



SMOKE SIGNALS

November 2014

Comments from our President

- Sally Tucker

What's Up

Mark Dolph has put together a great program, "What's Up at Gilcrease Museum?" This presentation to business people describes many Gilcrease exhibitions and programs.

When we ask Gillies, "What's up?" the response is usually about work at the museum.

In the last few months, there has been. . .

- *Formal training for 32 interns who signed up for volunteer areas
- *Revision of programs in *Speaking of Gilcrease* and Kravis Labs
- *Tour development and training for every exhibition
- *Work on the Helmerich Center move or transition to a different area
- *Establishment of the Gillies website
- *Docent education on specific pieces of art
- *A Forum presentation by Rosalind Cook
- *The sale of Rosalind Cook's book and *Peyote Bird* sculpture
- *An exhilarating trip to Santa Fe (see next month's *Smoke Signals* for photos and story)

These things don't just happen. They are accomplishments that required months of planning by committees and chairs, with Mark Dolph always there to help where needed. Thank you to every volunteer who has been a part of "what's up."

Comments from our President, cont

And another thing. . . Congratulations to the thirty-two Gillie Interns who just completed intern training. Congratulations, also, to the training team that gave the interns a solid foundation in the collection and in "all things Gillie." Vice President Sharon Patch, Intern Trainer Glenna Anderson, Assistant Bonnie Lytal, and Adjuncts Wennette Pegues and Sharon Terry worked diligently for many weeks leading up to and during the training. They put the whole thing together in a seamless, rigorous, and fun training that the interns did not want to end! It was:

Gratifying, Intellectual, Lively, Learned, Inviting, Enjoyable, Stimulating! (G-I-L-L-I-E-S!)

Annual Gillies Party *Southwest Fiesta* *November 2*

It's That Time
For Our Big
Southwest Fiesta

Compadres! Round up your comfortable, colorful attire for a fun fiesta – Southwestern style.

The grill is sizzlin' hot and the tortillas are flat bakin' for our all-Gillies Membership Party on Sunday, November 2, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We will honor our new Interns. So, gallop on over to Gilcrease Museum's Vista Room to enjoy our treat to ourselves with delicious food and fine drinks. The free party will be a visual adventure and a soothing musical experience, and no doubt, there will be lots of laughs.

For information, contact Dana Simon at (918) 749-8889 or danalyn725@yahoo.com.

DOCENT CORNER

- Charley Wyatt, Chair

NOVEMBER, 2014

CONTINUING EDUCATION!

If this is a reason you joined The Gillies, you should have been happy with late September and October!

Followup *First Visit* Training, *Focus on Favorites* Training, and the October Docent meeting were chock full of opportunities to validate your knowledge and add to the inventory of information you access when performing tours for Museum visitors.

Particular thanks go to Chris McWaters, Sharon Benjamin, Gary Borchert, and, initially, Jacque Frye for their work in the development of the *Focus on Favorites* Tour Guide. It is a comprehensive document which can be modified to meet your needs for years to come.

Thanks also to Jacque Frye and Dr. Kirsten Olds of TU. Jacque's description of *Washington and Lafayette at Brandywine* was thorough and insightful. Dr. Olds' breakdown of *The Cobbler* was a wonderful example of how much can be gleaned by truly examining an object.

"The more you look, the more you see" should be a mantra and everyday practice by each and every one of us. We're not done yet!

We will schedule a Follow-up Favorites training session late in November.

We will have another terrific program at the November Docent Meeting. Marc Carlson, Librarian of Special Collections and University Archives at TU, will be the featured speaker. His subject will be "Reading Photographs: The Ghost Dance in a New Light." In addition, another Gillie Favorite will provide information on a particular Gilcrease object. All Gillies are invited to this meeting.

Provisional Docent Training begins on October 20 and continues into mid-November. A strong group of new people will bring energy and enthusiasm to our ranks. Special thanks to Chris McWaters, Sondra Mullins, and Su Davis for helping with this program.

