



Willamette Heritage Center (WHC) Seeking Docents

For Immediate Release

Want to be a docent? Docents at the Willamette Heritage Center (1313 Mill Street SE, Salem) lead adult and/or school children on tours through the Historic Jason Lee House, Methodist Parsonage, John Boon House and Thomas Kay Woolen Mill. They learn about the history of the site to educate, entertain, answer questions, and explain the past into the present.

Qualifications

- 14 years of age or older
- Strong public speaking skills
- Ability to work with a variety of people and age levels
- Interest in local history and Oregon history

Training Requirements

Docents receive training that includes:

- Personal handbook and training resources
- 6 hours of class time
- Observation of at least 4 tours and 2 activities
- Peer Practice Tour
- Walkthrough with curatorial staff member

2011 Training Dates are September 29, October 13, October 27 and November 10 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am.

Time Commitment

Docents can work on a regular basis and/or on-call.

- Regular: At least two hours a week or four hours a month
- On Call: Education Coordinator Kathleen Schulte will call (at least two weeks in advance) and see if you are available for tours as they are scheduled.

If you are interested or want to learn more about volunteer programs, contact Amy Vandegrift, Development Director, at 503-585-7012 or email archives@missionmill.org

The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, a unification between Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. Its 5-acre campus is home to the 1841 Jason Lee house (arguably the oldest wooden framed house in Oregon), 1841 Willamette Mission Parsonage, 1847 John Boon home, 1858 Pleasant Grove Church and the 1896 Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, named an *American Treasure* by the National Park Service. Since its founding in 1964 as a private non-profit association, Mission Mill Museum has established a reputation as a leader in the preservation and interpretation of Oregon's history. The museum's histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit <http://www.missionmill.org>.

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