COLUMBIA RIVER
MARITIME MUSEUM
ASTORIA / OREGON

Gallery Docent

These volunteers are specialists who share their knowledge of a specific exhibit or gallery with guests. These volunteers have been trained in our CRMM Docent Training and spend their time educating guests about one area of the museum rather than leading a full tour.

Gallery docents must be comfortable speaking with small groups of museum guests.

Docents engage in conversations with groups of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds with awareness and respect for the diverse needs of our visitors.

General duties:

- The volunteer will develop a good working knowledge of the museum: its history, exhibits, and updates for renovations and/or special events.
- The volunteer will make every effort to ensure that information is communicated effectively to visitors as they pass through the exhibits on self-guided tours.
- The volunteer should be aware of and use inclusive language as outlined in the CRMM Docent Training.
- The volunteer will check in with the Front Desk Staff to let them know what gallery they will be in.

Training: Docent training is offered twice each year in the spring and fall. Gallery docents are encouraged to attend all sessions of the training as well as spend time becoming familiar with museum exhibits.

Time Commitment: Gallery docents are regularly scheduled on monthly Volunteer Opportunities Calendars, and shifts are usually 1.5-2 hours. Docents should visit the museum regularly and stay up to date on museum projects and additions.

Who to Report to: Volunteer Coordinator, Education Supervisor, Education Director