



Fairfield Museum

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370 Beach Road, Fairfield, CT | 203-259-1598
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Volunteer Info & Application Museum Docent Program

Application Deadline for Summer 2017 Docents:
Friday, April 7, 2017

**Are you a lifelong learner with a passion for people and sharing history?
Find out about becoming a Museum Docent!**

Docents are trained volunteer educators who present guided tours and education programs to students and adults. The Fairfield Museum Docent Program is both intellectually stimulating and socially rewarding and includes readings and discussions on various topics in American history and education.

In early summer of 2017 new exhibitions featuring interactive, hands-on experiences will open in three buildings on the Museum Commons nearby Fairfield's Town Green: Victorian Cottage and Barn (1888) and Sun Tavern (c.1780). Spring 2017 Docent Training will provide new opportunities to become involved in our community. Docents are needed to present tours and facilitate hands-on activities in the Sun Tavern. Training will also cover the 1750 Ogden House and history of Fairfield's Town Green. Whether you've lived here for many years or you are new to the area, discover the rewards of sharing the rich history of our town and region to students, families and adults.

What is the commitment?

- Attend training sessions & meetings
- Successfully complete a practice tour
- Be physically capable of walking and standing for length of tours; up to 1.5 hours
- Read and study materials on history and education
- Commit to at least 2 or more volunteer shifts per month at the Sun Tavern or Ogden House during summer 2017

What skills do I need?

- A love of history and learning
- Good communication and public speaking skills
- Good listening skills
- Flexibility / Adaptability
- Tolerance and respect for others

To apply, please complete a volunteer application and attend one of our upcoming information and general training sessions:

Docent Information Session: Fairfield 101

Wednesday, March 16, 10am – 12pm | Tuesday, March 21, 10am – 12pm | Monday, March 27, 1pm – 3pm

Learn about inquiry-based education and how to spark curiosity in our visitors. The information session will cover Teaching with Primary Sources, general Fairfield history and docent policies.

Spring Docent Training

Potential Docents may choose from the following sessions for Sun Tavern-Town Green and/or Ogden House training.

Session 1 (Sun Tavern & Town Green) Fridays, April 21, 28, May 5, 10am – 2pm

Session 2 (Sun Tavern) Mondays, May 8, 15 & 22, 3pm – 5:30pm

Session 3 (Ogden House) Fridays, May 12, 19 & 26, 2pm – 4pm

Docent Shifts, Summer 2017

1750 Ogden House, 1520 Bronson Road

Sundays, June 3- September 24, 1pm – 4pm. In addition, the Ogden House is open for CT Open House Day on Saturday, June 10 from 10am – 4pm.



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Please specify if you have specific interest in presenting these Education Programs:

- Student Tours – elementary school (for fall and spring, 2017 – 2018)
 Ogden House Tours, Sunday afternoons Sun Tavern Host / Tours

I am available:

___ Ogden House Tours: Sundays, 1-4pm, June 3 – September 24, 2017

Sun Tavern Host / Tours, June 3 – September 3, 2017:

___ Fridays, 10am – 12pm or 12pm – 2pm ___ Saturdays, 10am – 12pm or 12pm – 2pm
 ___ Sundays, 10am – 12pm or 12pm – 2pm

Emergency Information In case of emergency please notify:

 Name _____
Phone

Do you have any medical conditions that would affect your ability to perform any volunteer task, or that the staff of **FMHC** should be aware of? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

References Please list three references from previous employment or volunteer experience:

Name & Position	How do you know this person?	Company	City, State	Phone #

___ I give the Fairfield Museum and History Center permission to contact the above references.

I certify that the statements made in this volunteer application are true and correct, and have been given voluntarily. I understand that this information may be disclosed to any party with legal and proper interest, and I release **Fairfield Museum and History Center** from any liability whatsoever for supplying such information. [Please note: **FMHC** does not release lists of members or volunteers.] I understand that I will not be paid for my services as a volunteer.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to Christine Jewell, Director of Education & Community Programs, at the information below.