PLEASE mark your calendars for a change in December! The annual Docent luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 4, this year. More announcements will be forthcoming about this fun event!

Finally, remember to be nice to your Day Captains by saying 'Yes' to their requests for your help with tours, especially in leading tours. We need your help in that area.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS

- David Robertson, Chair

Attention ALL Gillies! It's that time of year when we need to be thinking about next year's officers. Following are a few guidelines on how this process works.

Written nominations for the office of President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer should be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chair, David Robertson (street address and email address are in the Gillie Handbook) during the month of **JANUARY ONLY**. No verbal nominations will be accepted. All nominations should include specific information about the nominees, such as offices held, specific assignments, chairmanships, and other leadership roles.

Also, please make sure that your nominee actually wants to be considered before submitting. The Nominating Committee will meet during the first two weeks in February and select a single slate of candidates for the elected offices except President. The office of President will be filled by the President-Elect, Dana Simon. This list will be presented to the current President and elections will be held during the March General Membership Meeting. Additional information can be found in the Gillie Handbook in the Bylaws, Article V, Sections 1-6.

All nominations will be considered. Please be thinking about candidates now, and get your written nominations to me during the month of January.

Thanks Everybody,
David

Newsletter

- Bill Leutz – Chair

Thanksgiving Greetings to all from Michigan. Summer is gone and autumn is fading. Gorgeous fall colors peaked last week and are now spread across my yard. Thus we enter the time for reading. Let's make these winter copies of the *Smoke Signals* particularly inviting for all by sending in your articles about all the interesting things being done in your activities. Remember, November 15th is our deadline. My thanks go to all who help in making this a great newsletter.

Please Take Note

~~Kathy Horne, Secretary

Change in address:

Mary Brett – 5800 S. Granite Ave., Apt. 533
Tulsa, OK 74136-7046

Death:

Audrey Marie Tucker – September 27, 2014

Get well cards sent to:

Phyllis Logsdon
Betty Oglesby

Sympathy cards sent to:

Barbara Boone – death of son-in-law
Keith Bowers – death of aunt
Lana Chapman – death of father-in-law
Larry Lancaster – death of mother
Gertrud Schmidt – death of sister
Harriet Sherber – death of husband
Bunny Tipton – death of Harry Tucei
Joan Warriner – death of husband

Thank you card sent to:

Rosalind Cook

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

Pickin' and Grinnin' Rug Cleaning Project

- Wayne Frenier, Anthropology Chair

Gillies are currently helping the staff clean, wrap and prepare Native America rugs and other textiles before a disinfestations (freezing) process and restorage. Several more Gillies may be needed to improve the output of this project. Currently about 50% of the 300 beautiful textiles in the collection have been processed. The volunteers will be instructed by a staff member to hand-clean a rug using special tools (tweezers and a portable vacuum cleaner) and then wrap them in a suitable plastic for freezing and then storage. Training is needed to insure total removal of foreign objects and to protect the items. The training as well as the service is performed *only* on Tuesdays in the Conservation Lab. Very reliable teams of two Gillies each are needed for two 3-hour shifts on Tuesdays.

The process is enjoyable because we actually handle these treasures, but it is *not* necessarily easy. Some of the rugs are larger than a king-sized bed. They are laid out on large tables for inspection and treatment. Every square inch of the rug (both sides) has to be inspected and any object (hairs, bugs, etc) must be removed (and saved!). Thus the pickin' and grinnin'.

If you have an interest in learning more about this very important project, contact Wayne Frenier, Anthropology Gillies Chair. My e-mail and phone number is in the Gillie handbook.

Peyote Bird Deadline Soon

The deadline for ordering a *Peyote Bird* sculpture is November 1. Because of artist and Gillie friend Rosalind Cook's generosity, cold bronze castings of the *Peyote Bird* sculpture will be made for Gillies who place orders. Many Gillies plan on giving the sculptures as gifts. No orders will be placed after November 1, and there are no plans at this time for future castings. **Cost is \$48** and should be sent to Treasurer, Marsha McElroy, 5206 S. Harvard #331, Tulsa, OK 74135.



