



SMOKE SIGNALS

SEPTEMBER, 2017

Back to the Future

President

Sharon Patch

Looking back over the last 50 years, the Gillies have come a long way. Our 13 founders were a remarkable group of women who focused on promoting the museum. Today Gillies do the same. Our volunteers still lend overwhelming support with time and with talent. We are ambassadors working at the museum in many areas or out in the community sharing the news of the “best kept secret in Tulsa.”

Looking back, it has been 30 years since the last major renovation. In 1987 the expansion included greater gallery space and improved gardens and grounds. Just last year our voice was heard with the overwhelming support we gave to the Vision Tax Expansion and those taxes are now being collected.

Looking at the present the focus becomes the endowment fund:

During the Thursday, August 10, 2017 Gillies Executive Committee Kathy Horne made a motion to recommend the Gillies donate \$2500 to the Campaign for Gilcrease endowment. Funds will include the total IBC Bank savings (nearly \$2465) and whatever funds are required to make up the balance from the Operating Fund currently in a checking account at American Bank and Trust Co. It was seconded by Alan Jarvis. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously. This motion was then considered by the Board of Directors on August 11, 2017. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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The IBC savings account, which has been accumulating little interest for years, will close and this will allow our Treasurer to maintain accounting records with a single banking concern.

The next step is to present the recommendation for a vote at the General Membership Meeting on September 22, 2017. With its passage the Gillies once again will demonstrate their support of the Thomas Gilcrease Museum of American History and Art and this gift to the endowment will continue the mission our founders set forth.

Looking to the future, Gillies may envision a beautiful venue for an unsurpassed collection. I think Thomas Gilcrease would be most proud of the track we will be leaving for generations to come. Tulsa's "best kept secret" will become "the beacon on the hill" and a true destination for discovering some of America's past.

Everyone Welcome!! Gillies General Membership Meeting Friday, September 22, 2017

Coffee	10:00 a.m.	Vista Room
Meeting	11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Luncheon	Noon	Vista Room
Forum	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium

Your 2017/18 Gillies Handbook will be available at the meeting.

Luncheon Menu

Caesar Salad
Grilled Chicken with Lemon Caper Sauce
Italian Roasted Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Bread Sticks
Bourbon Bread Pudding

For special dietary needs, please contact Kathy Horne.

Make Your Luncheon Reservation Now!

Checks made payable to "The Gillies"

in the amount of \$15

Please send to Frances Whisman (Treasurer) by Sept. 12.

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

Please stay for the Gillies Forum at 1:00 p.m.

Jennifer Loren, Host
Osiyo: Voices of the Cherokee People

DOCENTS' CORNER

Deanna Storm, Docent Chair

Docents,

I look forward to seeing you at the first Docent Meeting of the year on September 8. Please be present to receive an updated Docent roster and hear the latest as we kick off the new touring year. Laura Fry will be present to speak to us.

2017 DATES for Your Calendars

Docent Meetings: 9:30 for Coffee, 10:00 for Meeting

All in Gallery 18

Friday, September 8

Thursday, October 5 (Note the change)

Friday, November 3

Docent Holiday Luncheon

More Details Later – Save the Date

Friday, December 8 – HCAR Great Hall

Thank you for all you have done, are doing, and will be doing. Remember: Teamwork, cooperation, and flexibility make it all go smoothly as we share our wonderful Museum and its collections with students and adults from near and far. You are the best!

Thank you for being part of the Gilcrease Docent team.

Meet Alison Rossi

Alison Rossi, the new Director of Learning and Community Engagement at Gilcrease Museum, is a native Tulsan who graduated from Bishop Kelly High School. She received her BA from the University of San Diego and an MA in Art History from Syracuse University. While in San Diego, she met her husband Tim. Their two daughters, Silvia-5 and Nina-7, attend Lee Elementary School in Tulsa. Prior to joining the staff at Gilcrease, she was Director of Education at Mingie International Museum in San Diego and a consultant for Philbrook Museum. She has also been a faculty member at various colleges and universities, most recently at Tulsa Community College.

She loves seriously spicy food and you can find her near the water when she has time for recreation. If you know of any river otters in Oklahoma, Alison is on the lookout for them!



