



SMOKE SIGNALS

December 2014 & January 2015

Comments from our President

- Sally Tucker

Looking Back Forward

The month of January was named after the Roman god, *Janus*, who usually is depicted as having two faces, one looking to the past and one to the future.

This concept of a new year is especially relevant to Gillies. We regularly take survey of our past work and accomplishments, and then look forward to tweaking, changing or improving. Committees and their respective chairs often are heard to say after the completion of a successful program, "This was great, but I think we can do it even better by doing this" We Gillies do not rest on our laurels!

Gilcrease Museum just announced that The Gillies organization is a recipient of this year's Bluestem Award. This prestigious award is given to individuals or groups that have a longstanding history of significant contributions to the museum. We are honored to be recognized in this special way, and we are especially pleased that we share the award with Board of Trustees Chair Dale McNamara, who is a longtime friend of The Gillies.

Congratulations to: Docent Chair Charley Wyatt, and his team for having a successful training of 17 Docents; Beverly Wilcox for planning an amazing Gillies trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Dana Simon, Lana Clark, and the Hospitality Committee for the Gillies General Membership party that was great fun.

As Gillies serve Gilcrease Museum, we have reason to be proud when we look back at our accomplishments, and we anticipate what is in store for us in the future.

December 8 Gillies Appreciation Luncheon

Gilcrease Museum wants to show the Gillies its appreciation of your museum service with a luncheon in your honor on December 8.

To make a good thing even better, non-Gillies spouses/significant others are invited to join you!

Wine will be served, beginning at 11:00 that morning, with lunch to follow.

Please RSVP to Mark Dolph your intentions no later than Monday, December 1 at: mark-dolph@utulsa.edu

Docent Holiday Luncheon Set for December 4

The Docent Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, in the Vista Room.

A cash wine bar will be available at 11:30 a.m., followed by a great lunch at noon.

Current and former Docents are invited.

The buffet menu will include:

*Spring mix, butternut squash, dried cranberries, goat cheese,
& maple vinaigrette salad*

Grilled Chicken with Tomato Chutney

Beef Tips

Wild Rice Blend

Green Beans with Pearl Onions

Dinner Rolls

*Dessert Station: Assorted Holiday Cakes
& Cookies*

Iced Tea, Ice Water & Coffee

The price for this meal is \$21.00. Please make your check out to Charley Wyatt and mail to:

Charley Wyatt

7300 S. Redbud Avenue

Broken Arrow, OK 74011

RSVP by Monday, December 1, to Charley Wyatt at (918) 451-2439 or wyatt1000@cox.net

DOCENT CORNER

- Charley Wyatt, Chair

***Congratulations Docents!
Now, Let's Celebrate!***

Congratulations to every Docent for putting in such an amazing effort during the first half of the 2014-2015 Gillies year.

Your dedication allowed the scheduling of a huge number of museum tours, plus *Gilcrease Goes to School* and *Speaking of Gilcrease* presentations and Kravis Discovery Center labs. In addition, there were Gilcrease Garden Tours and Summer Tour Program events.

Congratulations on attending training sessions, Docent Meetings, and helping the museum during the successful Helmerich Center for American Research weekend.

Congratulations to 17 Provisional Docents who completed Docent Training in November, and are now working with their Mentors in *First Visit* tours to gain that invaluable practical experience that we all need.

Now, let's celebrate!

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Kravis Discovery Center

- Dolores Frenier – Chair

A big WELCOME to the following interns who trained as Desk Facilitators: Faye Finley, Ryan Brandt, John Goodenow, Susan Lorton, and Carolyn Wilcott.

Attention Gillies!

It's about time to submit nominations for our Gillies officers for 2015-2016.

There are some guidelines.

Written nominations for the office of President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer should be submitted to:

**David Robertson
Nominating Committee Chair
6602 E. 89th Place
Tulsa, OK 74133**

The nominations must be submitted in writing during the month of **January Only**. No verbal nominations will be accepted.

Nominees must be Active members of The Gillies. Nominations should include information about the nominee, such as offices held, specific assignments, chairmanships, and other leadership roles. Make sure your nominee actually wants to be considered before submitting.

The Nominating Committee will meet on Monday, February 2, 2015, in the Gillies Library. Committee members are: Jane Watson, Rod Schneider, Jim Walker, and Norma Wallace. Serving as alternatives are: Gertrud Schmidt and Linda Harkey. All nominations received will be considered.

The committee will select a single slate. The slate will include one candidate per office to be filled – President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The office of President will be filled automatically by current President-Elect Dana Simon.

The slate will be handed over to current President Sally Tucker. The slate will be published in the March 2015 *Smoke Signals* newsletter.

Elections will be conducted at the General Membership Meeting on March 20, 2015. Additional procedural information may be found in the *Gillies Handbook* in Bylaws, Article V, Sections 1-6.

Let's put qualified Gillies in these important executive roles. Send your written nominations to David Robertson during January.

Please Take Note

~~Kathy Horne, Secretary

Change in email:

Margarita Harrison – marg.drognev@gmail.com

Change in phone number:

Olivette McClure – (918)-893-1989

Get well cards sent to:

Keith Bowers Jo Ann Clapp
Karen Jarvis Judy Reiners
Del Schuler Alana Trisler
Ruth Weston

Sympathy cards sent to:

Janis Haynes – death of father
Judy Reiners – death of mother-in-law
Jim Walker – death of brother-in-law

Thinking of 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

Handbooks

- Sharon Patch - Vice President

They are going FAST!!!

