



SMOKE SIGNALS

NOVEMBER, 2017

WHAT'S NEXT?

Sharon Patch

Gillies President

Congratulations to our newest class of Interns. They completed their five weeks of training (boot camp) on October 11 and **What's Next** for them is the Provisional Docent Training which begins on October 23. I am sure they were grateful for this twelve-day respite. Our sincere gratitude to Sally Tucker, Intern Training Chair and Bonnie Lytal, Assistant Trainer, for a mighty job well done. The masterful planning and flexibility of these two made it look easy and we all know it wasn't. Kudos to Cherita Harris and Adrena Mahu, the adjuncts, who kept the coffee pots full and the copy machine humming, and our many thanks to Kathe Crapster, Vice President, who has been with the Interns through the entire process and will continue to monitor their progress.

Deanna Storm recently attended the National Docent Symposium in Montreal. After serving as Director of the Mountain-Plains Region on the Council for 6 years she was just elected Treasurer for a 2-year term on the NDSC executive council. This represents quite an honor for her, the Gillies, and the museum. Congratulations, Deanna! **What's Next** for her and how could she possibly top this achievement? She will return with renewed enthusiasm and stamina to lead the new class through the next 5 weeks of Provisional Docent training. I know she is as excited as the new class must be.

What's Next for the museum? Susan Neal spoke at the Gillies Board Meeting and shared a few thoughts. An Interpretive Planning Committee including some staff and Dr. Ronda among others, is meeting with her every Friday. Eventually a few Gillies will be asked to join the group to help determine the museum's identity and the intended museum experience. Their findings should be ready to submit to an architect team by January. The City of Tulsa will manage the project.

There is lots of gratitude to go around. The Gillies Campaign for Gilcrease stands at \$42,000. This amount includes individual Gillie contributions plus the \$2500 from our operating fund which we voted to donate at the General Membership meeting last month. Thanks to ALL of you for this continued support in promoting the museum and its future.

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Kay WalkingStick: An American Artist is now open. What's next with this exhibition is filling the gallery attendants' shifts with 6 Gillies per day. This will meet the requirement of the American Federation of Art contract. With the change in format the old posters for signing up have come down and new ones will be going up soon. While this presents a challenge, we are the Gillies and meeting challenges is what we do.

Most importantly, **What Is Next** for the Gillies? The deadline for making your reservation for our Annual Membership Party is just around the corner and you do not want to miss out on this wonderful evening. **Picture This!** will be a night to remember.

**Reservations are due
by sunset on
NOVEMBER 1
for the Gillies Annual Membership Party!!!**



You and your guest will want to be at our annual party – we will honor the
CLASS OF 2018!

Sunday, November 12, 2017
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Gilcrease Museum Vista Room

The cost is covered by our annual dues, but **reservations are required**.
A beautiful view, a glass of wine, good friends, delicious food prepared by our
Hospitality Committee, music, entertainment – an evening to remember!!

RSVP: Kathy Horne 918-747-4716/kchorne49@gmail.com

Celebrities, Heroes, and Leaders

By Sally Tucker

Intern training, as always, included detailed presentations by Gillies. In addition, the intern class had a visit from Nancy and Charlie Russell, aka Sandy Montgomery and Bill Hellen, who gave an up close and personal view of the famous couple whose life and art forever influenced Western art.

Also, a field trip was taken to Broken Arrow's Main Street to view sculptures by Allan Houser, David Nunneley, Rosalind Cook, and other internationally known artists. One of the highlights was Houser's sculpture of Colonel Ernest Childers, Muskogee Creek Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. Also in Veteran's Park is Nunneley's sculpture of *American Patriot* which depicts Major William "Hank" Meisner, whose "service to the country was honorable and exemplary."

Among the stops in Pawhuska, the destination of another field trip, was the Osage Nation Museum where Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear addressed the group and brought them up to date on the current efforts by the Osage to maintain their land, water, and mineral rights.



