



Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba

Docent Program

What is a docent anyway?

A docent is an Art Gallery-trained volunteer who leads audiences on educational, interactive tours of Gallery exhibitions. As a docent, you will learn to guide visitors of all ages - from children to adults.

Who can become a docent?

Anyone – teen to senior citizen – can become a docent.

Why would you want to be a docent?

Docenting is a rewarding way of giving what you've learned about art and culture back to your community. But it takes time to complete the training, and it takes time to devote to touring once the training is complete.

What if you don't know anything about art?

You don't need to! All you need is the desire to learn about art of all kinds and the willingness and time to share your new knowledge with Art Gallery audiences.

How can you become a docent?

We ask that you complete the Art Gallery training course, led by the Gallery's educator, curator, and guest experts. You'll learn public speaking and touring techniques by observing experienced docents at work and by leading practice tours for your classmates. Through training you gain knowledge about:

- art terms
- art history
- artists
- elements of design
- teaching methods
- public speaking, touring tips and activities

Benefits include:

- artists' talks specifically for the docents
- catalogues from exhibitions
- field trips to galleries or artists' studios
- lifelong learning about the arts
- A chance to meet and work with great people!

When is the next training?

September 2007

What happens after training?

You are asked to give three or four tours each month, at times convenient to you.

How can you get more information?

Call Jennifer or Jenny at 727-1036.