



Washington County Historical Society

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Washington County Historical Society Volunteer Positions

**Volunteer positions may include but aren't limited to the following:*

Collection/Education:

1. **Special Event Tour Guide** — Needed mostly in the Spring during the month of May. Lead groups of 15-30 elementary school students through the museum, explaining exhibits and historical events along the way, while being able to answer questions. Would require one to learn section of the tour beforehand, and be able run through it multiple times during the span of 1 to 2 hours. Such tours usually take place in the mid to late mornings.

Special Events and Programs:

2. **Event Assistants** — Help set up and clean up before and after events held at the museum and it's campus. Man tables or booths, giving information and answering questions.
3. **Craft Demonstrators** — Display a particular craft or talent at events like our Old Settler's Day Festival in the Fall. Could include working in our pioneer buildings like the Blacksmith Shop, Carpenter's Shop, Loom house, or somewhere adjacent, to show the methods of producing items and materials often used in the past. Would involve communicating with visitors, answering questions, and sharing your craft.
4. **Historical Interpreters** — Be able to portray a figure from history in a way that is accurate and informative. Would require knowledge of the person being portrayed, their life, and the time period in which they lived as to give the public a fun and educational look into the past. Such interpreters would be needed for events like The Old Settler's Day Festival. Figures would include historical members of the Salem Community, or high-profile historical figures like Abraham Lincoln, John Hay, etc.

Buildings & Grounds:

5. **Landscaping and Gardening** — Help us to maintain our campus by taking care that our gardens are properly planted, watered, and weeded, picking up sticks and branches that have fallen on paths and sections of yard that are often seen/treaded, and making sure our paths are clean and unobstructed. These duties would mostly be needed in the Spring/Summer/Fall months, as well as on our annual Clean Up Day in the Spring.

6. **Yard Maintenance** — Aid in cleaning up leaves in the Fall, clearing snow and ice in the Winter, and picking up trash around the campus. Generally helping to keep our grounds clean and clear for everyone to enjoy.