Gillies Library News...

- Robert W. Sears, Chair



LIBRARY HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS

- A maximum of two books may be checked out for a period of one month. If you would like to renew the book, please contact the Gillies Library Chair to renew.

- When checking out a book, file the library card alphabetically in the green file box according to the first letter of the first word (author or title) on the card. Remember to enter the check-out date on the card plus your name and phone number.

- Return the books to the library and place them in the tray designated for returned books. **Do not** re-shelve the books yourself.

Remember: Check Out Your Library!

Shop Talk

- Francis Whisman, Chair

The shop has been steady and busy this past month. New merchandise has arrived, including new jewelry items. Books on the cart at the front of the museum shop are on sale, and change frequently. Items have been moved due to merchandise changes and new display cases have been added. Look to see what has moved since you last visited the shop.

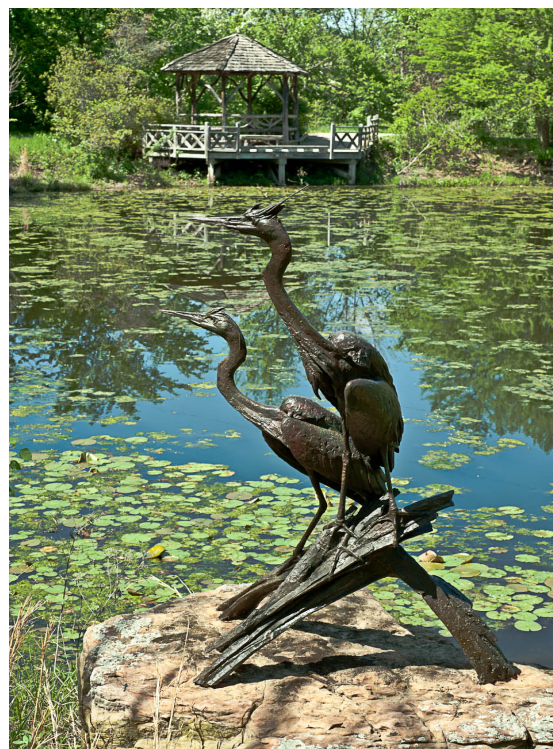
Fall and holiday sales will be held in November and December. The bronze sale will be held on November 21, 22, and 23 along with the Gene Waddell Trunk Show on November 22 and 23. This is the weekend before Thanksgiving. The 25% discount weekend for members will be December 5, 6, and 7th with the Gillies being given the same discount on Thursday, December 4.

There are several openings in the shop schedule, if anyone needs hours. Some of the hours are for the weekend, so you can get double hours. To volunteer, feel free to contact me at: frances.whisman@cox.net or 918-759-1131 (cell) or 918-224-8325 (home).



The Gillies Class of 2004-2005 celebrated its 10th Year Reunion on October 5 in the "barn" at the rural Owasso homestead of Marcia and John Clark. Pictured at the reunion are: Erna Schneider, seated, Barbara Shirey, and Dolores and Wayne Freiner. Standing are: Rod Schneider, Mark Hendricks, Marian Sexton, Amanda Lawrence, Marcia Clark, Nancy Pfeifer, and Dana Simon. Still with the Gillies, but not pictured are: Jim and Jo Ann Clapp, Janis Haynes, Pat Maxwell, Cathy Pinkerton, and Mark Dolph who now serves as Coordinator of Volunteer Services on the Gilcrease staff.

Photo by Norman Simon



Stuart Park Herons - Photo by Bill Leutz

"Growing the Gillies"

- Sharon Patch, Vice-President

The Intern Class celebrated the last day of their training on Oct. 8. with a potluck luncheon and the traditional class picture. Intern Education Chair, Glenna Anderson, and her Training Assistant, Bonnie Lytal, assembled a program of rigor and vigor for the largest class in 25 years! With high expectations in place, the class truly rose to meet the challenges presented and did so with enthusiasm. The tabulation of Intern Placement choices has been completed so very soon we will have this wonderful group of hard working, highly motivated, and dedicated individuals serving in every Museum department accepting volunteers.

