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GIBBES WOMEN'S COUNCIL COMMUNIQUÉ



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Gibbes Women's Council Members,

Welcome back to a very special season for the Gibbes Women's Council (GWC) — our 75th year! Thanks to each one of you who make this group such a creative success! Your continued support of the Gibbes Museum and the Gibbes Women's Council ensures that we will be around for many more years to come.



We kicked off a new GWC season with a general membership meeting on September 18. Angela Mack, President and CEO of the Gibbes Museum, and Sara Arnold, Director of Curatorial Affairs, discussed past exhibitions, the 2016 renovation of the Gibbes Museum building and a growing recognition of the Gibbes within the art world. Angela (who will retire next year) shared some personal and humorous Gibbes memories, which made the evening particularly special.

The GWC Programs Committee, led by co-chairs Cara Schaafsma and Deirdre McMurtry, has planned an exciting and diverse schedule of upcoming events, which I'm sure will be enjoyed by our members. For more information, see the "Programs" report on the following page. Art of Design Luncheon co-chairs Betty Anne Wilson and Robyn Stern are making great progress in organizing this major fundraiser, which is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 23, 2025**. Be sure to mark your calendar for this very special kick-off event for Art Charleston Week.

With so many exciting things happening at the Gibbes, I hope you have the opportunity to take advantage of the wide variety of programming including special exhibits, the Distinguished Lecture series, panel discussions and visiting artists. You can learn more about the GWC at gibbesmuseum.org.

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!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Whitney Jones".

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING KICKS OFF 75th GWC SEASON



On September 18, the Gibbes Women's Council met for its first event of the 2024/25 season. Members were treated to a panel discussion with Gibbes President and CEO Angela Mack and Director of Curatorial Affairs Sara Arnold. We learned about the history of The Gibbes building, the thought process in building the permanent collection and the legacy of art in the South. We all learned something new.

On **October 16**, our newest members are invited to a reception at the Gibbes from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., a chance to meet board members and get better acquainted with the GWC goals and mission. On **Wednesday November 6**, Eric Larson of Wynsom Antiques, will present his knowledge of antiques, period styles, history and valuation process...a sort of Antiques Roadshow for Charleston! This event will be fun, with a few surprises! On **December 8**, all members are invited to the annual Holiday party. Save the date. Time and location will be forthcoming.

Above Image: Dieder McMurtry & Cara Schaafsma, Programs Co-Chairs

SAVE THE DATE

October 16
November 6
December 8

New Member reception
Eric Larson, Wynsom Antiques
Holiday party

4-6pm at the Gibbes
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More information to come

PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR ART OF DESIGN 2025



Planning for the 2025 Art of Design Luncheon is moving along nicely. We think it will be a lot of fun, with the theme centered around fashion. As we go to print, we have an acceptance from an exciting speaker, but we cannot announce it until contracts have been signed.

Our committee is ready to swing into action contacting GWC members and other friends of the Gibbes to solicit sponsorships and reserve tickets. In addition to the luncheon, sponsors will be invited to a lovely party on the evening of **April 22**, which has already been scheduled at the home of Jane McClain. Ticket prices, sponsorship levels and other details will be announced as soon as they are confirmed. Remember to mark your calendars for the **Art of Design on Wednesday, April 23, 2025** at 11 a.m. in the Gibbes Lenhardt Garden!

Above image: Betty Anne Wilson & Robyn Stern, Art of Design Co-Chairs

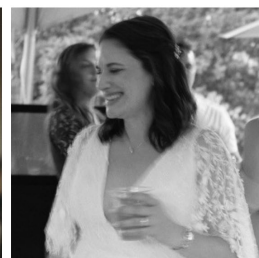
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ART OF DESIGN - APRIL 23, 2025



In August, Gibbes Women's Council members topped the 200 mark! More than 20 new members have joined us since May 1, 2024, and they are listed below. Please introduce yourselves when you see them and welcome them to the Gibbes Women's Council.

Left Image: Melissa Efird & Sarah Pitts, Membership Co-Chairs

MEET THE GWC'S NEWEST MEMBERS



MAY 2024
Mary Denger
Spencer Guthery
Gayle Krueger

JUNE 2024
Katherine Falls
Arlene Felipe Mille
Ryann Renee

Hannah Mabry
Susan Perkins
Meredith Weatherby

Therese Smythe
Penelope Stokes-Hall
Agnes O'Connor Goun

JULY 2024
Annie Domville
Hailey Boylston
Meredith Daf-Grande
Gabrielle Murphy
Monique Brown
Julie Moree

AUGUST 2024
Janet Gertz
Rebecca Bechhold
Kelly Ghom

							
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