Volunteer as a Docent at the Stark Galleries

What a Docent Does

A docent gives public tours of the exhibitions in the Stark Galleries. In addition, docents help develop and lead community outreach programs such as workshops for adults and children.

As a docent you will have the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of art from different cultures and time periods and collaborate with other people who share your interests.

Docent Training

New docents are required to attend four one-hour training sessions. These sessions prepare you for giving tours, familiarize you with the collection, and hone public speaking skills.

After the initial training period, docents are required to attend the monthly training sessions to learn about current exhibitions in the Stark Galleries. These training sessions are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 4pm.

Background

The Office of University Art Collections and Exhibitions’ Docent Program was created in 1979 to increase the level of awareness and knowledge of the visual arts at Texas A&M University and throughout the Brazos Valley.

Originally, the focus of the docent program was giving tours of all the campus arts facilities, however, with the opening of the J. Wayne Stark University Center Galleries in 1992, the focus shifted to the exhibitions offered in the Stark Galleries.

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The Office of University Art Collections and Exhibitions, invites docents who:

- Are curious about art of all kinds...
- Like to learn about art and how it is created...
- Enjoy conversing with visitors and artists...
- Are committed to making the visitor experience more meaningful...
- Think Texas A&M University is a wonderful place to promote the arts...

**...Simply love art!**

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**Docent Requirements**

To remain active, a docent must participate in at least one event each semester from the following categories: Children and/or adult workshops, guided tours, or related gallery activities.

Interested in becoming a docent?
- Fill out an application form and return it to the University Art Galleries office in the Stark Galleries.
- If you would like a form, please pick one up on-site or call the office to express your interest and we will mail one to you for you to fill out.
- When we receive the form, you will be contacted about scheduling for the new docent training.

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