Growing the Gillies is off to a wonderful start!



All 32 new Interns in the Class of 2014-15 and their Gillies trainers gathered on the stairs in Gilcrease Museum's Helmerich Hall on October 8, the last day of training. At noon they celebrated with a lavish buffet with dishes they provided themselves. Pictured from the back (fifth) row are: John Goodenow, left, Faye Finley, Andrea Lyons, Susan Lorton, Pat Nye, Christy Thomas, and Ryan Brandt. Fourth row: Gillies Vice President Sharon Patch, left, Tom King, Kathe Crapster, John Hartman, Anne Gaffney, Carolyn Wilcott, Nancy Haswell, Intern Education Training Assistant Bonnie Lytal, and Sharon Terry, adjunct. Third row: Cordi Mansfield, left, Monica Macklin, Nancy Hammond, Judy Howard, Christy Morrow, and Intern Education Chair Glenna Anderson. Second row: Denise Rock, left, Karen Brakey, Bill Hellen, Rick Brewer, Barbara Bush, Sandy Montgomery, and Lynn Fitzgibbons. Front row: Wennette Pegues, adjunct, left, Nannette Tresner, Alana Trisler, Angela Hock Brewer, Helen Tate, Nancy Wilcox, Diana Myers Stephenson, and Nancy Laughrey.

Photo by Rod Schneider



A priest blesses the Osage Indians in one of the stained glass windows at the Cathedral of the Osage in Pawhuska, one of the places visited by the Interns.

Photo by Nancy Laughrey



Cindy Free, left, of the Bronze Horse Foundry shares information about a clay sculpture to be converted into a bronze piece to Intern Education Chair Glenna Anderson, Kathe Crapster and Faye Finley, while in the background other Gillies Interns listen to another discussion about bronze-making.

Photo by Nancy Hammond

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 2014

1 – Collectors' Reserve Artist Demonstration		
Carole Klein	Helm. Hall	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
2 – Annual General Membership Party		
Southwest Fiesta	Vista Rm	5:00-8:00 p.m.
3 – Prov. Docent Training	Study	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
5 – Prov. Docent Training	Gilc. House	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
5 – Development Comm	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
6 – 2014 Collectors' Reserve		Art Sale & Reception
7 – Docent Meeting	Gallery 18	9:30-11:30 a.m.
7 – FMPOV	Gallery 18	Noon-1:00 p.m.
Joshua Piker, Ph.D.: "The Creek Who Went to London With an Eagle & Came Home With a Lion"		
9 – 2014 Collectors' Reserve		Closes
10, 12, – Prov. Docent Training	Study	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
13 – Executive Comm	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
13 – Education Comm	Board Room	1:00 p.m.
14 – Board of Directors	Board Room	9:30 a.m.
15 – Hogue Exhibition Lecture by Olivia Marino		
Reflections on My Father	Auditorium	1:00 p.m.

November cont.

16 – Funday Sunday		1:00p.m.-4:00 p.m.
17, 19 – Prov. Docent Training	Study	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
23 – Private Collections to Public Treasures: New Acquisitions at Gilcrease Museum	Gallery 4	Opens
30 – Alexandre Hogue: An American Visionary – Paintings & Works on Paper	Getty Galleries	Closes

December 2014

3 – Development Comm	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
4 – Docent Luncheon	Vista Rm	11:00 a.m.
5 – FMPOV	Gallery 18	Noon-1:00 p.m.
Speaker Jim Goss		
Topic to be Announced		
8 – Gillies Appreciation Luncheon	Vista Rm.	11:00 a.m.
21 – From Frontier to Foundry: The Making of Small Bronze Sculpture, Gilcrease Collection	Getty	Opens
25 – Christmas Day	Museum	Closed

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