National Gallery of Art

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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART SEEKS VOLUNTEER DOCENTS FOR SCHOOL TOURS

From insights into the luminous portrait paintings by Sir Peter Paul Rubens to reflections on the brightly colored depictions of exotic flowers by Georgia O'Keeffe, the National Gallery of Art offers a rewarding opportunity for art enthusiasts who want to share with young minds an exploration of one of the world's finest collections of Western European and American art, as well as special exhibitions of art from around the globe.

The Gallery's education division is currently recruiting volunteers to serve as docents for school tours that range in levels from prekindergarten through high school. It's part of an ongoing volunteer program that often becomes a "part-time" career for many participants. Those who join will be expected to begin a comprehensive training program in the fall of 1998. The application deadline is Thursday, April 30, 1998. For information or to apply, please <u>call (202) 789-3013</u>.

Established in 1950, the volunteer docent program plays a vital role in fulfilling the Gallery's mission to serve the public. Last year, more than 160 docents led tours for some 55,000 students from schools in the Washington, D.C. area and across the country.

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FALL APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30, 1998

SHARE YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND LOVE OF THE ARTS WITH YOUNG MINDS AND EXPLORE ONE OF THE WORLD'S FINEST COLLECTIONS OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN ART.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART IS SEEKING VOLUNTEER DOCENTS TO LEAD SCHOOL TOURS FOR ALL AGES THIS FALL.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE REWARDING EXPERIENCE OF BEING A VOLUNTEER DOCENT CALL, THE NATIONAL GALLERY BY APRIL 30 AT (202) 789-3013.

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