Ge-tsi-no-hi-se-di

(Cherokee for 'Messages')

Barbara Lee Bush, Secretary

Changes/additions in address:

Marjory Hooker, address change: 6800 S. Granite Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74136. Phone: (918)289-0367

Larry Rogers, address change: 34609 Mesquite
Tree Drive, Thousand Palms, CA 92276
(email and telephone unchanged)

Tara Wright, Telephone correction: 918-519-
3046 only

Changes in Membership Status:

Julie Godsby—Associate

Carolyn Grove—Resignation

***Get Well Wishes* mailed to:**

Please send changes in contact information, 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

GILLIES ID BADGE SECURITY ACCESS

Donna Gainey

Volunteer Services Coordinator

All active Gillies have access to Gilcrease Museum through the main and north entrances. However, some of you may have been granted access to "behind the scenes" areas of the museum and/or the Helmerich Center for American Research (HCAR) in order to perform your volunteer services. Access to these secure areas is updated on a quarterly basis for all volunteers, interns, graduate assistants and any other temporary individuals. It is up to each staff member to make mention that when the temporary assignment is complete, access is complete as well unless it has been extended by said staff member. Therefore, if you had access before and suddenly find that your access is denied, more than likely your service is complete in that area. For help with security access or further information, please contact me, donna-gainey@utulsa.edu; 918-596-2782.

Gillies Sponsor ‘Osiyo’ TV Host Jennifer Loren As Our Fall Gilcrease Forum Speaker

By Dana Simon

Gilcrease Forum Chair

The Gillies will welcome Cherokee TV host and executive producer, Jennifer Loren, as the Gilcrease Forum speaker on Friday, September 22, at 1:00 p.m. in the Gilcrease Museum auditorium.

Ms. Loren’s popular “Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People” television show features Cherokee men and women in a variety of occupations and avocations. The program reveals how those individuals contribute their rich culture to Oklahoma and the nation.

Three recent segments of “Osiyo” shows have recently been nominated for this year’s Emmys. One of those segments features a Cherokee woman who makes buffalo-grass dolls. That segment also has been nominated for “best original music.” The other two segments are about a world champion archer and a prominent professional football star.

Past President Alan Jarvis will introduce Ms. Loren at the Gilcrease Forum. Ms. Loren plans to share some of the interesting experiences she has had producing the show, and her exciting work with her two directors, Sterlin Harjo and Jeremy Charles. “Osiyo” segments are informative and fascinating, and occasionally extremely personal. Ms. Loren will offer a Q & A session at the end of her presentation.

Immediately following the Forum, Gillies Docents will be available to give visitors tours of the new exhibition “After Removal: Rebuilding the Cherokee Nation,” which is due to open to the public on August 27. Docent Chair Deanna Storm and her Day Captains will assign the tour Docents. The post-Trail of Tears-based exhibition is being sponsored by the Cherokee Nation, in conjunction with the Helmerich Center for American Research and Gilcrease Museum.

The “Osiyo” TV team is proud to announce that the show recently was picked up by OETA (PBS) to air on Sundays. Currently, the show can be watched in Tulsa on KJRH (NBC), KTUL (ABC), and FNX-TV, and in Claremore on RSU-TV, and in Oklahoma City, Fayetteville and Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Joplin, Missouri.

Gilcrease Forums are sponsored twice a year by The Gillies. Speakers are offered a \$300.00 gratuity paid by The Gillies. The Forums are open to the general public with paid museum admission. Museum members are free.

Prior to the Gilcrease Forum on September 22, Gillies will have a Coffee in the Gilcrease Vista Room at 10:00 a.m. There will be the annual fall General Membership Meeting in the Gilcrease auditorium at 11:00 a.m., when the new Intern Class of 2018 will be introduced. The Gillies Membership Luncheon will be at noon in the Vista Room. All Gillies are encouraged to stay for the Forum scheduled at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium.



AUGUST 21, 2017—A BUSY DAY AT GILCREASE MUSEUM

DOCENT TRAINING—MY FAVORITE THINGS

58 docents and 3 staff members attended a training session on August 21 for the 2017-2018 First Visit tour titled *My Favorite Things*. The program is developed in conjunction with the Tulsa Public Schools and the Any Given Child initiative sponsored by the William F. Gates Foundation.

The three-part program was presented by Docent Chair Deanna Storm; GGTS Chair Linda Harkey; and Associate Curator, Family & Youth Programs, Sarah Wright. Staff members who also attended were Volunteer Services Coordinator Donna Gainey and Director of Learning & Community Engagement Alison Rossi.

The top photo to the right shows Linda Harkey, Alison Rossi, and Deanna Storm following the training session, while the bottom photo shows docents preparing for the program.



SAVE THOSE GLASSES

Whether looking at the sun or at the shadows of leaves on the ground, Gillies were amazed at the solar eclipse outside the Museum on August 21.

Remember to **SAVE THOSE GLASSES** as the next eclipse visible in the United States will happen on April 8, 2024

GILLIES READ BOOKS!!

Check it Out! Carol Stookey Gillies Library Chair

Four new titles, presented by the Gillie Intern Class 2016-17 to their trainers, have been added to the Gillies Library.

