VOLUNTEERING MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Dear Friend of the Museum,

Due to the increase in activity and visitation at the Museum, we need to expand our volunteer program. Our most immediate need is for volunteers at the Reception Desk/Museum Shop and as Museum Docents. The Museum is a pleasant and rewarding place to work. You will also see many of your friends and neighbors from time to time.

Most importantly, you will be helping our very small staff carry out the important areas of work for which they are responsible, without interruption. We cannot emphasize enough, how important our volunteers are to us.

As a volunteer at the reception desk, you would be responsible for answering the telephone and directing calls; greeting visitors and having them sign the guest register; collecting the admission fee, and briefly explaining the layout of the Museum, using our guided-tour map. Since the Museum Shop is located immediately to the right of the reception desk, you would learn the process of selling merchandise and helping customers with their purchases.

Would you be willing to volunteer three (3) hours each month, on either a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, to help us? Your time could be scheduled either in the morning from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM or from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. A staff person would relieve you for a brief break during your three hours.

To be fully staffed with volunteers in just the areas above, requires between 50 and 60 people each month. This does not include volunteers in the other areas working in collections, doing research and restoration work. We could not do all of the many things we do, were it not for our dedicated volunteers. Please give your thoughtful consideration to this appeal. Please call the Museum a 336-786-4478 to sign up.

The Museum's Docent Team (Tour Guides) consists of 30 volunteers and welcomes newcomers. We make history fun and interesting! A docent's volunteer hours can vary from 30

to 80 hours a year, depending on what their schedules allow. This program is open to individuals of all ages and no history background is required. For more information about the Docent Program, please call the Museum at (336) 786-4478.

Areas for Volunteering



Operations

- Reception desk - Greeting visitors

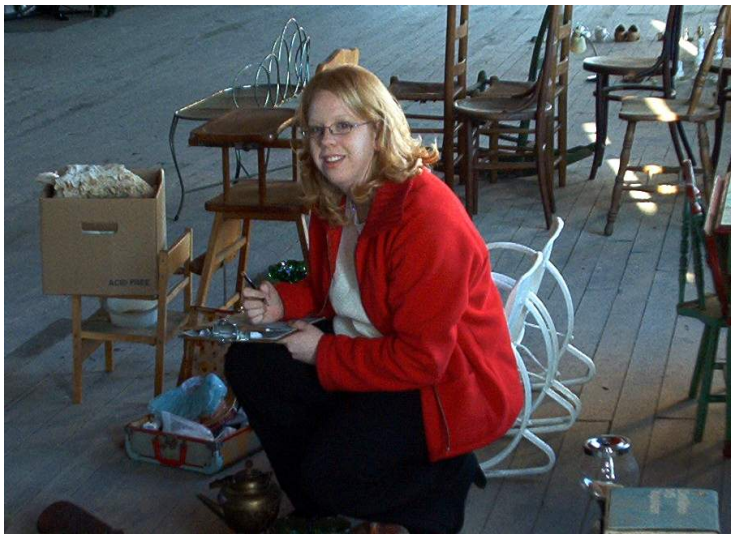
- Floating volunteers who go from area to area to make sure things are running smoothly
- Work in the Museum Store helping customers
- Cleaning
- Marking new merchandise

Programs / Education



- Docent - Conducting Tours
- Doing research for docents training and gathering background information on programs
- Preparation for programs and workshops
- Sewing, cutting, sorting, coloring, gluing, etc.
- Helping with demonstrations like cornshuck doll making
- Suggestions for new program ideas

Collections / Artifacts



- Sewing and mending garments
- Making textile tubes for quilts
- Making padded coat hangers
- Numbering artifacts
- Labeling artifacts
- Researching artifacts
- Cleaning artifacts
- Organizing books
- Data entry
- Doing research in the library

If you feel you would like to be a volunteer, please call the museum at 786-4478 for more information.