found during that process. Amanda has marked down many items and some have to be looked for in the shop. Not all the items are on the sale table. If you are looking for jewelry, lots of new items have arrived and more will arrive after Amanda and Melanie go to market.

By the time you read this, the museum shop volunteers and employees will have been trained by Teresa Adwan on the Gilcrease exhibits. We are expecting lots of visitors with the opening of the Helmerich Research Center. We are expecting to be busy in the museum shop the first weekend in September.

To volunteer, feel free to contact me at:
frances.whisman@cox.net or 918-759-1131 (cell) or 918-224-8325 (home)

KRAVIS DISCOVERY CENTER

Come to KDC!

See and use the new touch screen computer. All nine computers are installed. Improve your skill.

Welcome Winnie Leach as the new first Saturday facilitator 10-1.

Second Thursday afternoon 1-4 is available. Come and be a KDC facilitator.

Call Dolores Frenier 918-495-3953

Gillies Library News...

- Robert Spears, Chair



I am honored to be overseeing the Gillies Library for the coming year. What a wonderful resource we have available at our fingertips! Let's each make a "new year's resolution" to visit OUR library and "check out" the materials.

Thanks to Gillie, Delpha Beck, for her recent donation of books and journals. Donations such as this continue to add depth to our library holdings.

New acquisitions:

Edward Sheriff Curtis: Visions of the First Americans, by Don Gulbrandsen.

Around 1900 realizing that the culture of the American Indian was slowly vanishing, Edward Curtis began to photograph the multitude of western tribes from the Inuit in the North to the Hopi of the Southwest. The result was his twenty volume masterpiece, The North American Indian, published between 1907 and 1930. In Gulbrandsen's title, over 300 photographs are included from Curtis' iconic work. Each section of the book highlights a particular volume with representative photographs included from that volume.

Sentimental Journey: The Art of Alfred Jacob Miller, by Lisa Strong.

Published under the auspices of the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, This book focuses on the first artist to venture into the Rocky Mountain region. Miller (1810-1871) accompanied adventurer William Drummond Stewart on his 1837 expedition to the annual fur traders' rendezvous near the present border of Wyoming and Idaho. Miller produced over 100 watercolors and pen-and-ink sketches on the trip which he later reworked into finished works of art. Strong points out how Miller tailored his paintings to attract American audiences and patrons. A notable book on western art and Miller.

William Henry Jackson's "The Pioneer Photographer", compiled, annotated, and edited by Bob Blair.

First published in 1929, this expanded edition of the classic autobiography of William Henry Jackson features one hundred never before seen images produced from his original negatives. His time spent as photographer with the early geological survey teams give a view of the expanding American West in the 1860s and 1870s. This edition also points out Jackson's efforts to promote photography as a commercial endeavor. Those interested in the history of the great landscape photography of the West will be drawn to this volume.

Remember: "Check Out Your Library!!"

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE = FLEXIBILITY

Do you need a work area that is very flexible, both in hours and in duties? The Development Office offers standing work or sitting work, group work or individual work, anytime you want to earn a few Gillie hours.

There is a job for one person the last week of each month. There is a group job on the first Wednesday morning of each month. Could you come in for an hour or so on Fridays? Do you see that you have a free day during the week? We have two new job opportunities, scanning and shredding, for individual work.

If so, contact Judy Baggett, Development Office Chair at 918-249-1195, baggett513@aol.com Our staff person is Caitlin Getchell and she can always find work for us to do and is willing to give patient one-on-one instruction. Come join our fast-growing team. You would be welcome!



Three members of the Gillies Development Committee take a break in July from preparing mailings of Gilcrease Museum membership renewal notices. Development Chair Judy Baggett, far right, stands with committee members Charlie Mae Thornton, second from left, and Krista Gardner, right. Dana Simon is at the left.

(Photo by Mark Dolph)

GILLIE ART SHOW RECEPTION

.....Calling all Gillies, familie members of Gillies and friends. Mark this date on your calendar because we are about to venture onto a new tradition. On Sunday, **August 3rd**, from the hours of **1:00 to 3:00**, a Gillie Artist Reception will be held. A gathering of all art supporters shall come together in the **Children's Learning Center** to view art, to discuss art, to purchase art and simply admire the art of our fellow Gillie artist.

There will be no museum entrance fee for the friends and family whose intent is to come to the reception. They must inform the front desk when they arrive.

We Gillie Artists are very excited about this upcoming event and do hope to see everyone come and support the exhibit.

Any questions may be directed to myself, Sally Tucker or Mark Dolph.

See ya'll Sunday, August 3rd from 1:00-3:00.

Maxine Mackey; 918-224-6814 or
mmercereau@att.net

Gillie Art Show Chairman



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 2014

1 – FMPOV	Gallery 18	Noon
Karen Coody Cooper:		
<i>Cherokee Wampum War & Peace Belts 1730</i>		
4 – Hospitality Comm.	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
6 – Development Comm.	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
7 – Executive Comm.	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
7 – Education Comm.	Board Room	1:00 p.m.
8 – Board of Directors	Board Room	9:30 a.m.
8 – Standards Comm.	Gillies Library	11:30 a.m.
10 – Sunday Film	Auditorium	1:30 & 2:40 p.m.
<i>Life on the Land Series: "Dinosaur Wars"</i>		
11 – Handbook Mtg.	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
17 – Funday Sunday		1:00-4:00 p.m.
17 – <i>Gillies Art Show</i> closes		5:00 p.m.
21 – Intern Coffee	Vista Room	10:00 a.m.
22 – Docent Mtg.	Gallery 18	9:30 a.m.
23 – <i>Alexandre Hogue: An American Visionary</i>		
– <i>Paintings & Works on Paper</i>		opens
25 – <i>First Visit Training</i>	Gallery 18	10:00 a.m.

September 2014

5 – FMPOV	Gallery 18	Noon
Randall Loudamy:		
<i>Gilcrease's Conway Collection of Hernan Cortes</i>		
6 & 7 – Helmerich Center for American Research		
Opening Weekend Celebration		
8, 10 – Intern Training	Study	9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
11 – Executive Comm	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
11 – Education Comm	Board Room	1:00 p.m.
12 – Board of Directors	Board Room	9:30 a.m.
15, 17 – Intern Training	Study	9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
19 – Gen. Mbrsp Coffee	Vista Room	10:00 a.m.
19 – Gen. Mbrsp Mtg.	Auditorium	11:00 a.m.
19 – Gen. Mbrsp Lunch	Vista Room	Noon
19 – Gilcrease Forum	Auditorium	1:00 p.m.
<i>Featured Speaker: Rosalind Cook, sculptor,</i>		
<i>followed by book-signing, "Capturing the Spirit"</i>		
21 – Funday Sunday		1:00-4:00 p.m.
22, 24, 29 – Intern Training	Study	9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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