If you still do not have your personal copy of the 2014-2015 Gillie Handbook/Directory it is waiting for you in the Gillies Sign-in Room. Pick yours up soon.

Gillies Library News...

- Robert W. Sears, Chair



New Acquisition

With the opening of *Private Collections to Public Treasures: New Acquisitions at Gilcrease Museum*, several examples of exquisite Native American beadwork will be on display.

This form of artistic expression is an important aspect of Native American culture. Beadwork became both a means of cultural and economic survival for the tribes.

Floral Journey: Native North American Beadwork by Lois S Dubin focuses on the floral designs in Native American beadwork. Published to accompany a current exhibition at the Autry National Center of the American West in Los Angeles, this volume includes beautiful photographs of moccasins, bags, dresses and quilts from all tribal areas and time periods in North America.

Floral techniques began with European contact in the 17th century, and they continue today through contemporary designs. This new addition to the Gillies Library was presented in honor of Sondra Mullins, Gillies President 2013-2014.

"Remember: Check Out Your Library!!"

Shop Talk

- Frances Whisman, Chair

The Gilcrease Museum shop has been busy this past month. New merchandise has arrived, including new jewelry items.

Sale books are still on a cart in front of the shop. Inside, many items have been moved, due to merchandise changes and the new display. Look to see what has moved since you last visited the shop.

New faces are in the shop, both volunteers and employees. Karen Brakey, Anne Gaffney, and Andrea Lyons have been trained. More Interns will follow soon. Some are finishing Docent training.

The annual weekend holiday discount of 25% for museum members will be December 5, 6 and 7, with Gillies being given the same discount on Thursday, December 4, which is the day of the Docent Luncheon.

Don't forget to shop the Gilcrease Museum shop for your holiday needs. The shop will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, but the museum will remain open.

If anyone needs hours, there still are openings for volunteers who want to work in the shop. Contact me at: frances.whisman@cox.net or (918)-759-1131 (cell) or 918-224-8325 (home).



Allan Houser Sculpture Garden described.



Group gets an orientation of Santa Fe.



Visit to the Loretto Chapel was made.



Gilles learn about Chimayo weavings



Gillies view the Rio Grande.



Entrance to the Blumenschein Home.



Guide explains Bandelier ruins

What's There To Do in Santa Fe?

If you ask that question of any of the Gillies and guests who just returned from the Gillies trip, you'll hear many responses.

On the way to Santa Fe from Albuquerque, New Mexico, one of the stops was the Allan Houser Sculpture Garden for a guided tour of many of his impressive works, including *Sacred Rain Arrow*.

The following day was filled with a guided walking tour of Santa Fe. The next day was a busy one in Taos visiting museums, weavers, artists' homes and the Taos Pueblo.

Another special day was a trip to the Bandelier National Monument area, where Gillies were awed with breathtaking landscapes, and were filled with information from our guide.

It was a jam-packed five days with a common thread of eating delicious meals in scenic restaurants, enjoying and learning about the Southwest culture, finding treasures in the shops, having great fun, and getting to make 31 new friends.

Thanks to Travel Chair Beverly Wilcox and Adjunct Pat Davidson for planning and carrying out a trip that was a highlight of the year.



Gillies and their guests who went on the trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico, from October 14 through 19, stand on a boat ramp next to the Rio Grande River: They are: Travel Chair Beverly Wilcox, left, and her adjunct, Pat Davidson, Silvia Furgason, Al Anderson, Mackie Coty, Sally Tucker, Ruben, our driver, Pat Cundiff, Barbara Kimbrough, Fay Larson, Shirley Larson, Paul Storm, Winnie Leach, Frank Kastl, Dee Wells, Patti Kastl, Jo Ann Bishop, Glenna Anderson, Julius Pegues, Jane Elkins, Monte Devries, J.T. Carter, Robert W. Sears, Carolyn Graham, Marsha McElroy, Larry Rogers, Judy Baggett, Deanna Storm, Dana Simon, Frances Whisman, Jo Carolyn Rushing, and Wennette Pegues.

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 Thomas Gilcrease Institute of American History And Art
 1400 Gilcrease Museum Road
 Tulsa, OK 74127

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 2014

3 – Development Comm	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
4 – Docent Luncheon	Vista Room	11:00 a.m.
5 – FMPOV	Gallery 18	Noon
<i>What Does “On Common Ground” Mean?</i>		
Jim Goss, Exec. Director, Frank Phillips Home		
8 – Gillies Appreciation Luncheon	Vista Room	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
21 – <i>From Frontier to Foundry: The Making of Small Bronze Sculpture, Gilcrease Collection</i>		
	Getty	Opens
25 – Christmas Day	Museum	Closed

January 2015

7 – Development Comm	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
8 – Executive Comm	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.

January (cont.)

8 – Education Comm	Board Room	1:00 p.m.
9 – Board of Directors	Board Room	9:30 a.m.
9 – FMPOV	Gallery 18	Noon
<i>Ins & Outs of Bronze Casting: Why Should We Care?</i>		
Ann Boulton, Gilcrease Museum Associate Curator		

February 2015

2 – Nominating Comm	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
4 – Development Comm	Gillies Library	10:00 a.m.
6 – Docent Meeting	Gallery 18	9:30 a.m.
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