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Joslyn Art Museum's Docent Program

Thank you for your interest in Joslyn Art Museum's Docent Program.

The mission of the volunteer docent corps is to enable visitors to discover, enjoy and learn about the collection, exhibitions and architecture of the Museum. Through tours and outreach services, the Docent Program seeks to respond to the diverse needs of visitors, to stimulate curiosity, and to provide life-long learning opportunities.

Joslyn Art Museum's Docent Training Program begins September 11, 2019 at 9:30 am for new docent candidates (September 18 for all other docents) and continues on Mondays, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm throughout the school year. The two-year program is designed to provide a foundation in the history of art, information related to Joslyn Art Museum's permanent collection and special exhibitions, and training in touring techniques. Classes include lectures, discussion, gallery exploration, and independent study. While a background in art history, education, studio arts, or humanities is helpful, the most important requirements are a desire to learn about art and a commitment to share that knowledge with the public. In addition to comprehensive training, docents enjoy a variety of other benefits, including...

- continuing education for all docents, including walkthroughs of special exhibitions with curators; presentations, workshops, and demonstrations by guest lecturers and staff; opportunities to visit regional cultural institutions and museums
- 20% employee discount in the Hitchcock Museum Shop on all non-sale items
- invitation to the annual Docent Appreciation Luncheon
- 20% discount on purchases made at Café Durham
- an enriching, rewarding environment of comradeship, learning, and fun!

Enclosed please find a Docent Program Application. Following a review of your application, a representative from Joslyn's Criss Center for Education will contact you to arrange an interview. Qualified candidates are chosen based on their prospective ability to communicate information about art knowledgeably and enthusiastically. Docents must also be Joslyn members.

For more information please call Susie Severson, Director of Adult Programs at (402) 661-3862. A printable application is also available by visiting Joslyn's website at www.joslyn.org and clicking "Education and Research" then "Docents" from the Website's main menu bar.

Application deadline is August 19, 2019.

**Joslyn Art Museum
Docent Program Application**

Please complete this form or answer all questions on a separate piece of paper.

Application deadline is August 19, 2019

Next Session begins Monday, September 11, 2019 at 9:30 am

Name _____

Address _____

street

city

state

zip code

home phone

work phone

cell phone

e-mail

birth date

Education

High School _____

name, location

College or other
post-secondary education _____

name, location

degree

major

graduation date

Graduate school _____

name, location

field of study

Employment

___ full-time _____

current place of employment

___ part-time _____

position held

References #1 _____

name, phone, email contact

References #2 _____

name, phone, email contact

Emergency Contact _____

name, phone, email contact

Describe ways that you have furthered your education since you completed formal studies.

1. What previous training, formal or informal, do you have in art or art history?

2. List any teaching experience with student groups, including volunteer work. Include age levels and type of teaching/learning settings.

3. Are you conversant in any international languages? ____ If yes, which? _____

4. Participating in the Docent Program requires a considerable amount of time. Please indicate what other demands will be made on your time in the coming five years or so that would compete with this program.

5. How did you learn about Joslyn's Docent Program?

6. State briefly your reasons for wanting to become a volunteer docent and describe the skills/abilities that you have for this work.

7. Joslyn's Docent Program requires a degree of computer proficiency and the ability to communicate online via email. Do you feel comfortable using email and exploring art-related Internet resources?

Following a review of your application, a representative from Joslyn's Education Department will contact you to arrange an interview. If you have any questions please contact Susie Severson, Director of Adult Programs at 402.661.3862 or sseverson@joslyn.org.