Picturing Indian Territory: Portraits of the Land That Became Oklahoma, 1819-1907 is an exhibition catalog providing a rich visual record of a key era of western and Oklahoma history and the ways that art has defined this important cultural cross-roads.

A Place in the Sun; Southwest Paintings of Walter Ufer and E. Martin Hennings, features 150 color plates and historical photographs tracing their lifelong friendship and intersecting artistic careers as members in the Taos Society of Artists, paying tribute to their achievements and artistic legacy.

American Indians / American Presidents: A History, sheds new light on the relationship between America's presidents and Native American leaders, from the age of George Washington to the administration of George W. Bush.

The Cherokee Nation: A History, endorsed by the tribe and the first to be written by a Cherokee (John Conley), includes chapters on Cherokee origin myths and legends, forced migrations west, participation in the Civil War and wars of the 20th century and concludes with an explanation of Cherokee life today.

Stop by the Gillies Library next time you are at the museum and check one out!

..... Store Chatter

Joe Tipton Museum Store Chair

This month's Gilcrease Museum Store selection is special:

*The Many Faces of Edward Sheriff Curtis:
Portraits and Stories from Native North America*
by Steadman Upham (1949 – 2017)

Steadman Upham was among the greatest friends of all time to the Gilcrease Museum. He was TU president emeritus and professor of anthropology at the University of Tulsa. Dr. Upham was a widely published archaeologist, community service activist, and distinguished citizen of Tulsa. We will miss him.

Edward Sheriff Curtis spent more than forty years photographing and documenting the Native peoples of North America, taking more than 40,000 photographs. *The Many Faces of Edward Sheriff Curtis*, by Steadman Upham, is a book for our time. It has a clear assessment of the past and strives to bring forward images and words long out of the public eye. Its message of endurance conveys the future of the Native peoples of North America.

Welcome to the Gillies Class of 2018

By Vice President, Kathe Crapster

After a long summer of interviewing amazing applicants, we are proud to announce the **Gillies Class of 2018**. We have the best of the best! They are: Greg Bledsoe, Stephen Campbell, Robin Crowell, Larry Hicks, Roberta Hovis, Barbara Kelley, Dian Peacock, David Steele, Cindy Strasheim, Robert Taylor, Anna Turner, Allen Wallis and Ron Young. These are amazing folks. Now they begin an enriching and joyful experience in their new adventure as Gillies.

If you see these wonderful new members of our Gillies Family, with their temporary badges, please give them a big Gillies welcome! We're so glad to have them on board and look forward to guiding, mentoring and encouraging them through their intern year and presenting them with their permanent Gillies badges in May. Welcome aboard!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

01	From My Point of View	Gallery 18	Noon
	Michael Wallis: <i>The Best Land Under Heaven</i>		
07	Development Office Meeting	Board Room	10:00 a.m.
08	Docent Meeting	Gallery 18	10:00 a.m.
11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27	Intern Training	Gallery 18	9:30 – 3 p.m.
14	Executive Committee Meeting	Gillies Library	10:00
14	Education Committee Meeting	Board Room	1:00 p.m.
15	Board of Directors Meeting	Board Room	9:30 a.m.
15	<i>Smoke Signals</i> deadline for October issue		
17	Funday Sunday	Museum	Noon–4 p.m.
19	Jazz Night	Vista Room	5:30 p.m.
22	Gillies Coffee	Vista Room	10:00 a.m.
22	Gillies Membership Meeting	Auditorium	11:00 a.m.
22	Gillies Luncheon	Vista Room	Noon
22	Gillies Forum	Auditorium	1:00 p.m.
	Jennifer Loren		
24	Cherokee Day	Museum	All Day

OCTOBER

02, 04, 09, 11	Intern Training	Gallery 18	9:30 – 3 p.m.
05	Development Office Meeting	Board Room	12:30 p.m.
05	Docent Meeting	Gallery 18	10:00 a.m.
06	From My Point of View	Gallery 18	Noon
	Laura Fry: <i>Albert Bierstadt: Witness to a Changing West</i>		
12	Executive Committee Meeting	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
12	Education Committee Meeting	Board Room	1:00 p.m.
13	Board of Directors Meeting	Board Room	9:30 a.m.
14	Tulsa American Film Festival	Auditorium	11:30–4 p.m.
15	Tulsa American Film Festival	Auditorium	1:00 – 5 p.m.
15	Funday Sunday	Museum	Noon–4 p.m.
15	<i>Smoke Signals</i> deadline for November issue		
23, 25, 30	Docent Training	Gallery 18	9:30 – 3 p.m.
	2017-18 Provisional Class		
29	Exhibition Lecture	Auditorium	2:00 – 3 p.m.
	Kay Walkingstick		

******SAVE THE DATE****NOVEMBER 12, 2017****ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PARTY******

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