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GIBBES WOMEN'S COUNCIL COMMUNIQUÉ | OCTOBER 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Women's Council Members,

It was wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces at our Fall Membership meeting in September. A huge thank you to Programs Chair Rebecca Kay and Vice Chair Liane Kerr and the Programs Committee for a fabulous event! Sara Arnold gave us an informative overview of *Bo Bartlett: Earthly Matters*, and then we headed upstairs to see the impressive exhibit!

Our October event was held at the American College of the Building Arts (ACBA). We started the day in the classroom with President Colby Broadwater, who gave us an outstanding overview of the college, the professors, the students, and future goals of the college. We then had the opportunity to tour the college with President Broadwater and Chief Development and Alumni Affairs Officer Becky Dornisch and see all the students at work: ironworks, timber framing, plaster, copper, and drawing. There was a quote on the wall in the classroom by Mayor Joseph P. Riley, which I think sums up this impressive institution "ACBA: Charleston's Gift to America." We ended the day with a delicious lunch. Thank you again to Rebecca, Liane, and the Programs Committee for organizing this enlightening tour!

We also had our New Member Orientation in October. It is always nice to see so many new ladies join the Women's Council! Many thanks to Membership Chair Michele Costanzo and Vice Chair Melissa Efird for organizing this event. Also, a huge thank you to Sara Arnold for leading the museum tour!

We have more exciting things planned – the holiday party in December, our January Membership Meeting, Art of Design in April, and the Annual Picnic in May! I always encourage involvement – if you are looking to volunteer your time, talent, and energy, PLEASE reach out to me or any board member!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next event!

Best,

Sonja Golinski
GWC President

SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for our annual holiday party. It will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4, at Betsy Harden's home. Please be on the lookout for the invitation very soon!

In addition, we are busy planning the January membership meeting, a February/March tour of the International African American Museum, Art of Design in April, and our spring picnic at Missy Parker's home in May.

PAST EVENTS



Fall Membership Meeting

The Women's Council kicked off the new season on Sept. 14th, and more than 85 members were in attendance! Our first meeting of the year had an American theme and featured wine and food from the U.S. Gibbes curator Sara Arnold spoke to us about American realist painters and then hosted tours of the new Bo Bartlett exhibit. In addition, President Sonja Golinski and other members of our Board told us about all the wonderful programs the GWC has planned for the year, and Gibbes Director Angela Mack updated us on what is happening at the museum. It was an enjoyable evening to get back together at the Gibbes!



Gibbes Women's Council Tour of American College of the Building Arts

The Gibbes Women's Council had the opportunity to tour the American College of the Building Arts on Friday, Oct. 14th. President Broadwater and Chief Development and Alumni Affairs Officer Becky Dornisch gave a wonderful program about the College and then led us on tours. We were able to see the students at work in their individual disciplines, including blacksmithing, carpentry, classical architecture, plaster, stone carving, and timber framing. It was a special treat to also see coppersmithing. At the end of the tours, we enjoyed a wonderful lunch catered by Iacofano's. The 40 members who participated were very impressed by the students and their knowledge of the classical building arts.



New Member Orientation

The Membership Committee hosted a New Member Orientation on Wednesday, Oct. 19th from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. There were six new members, one guest, and several members of the board in attendance. From the Gibbes, Executive Director and Chief Curator Angela Mack, Director of Special Events Jena Clem, Director of Curatorial Affairs Sara Arnold, and Special Events Manager Addy Smith spoke about their roles and mission for the museum and how the Gibbes Women's Council is an integral part of museum. It was an intimate gathering with lively conversations, and attendees enjoyed getting to know each other over wine and cheese. A big welcome to our new members!

ART *of* DESIGN

First Look: AOD 2023

Art of Design—as part of ArtCHS, the premier festival for the visual arts—is shaping up! The event will take place Wednesday, April 26 through Sunday, April 30, with our AOD luncheon kicking off the events on Wednesday, preceded by the sponsor party the prior evening, Tuesday, April 25.

We have a committee of 19 volunteers thus far and hope to attract others. AOD is our hallmark tribute to the Gibbes, so please mark your calendars and plan to reserve your seat as a sponsor – maybe even upping your contribution level from last year! You will be hearing from our committee soon. Remember, AOD is always a sell-out affair, so sign up early, and better yet, join our committee! Our first meeting will be Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Gibbes.

A speaker is under consideration, and we hope to have an announcement soon. Watch for details of this and other news in the brochure to be released next month.

Thank you from your co-chairs,
Ronni Sarmanian and Betty Anne Wilson

YOU'RE INVITED: GIBBES MUSEUM OF ART



New Member Social

Wednesday, December 7

6–6:45pm *New Member Social*

6–8pm *Gibbes Holiday Market*

New Member Social (6–6:45pm): Gibbes New Members at any level who have joined since January 2020 are invited to come learn more ways to become involved at the museum. The Gibbes External Affairs Committee along with leaders from the Gibbes two auxiliary groups, Women's Council and Society 1858, will be on hand to share information and to answer questions on all things Gibbes!

The **Gibbes Holiday Market (6–8pm)** will also take place that evening and will feature

visiting artists with art demonstrations, holiday museum, curated "pop-up" items in the Gibbes Museum Store, fun tours and more. Please RSVP to Jen Ross, jross@gibbesmuseum.org, if you are interested in attending or helping with the New Member Social.

Art is the Reason! So, get to know the Gibbes!



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