



the
Gibbes
women's
council



Dear Gibbes Women's Council Members,

Thanks to each of you for being part of our 73rd year of supporting the Gibbes Museum of Art. As the Gibbes continues to expand, grow, and evolve so do we as patrons and supporters of Charleston's beloved art museum. As

Executive Director Angela Mack so eloquently stated, "The Gibbes aims to introduce new art forms, promote creativity and connect the community with art in new and exciting ways."

The Gibbes has some exciting events and acquisitions happening in the upcoming seasons! On September 27, the Gibbes Women's Council hosted our Fall General Membership Meeting showcasing the exhibit *The Bitter Years: Dorothea Lange and Walker Evans Photographs from the Martin A. Marguiles Collection*. Head Curator Sara Arnold and guest photographer speaker Rick Rhodes spoke about the historical significance of this Great Depression exhibit and the nature of artistic photography.

Our Programs Committee has been busy organizing future events that are culturally diverse, educational, and visually intriguing. The next GWC event will be held October 25 at the Gibbes featuring Art Historian and artist Aldous Bertram, author of *Dragons & Pagodas: A Celebration of Chinoiserie*. December will bring our Holiday Party; held December 3 at a private residence. The general membership meeting January 10th will feature the art of Julyan Davis, *American Ghosts*. February/March we hope to plan a curator led tour of the new International African American Museum. Ending the year will be our annual picnic in May. Stay tuned as we reveal more details about our upcoming events!

The third annual ART CHARLESTON will be held the week of April 24-28, 2024, with the Art of Design luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th. The Art of Design luncheon continues to be a successful sold-out fundraising event each year, so be sure to secure your spot with an AOD sponsorship.

Our membership for the GWC has reached an all-time high with 190 active volunteers. As a growing, diverse group we encourage you to invite a friend, neighbor, or colleague that you feel would enjoy and benefit from our group. We hope that each member will consider getting involved in a committee of their choosing or find a volunteer opportunity that is right for them. Please refer to the *How to Volunteer* link which will take you to the Volunteer Engagement Form which lists all volunteer opportunities. We also have a private Facebook group that we encourage you to join so you can connect with other members and stay informed of our events.

We hope you will join us as we plan and experience another year of artistic and cultural events that showcase the artistic diversity that the Gibbes Museum of Art offers us all!

Best,

Whitney Jones
GWC President