

Organization: Madison- Morgan Cultural Center

Volunteer Title: Museum Docent

Work Location: Madison- Morgan Cultural Center Main Building

Volunteer Impact: Be a part of sharing the history of Madison! Our docents play a crucial role in enhancing our guests' experiences by leading engaging guided tours, bringing our museum to life! MMCC's permanent facilities contain the beautifully restored apse-shaped auditorium, with original seats, wood ceiling, wainscoting, chandelier and sconces. The Center also houses a history museum of the Piedmont region of Georgia; a restored c. 1900 classroom with original school desks, stove, and blackboards; and a reconstructed 1856 parlor from "Boxwood", one of Madison's most famous homes, which shows the opulence that was available with the arrival of the railroad. We are one of only two local outlets for the rural schools of our area to experience local history exhibits. Currently, the Cultural Center serves more than 25,000 visitors yearly and maintains members from Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Clarke, Greene, Putnam, Jasper, and Walton counties in Georgia.

Responsibilities and Duties: Docents are the first faces guests see when they enter the Center. Docents lead guests on guided tours of the building exhibits (Piedmont Museum, Boxwood, and the Classroom) as well as the historical aspects of the building. Docents are personable to guests and, if at all possible, try to curtail the tour to the guest's interests. Docents may sign up for scheduled shifts or be on call for private tours and events.

Qualifications:

- A passion for the history of Madison and MMCC
- Must desire to advocate and promote MMCC
- Knowledge of MMCC history (will be covered in training)
- Knowledge of Exhibits (will be covered in training)

Skills, Experience, and Attitudes: Volunteers must be team oriented and come to each shift with a positive attitude! Volunteers should be prepared to show patience with patrons.

Orientation and Training: A mandatory orientation and training is required. Inquire at the Cultural Center for dates.

Benefits:

- Access to free and easy parking in the Cultural Center's lot
- Immersion in the history of Madison
- Meeting new people in a friendly atmosphere
- Giving back to the Madison community