



Current Volunteer Opportunity:

Docent/Cultural Interpreter

Description:

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden offers unique cultural experiences for visitors and the community through a lively series of events, cultural exchanges, educational programs and garden tours.

We are seeking Docents/Cultural Interpreters to present valuable and fascinating information with visitors through interpretive tours and informal question periods. Each year, over 1700 public tours are delivered by docents, providing 80000+ guests from around the world an opportunity to learn and experience Chinese culture.

This is an exciting opportunity to build and fine tune valuable career skills in public speaking, presentation, and group facilitation. It is also great for those pursuing a career in the field of Education, Communications, Asian Studies, and/or History.

Responsibilities:

- Lead 45-minute Garden tours for the public, including adults, seniors and children.
- Share with the public information about Chinese history, culture and philosophy.

Time Commitment: 6 months on a regular weekly or bi-weekly basis. Shifts may change in frequency and duration, depending on Garden's hours of operation.

Qualifications:

- Excellent oral communication and interpersonal skills
- Experience in public speaking and presentation an asset
- Interest in learning and sharing of Chinese culture and history
- Fast learner with a positive "can-do" attitude
- Enthusiastic and reliable
- Fluent in English, a second language such as French, German, Spanish or Chinese is an asset
- *Weekday (Monday-Friday) availability preferred*

Training

All selected volunteers are required to attend FOUR mandatory volunteer training sessions (over four weekend days) led by the Volunteer Coordinator. After initial training, volunteers will spend time shadowing and learning from experienced docents before being scheduled to give official tours.

Our next training series will be held in **March 2009**, then in **May 2009**.

We only have a limited number of positions, so download a volunteer application form and apply NOW!