



The Salem Art Association (SAA) envisions a vibrant and connected community that harnesses the power of the arts and heritage to expand creativity and improve lives.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer at Salem Art Association!

Founded in 1919 in Salem, Oregon, the Salem Art Association is a 501c3 non-profit arts organization which has served the mid-Willamette valley for nearly 100 years and is one of the largest community arts organizations in Oregon. SAA achieves its mission through the educational programming below.

Bush House Museum

The Bush House Museum offers tours to the public and preserves and interprets the heritage of the Bush House and Bush's Pasture Park to illuminate Oregon history and culture associated with the lives and legacy of Salem's Bush Family. Volunteers assist the Museum Director with ongoing projects, research and archiving. Volunteers also have the opportunity to facilitate tours of The Bush House Museum.

Bush Barn Art Center

SAA's Galleries Program operates three galleries and a gift gallery exhibiting and interpreting works of 20th and 21st century fine art and crafts by artists living or working in the Pacific Northwest and beyond who, through their creative modes of expression, enrich our community and foster a deeper understanding of the value of visual art. Volunteer opportunities might include special events, merchandising, hanging and arrangement of artwork, inventory, and decorating during various seasons and holidays.

Community Arts Education (CAE)

CAE engages over 12,000 students, administrators, teachers and parents each year through the School Arts program which includes Artists in the Schools (AIS), Family Arts Nights and the High School Arts Mentorship program. CAE also provides regional artists with professional development opportunities through our Artists Services program which includes Project Space and the Artist-in-Residence program.

Salem Art Fair and Festival

With a variety of different family activities and offerings, the Salem Art Fair & Festival features the work of over 200 artists as well as live music, local craft beer, wine and cuisine and also serves as SAA's largest fundraising event. Volunteers might assist behind the scenes by sitting in for artists at their booths, moving merchandise from The Bush Barn Art Center to associated merchandise locations, working within the galleries, setting up and taking down event signage, tents and fencing.

Gallery Guides

The Gallery Guides have enthusiastically supported the Salem Art Association and our local arts community since 1965. The most important duty of Gallery Guides members is to act as docents in The Bush Barn Art Center's main interpretive space, the A.N. Bush Gallery. Docents answer questions and provide educational information about the exhibit to visitors. Gallery Guides participate in SAA's fundraising events throughout the year including Clay Ball, Salem Art Fair & Festival and the Holiday Gala. Members also provide support for the Community Arts Education program and host receptions for the exhibiting artists at The Bush Barn Art Center.



Volunteer and Intern Application

(Please print and complete this form, and deliver to the Bush Barn Art Center at 600 Mission St. SE Salem, Oregon 97302)

Name (preferred) _____

Mailing Address _____

City and ZIP _____ Email _____

Phone Number _____ Best Hours to Call _____

Current Employer (if applicable) _____

How did you hear about SAA? _____

Emergency Contact _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____

If you are interning for credit:

School Name: _____

Advisor's Name _____ Credits Required _____

Advisor's Phone _____ Advisor's E-Mail _____

Help Us Get to Know You Better...

What programs interest you most at SAA? Why? Do you have specific skills that would be applicable (an answer of no does not preclude you from the program of interest)?

What days of the week and hours do you prefer?

What date can you begin volunteering?

What would you like to learn while volunteering at SAA?

Please describe your educational background:

Please share any previous volunteer experience with SAA and additional organizations:

Please describe any spoken, written or signed languages you know other than English:

Is there additional information you'd like to share about yourself?

References: Please provide contact information for two non-relatives who are familiar with your work or interests.

Reference 1

Name _____ Affiliation _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Reference 2

Name _____ Affiliation _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Salem Art Association Volunteer Guidelines

Thank You for your interest in volunteering at the Salem Art Association! To maintain a positive work environment for staff, volunteers and visitors please review and sign the following volunteer guidelines.

While serving as an SAA volunteer, I agree to represent Salem Art Association in a positive manner by:

- Establishing a regular work schedule and arriving on time for my volunteer assignment
- Notifying appropriate staff of any upcoming schedule changes or call, at least one day in advance, if I cannot make my regularly scheduled volunteer time
- Recording my hours on a time sheet when I volunteer at SAA
- Dressing appropriately and refraining from wearing clothing that depicts tobacco use, subversive language, alcohol, drugs or sexual themes
- Smoking in designated areas
- Refraining from the use abusive or discriminatory language on the premises at any time
- Refraining from comments of a sexual nature to any SAA visitors, volunteers or staff
- Treating all staff, volunteers and visitors with courtesy and respect knowing that the SAA values diversity
- Working with SAA staff to complete projects.
- If I become dissatisfied with my work assignment, for any reason, I will discuss the matter with the appropriate staff member
- Representing SAA in a professional manner by refraining from sharing personal information about staff, volunteers or board members.

By signing below, I understand that SAA may use, without limitation or obligation, photographs and film footage which may include my image and or voice for promotional or interpretive purposes. I understand that SAA and I each have the right to end my volunteer service at any time in an appropriate manner. By signing below I indicate that I have read the volunteer guidelines and I have not falsified any part of this application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

(Parent or Guardian approval is also required if a volunteer is under 16 years of age)

Please note: The Salem Art Association will not sell or share your email address or any other personal information with any third party including other nonprofit organizations except as necessary in the ordinary course of our programming.