

Oklahoma's Largest Homeowners Association

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February 2018

From the Gilcrease Hills Homeowners Association



by Norman Rockwell

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

FEATURES GILCREASE MUSEUM

Board member Allecia Ratliff who represents Oakwood and works for the City of Tulsa, brought her new friends from the staff of Gilcrease Museum to the Board meeting to remind us we are neighbors!

Susan Neal, director of the museum, and Alison Rossi, director of learning and community engagement, answered all our questions and spoke about the wonderful activities that we can enjoy and support there. Susan's mother Virginia Bingham, lived in Gilcrease Hills for many years.

Entry fee is around \$8, but lower for children, students, seniors, and military. The museum is open every Tuesday

through Sunday, 10:00 am – 5:00. There is a wonderful restaurant inside servicing meals from 11:00-3:00. Visit the website www.gilcrease.org for lots of information about exhibits and events and art camps for youth.

The special talk this month is "Drawing The Color Line" on Thursday, February 22, at 7:00 pm and features **Hannibal Johnson** speaking about Norman Rockwell and his images that feature people of all races and events of integration and immigration.

Gilcrease After Hours is every last Friday of a month, 7 – 9 pm. Great art, a few snacks, lots of friendliness. Bring one of your friends!

Drop-in Studio: on 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays 1-4pm. There will be materials and teaching artists to help us create art. Children are welcome. Costs is entry fee to the museum.

And don't forget the beautiful grounds, which provide lovely walks – plants, trees, ponds and prairie land -- to enjoy for free. The museum is owned by the City of Tulsa and managed by University of Tulsa.

Funday Sunday is the free day of every month – the 3rd Sunday, noon to 4:00 pm, there is no charge to get in to see all the art and take part in some art projects. That is this Sunday, February 18, and every third Sunday.

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ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States.

That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederic Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

Did You Know?

The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the civil rights movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses.

President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2018 THEME

Since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme.

The Black History Month 2018 theme, "African Americans in Times of War," marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and honors the roles that black Americans have played in warfare, from the American Revolution to the present day.



Guardians of the Frontier

The Military involvement of African Americans continued after the civil war, when the United States Army formed the all black ninth and tenth cavalries and the twenty fourth and twenty fifth infantries. During the

latter half of the nineteenth century, 10 percent of the Army's forces in the west, including Oklahoma, were made up of these "Buffalo Soldiers," named by the Plains Indians for their dark skin and the fierceness of their fight. In many western commands, African American soldiers made up more than half of the available military forces. Buffalo soldiers served in some of the most inhospitable terrain, receiving assignments no one else in the Army wanted. Often thanked with little more than prejudice and resentment, these Black regiments laid hundreds of miles of telegraph lines, escorted stagecoaches, protected railroad workers, mapped uncharted territory, and held outlaws, rustlers, Boomers, Mexican revolutionaries and Indians at bay. In Oklahoma, they performed many of these duties from Fort Cobb, Arbuckle, Sill, Reno, Gibson, and Supply. The protection afforded by Buffalo Soldiers was instrumental in the settlement of the west, and the bravery of many was ultimately recognized. All told 18 black soldiers earned the Medal of Honor, the United States Military's highest distinction for service in the Indian wars.

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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Tulsa Police Department (non-emergency) 918-596-9222

Gilcrease Division 918-591-4100

Gang/Narcotics 918-586-6300

Crime Stoppers 918-596-COPS

Osage County Sheriff 918-287-3535 or
1-888-287-3150

Oklahoma Highway Patrol 918-627-
0440

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE

Animal Control-strays/dead animals
918-596-9771

Crime Commission (Alert Neighbors)
918-585-5209

Code Enforcement (Tulsa) 918-596-
7698

Fire Dept-report fire hazards 918-596-
9444

Mayor's Action Center (Tulsa) 918-
596-2100

Office for Neighborhoods (Tulsa) 918-
596-1292

Tulsa Water Dept-broken line 918-596-
9488

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 8th Board Meeting 6:pm

March 16th St Patrick's day lunch 12 til
2: pm