DOCENTS' CORNER

Deanna Storm, Docent Chair

Docents – THANK YOU for your tremendous response to Gillies President Sharon Patch's call to action regarding the need for additional gallery attendants in the Kay WalkingStick exhibit (while I was away attending the National Docent Symposium in Montreal). Your participation will continue to be needed as we help the Museum fulfill obligations for this exhibit. This will require extraordinary effort from all of us through January 7 when the exhibit closes. I know we can do it. We are GILLIES – We are DOCENTS - and our purpose is to serve Gilcrease Museum.

We will have a couple of occasions to meet together to renew our energies and "fill our cups" – those being the Docent Meeting in November and the Docent Holiday Luncheon in December. (See details below.) I will send out an email on the December 8 luncheon as soon as all details have been determined.

Next Docent Meeting

Friday, November 3

9:30 for Coffee, 10:00 for Meeting

Gallery 18

All Gillies are welcome to attend

Mark Your Calendars

Docent Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 8 – HCAR Great Hall

More Details Later – Save the Date

(This event will be open to all Docents, Provisionals, and Former Docents)

Thank you for being part of the Gilcrease Docent team.

Check It Out!

Carol Stookey
Gillies Library Chair

Five more titles have been added to the collection this month! They are honor books purchased by the Gillie Class of 2016-17, an older honor book returned for cataloging and a donation. The new titles on the shelves are:

The Art and Life of Acee Blue Eagle

Quincy Tahoma: The Life and Legacy of a Navajo Artist

Looking at Russell

The Red Man's Bones: George Catlin, Artist and Showman

Spirit Talk: A Book of Days by Minisa Crumbo

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



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Barbara Lee Bush, Secretary

Gillies ~ Please check your personal information in the new Directory/Handbook (available now in the Gillie Sign-In Room) and confirm your address, telephone number and email are current. Let me know if a correction is required. Thank you!

Death

Glenna Anderson (October 14)

Mailed *Get Well* cards to

Phyllis Logsdon

George Hill

Joe Tipton

Mailed *Sympathy* cards to

Family of Glenna Anderson

Anna Turner — mother

Former Gillie Mabel Fuhrmann—husband

Former Gillie Barbara Wolf—husband

Mailed *Thinking of You* card to

Anna Turner

Jerry Blauer

Change of Address

Cordi Mansfield

4514 W El Paso St

Broken Arrow OK 74012

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UPCOMING STUDENT ART SHOWS

The *Tour de Quartz* art show, presented by the Oklahoma Arts Institute, was shown during October. As it leaves, two more will follow before yearend.

Glenpool High School art students will display their work from October 31 through November 26. The Northwoods Fine Arts Academy show will begin on November 28 and end on January 7.

All display activity will be in the capable hands of the Gillie Student Art team which is led by Dale Brown and Susan Lorton, the Student Art Chair and Adjunct.

Gilcrease Museum

2017-2018 Exhibition Schedule

<i>Masterworks from the Gilcrease Collection</i>	(Myers)
Gilcrease Museum Permanent Collection 9/1/16 - Ongoing	
<i>Creating the Modern Southwest</i>	(Gallery 4)
Gilcrease Museum Permanent Collection 10/1/16-12/31/17	
<i>The Essence of Place: Celebrating the Photography of David Halpern</i>	(Helmerich Hall and Corridor)
Organized by Gilcrease Museum with exhibition prints loaned from the artist 11/21/16 through 4/1/18	
<i>After Removal: Rebuilding the Cherokee Nation</i>	(Getty)
Organized by HCAR and Gilcrease Museum 8/27/17 through 1/21/18	
<i>Kay WalkingStick: An American Artist</i>	(American West)
Organized by American Federation of Arts 10/6/17 through 1/7/18	
<i>To Endure in Bronze</i>	(Ancient Americas)
Gilcrease Museum Permanent Collection 12/2017 - Ongoing	
<i>Norman Rockwell: Behind the Camera</i>	(Getty)
Organized by Norman Rockwell Museum 2/17/18 – 6/10/18	
<i>Blake Little: Photographs of the Gay Rodeo</i>	(Gallery 4)
Curated by Eiteljorg Museum 7/7/18 - 11/25/18	
<i>T.C. Cannon: At the Edge of America</i>	(Getty)
Organized by Peabody Essex Museum 7/14/18 to 10/7/18	
<i>Albert Bierstadt: Witness to a Changing West</i>	(Getty)
Organized by the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in conjunction with Gilcrease Museum 11/2/18 - 2/10/19	
<i>Thomas Gilcrease: The Collector</i> (Tentative Title)	(Gallery 7)
Gilcrease Museum Permanent Collection Mid 2018 – Ongoing (Opening date to be determined)	
<i>Modern and Contemporary Landscapes from the Gil Waldman Collection</i>	
Tentative 3/2018 – 6/2018 (Dates to be determined)	(Gallery 4)

