



BECOME A MUSEUM DOCENT

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New Docents participate in a 4-5 day training course on the museum collection, decorative arts and tour techniques, while experienced Docents benefit from monthly educational meetings and trips to local museums and historical attractions. New Docent Training occurs once or twice a year, as needed but prospective Docents are encouraged to begin their training through our mentoring program.

Museum Docents are eligible to purchase and wear a DAR Museum Docent pin after 20 hours of professional training and 60 hours of an apprenticeship. A bar may be added to the Docent pin for each 300 hours the Docent serves.

*For more information, please contact the
Museum Docent Coordinator at
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or

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DAR MUSEUM DOCENT PROGRAM

MISSION:

The DAR Museum exists as a department of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and has as its mission to support the Society's goals of preservation, education and patriotism by collecting, preserving, exhibiting and interpreting the material culture and social history of pre-industrial America.

The DAR Museum Docent Committee is a volunteer committee under the direction of the Curator General and the DAR Museum staff. As a member of the committee, the docent's mission is to support the goals of the DAR Museum by providing the public with tours of the DAR. Museum in an educated, well-trained and professional manner.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

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Docents are responsible for maintaining the high standards of professionalism established by the Museum. Docents should attend Docent Meetings and Training Sessions and have a responsibility to continuously pursue the study of the decorative arts, to keep abreast of current developments and the changing nomenclature in the field, to become aware of new accessions. and to correct misconceptions whenever they arise.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Any DAR member in good standing shall be eligible. All "Docents-in-Training" must attend an informal interview and orientation conducted by the Museum Docent Vice-Chairman and Docent Coordinator/Educator where all duties and responsibilities shall be explained.

BENEFITS:

- 4 - 5 day professionally led training which covers decorative arts, the DAR Museum's collection, and tour techniques.
- Monthly educational meetings which may include lectures relevant to the museum's collection as well as special tours to historic sites and museums.
- Free or reduced admission to public programs offered by the DAR Museum.
- Gift shop discount of 25% off gifts and 10% off books and music.
- Invitations to museum gallery exhibition openings.
- Monthly informational newsletter.
- The opportunity to purchase and wear a Museum Docent pin and earn hours toward plus bars.