Store Chatter

Joe Tipton, Chair

Be sure to mark your calendars: The **Members Holiday Sale** will be held on December 1 through December 3 this year!! All members will receive 25% off the regular merchandise price during the sale.

Have you seen all the new merchandise on display in our Gilcrease Museum Store? There are new selections of exhibit-inspired items, and Native American art, including bronze statues, turquoise, coral and silver jewelry, and clothing fashions. Browse the new Native American and Western American related books.

Our Store and Visitors Services Staff thanks all Gillies for their support – should you not know them by name, they are:

Melanie Rosencutter –Director, Gilcrease Museum Store and Visitors Services.

Garrett Gibson – Gilcrease Museum Store and Visitors Services Assistant Manager.

Robin Hoefling - Gilcrease Museum Store and Visitors Services Full-Time Associate.

Alex Patterson - Gilcrease Museum Store and Visitors Services Full-Time Associate.

Kathleen Neeley - Gilcrease Museum Store and Visitors Services Part-Time Associate.

Sarah Goetz - Gilcrease Museum Store and Visitors Services Part-Time Associate.



Left photo: Melanie, Robin, Kathleen

Right photo: Garrett, Sarah



Don't forget: Gilcrease Museum members always receive 10 percent off their purchases and Gillies receive another 5% for a 15% discount unless there is a special sale like the **Members Holiday Sale**.

Become a Store Volunteer. You can volunteer as a permanent day-of-the-month Store Gillie, or as a *Floater* filling in open dates and holidays. Text me at 918 284-1263 or e-mail joetintulsa@aol.com to join our team.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

01 Reservations Due for Gillies Annual Membership Party		
01, 06, 08, 13, 15, 27, 29	Provisional Docent Training	
	Gallery 18	9:30 – 3 p.m.
02	Development Office Meeting	Board Room
03	Docent Meeting	Gallery 18
03	From My Point of View	Gallery 18
	Natalie Panther: <i>Preparing Us to Move in Higher Circles: Class, Ethnicity and Identity at the Cherokee Male Seminary</i>	Noon
04	Learning the Cherokee (Tsalagi) Language	
	Danielle Culp	Overlook
09	Executive Committee Meeting	Gillies Library
09	Education Committee Meeting	Board Room
10	Board of Directors Meeting	Board Room
12	Annual Membership Party	Vista Room
15	<i>Smoke Signals</i> deadline for December	
17, 18, 19	Annual Bronze Sale (30% off)	Museum Store
19	Funday Sunday	Museum

December

01	From My Point of View	Gallery 18	Noon
	Ann Bolton and Mark Dolph: <i>The Secret Lives of Bronzes: Memorials, Memories and Meaning</i>		
01, 02, 03	Members Holiday Sale (25% off)	Museum Store	Museum hours
03	Holiday Musical Performance	Helmerich Hall	2:00 – 3 p.m.
07	Development Office Meeting	Board Room	10:00 a.m.
08	Docents' Holiday Luncheon	HCAR	11:30 a.m.
10	Holiday Musical Performance	Helmerich Hall	2:00 – 3 p.m.
17	Funday Sunday with Santa	Museum	Noon – 4 p.m.
17	Holiday Musical Performance	Auditorium	2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
19	Jazz Night	Vista Room	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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