

this is the best volunteer job I have ever had. The benefits for me are social, I get to smooze with visitors and other docents and we have four gatherings a year. It is also intellectual stimulation, I get to use my brain a lot. It is also satisfyingly creative, especially designing the Tea and Talk Story tours.

My best days are coming home after giving a tour. Giving tours puts a big smile on my face and in my heart.

It's been a pleasure and an adventure for me to be a Docent. I took classes as a child and its great to be back. Thank you!

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be a docent.

I'm honored and proud to be a part of making the Museum great.

The direction and changes instituted under Stefan's leadership have given the museum positive new life and energy.

I feel grateful to work as a docent. Thank you for having me.

Love it !! I appreciate being able to come on Mondays' without the crowds. Free to kids is very kind and matches our mission.

'Big Mahalos' to Betsy, Jan and Jenny for all the hard work they do to help us out when we get stuck or are lacking something!

Being a Docent is a rewarding & fun! I love the interaction with students of all ages! It's awesome !

Thank you for working with me!

Honolulu Museum of Art is an amazing place!

HMA is the best museum to be a docent! We are so well supported. So lucky to be a part of the docent group.

I enjoy being part of it. I enjoy working with Betsy who is always knowledgeable ,positive, and open to comment. And has taught me that very important art of flexibility.

Thank you for letting me be a Docent at the Honolulu Museum Of Art

I also want to thank docents who volunteer to serve on the docent council.

I enjoy the constant learning, the camaraderie with like minded people, the challenge of keeping the kids interested.

I enjoy exploring new areas (works, artists, movements) and sharing my enthusiasm about specific pieces and exhibits. I live seeing that gleam in the visitors' eyes when they explore a gallery, learn something new, or create something their own.

Share what I know about with the visitors. I am happy when they express of leaning what they didn't know before

Learning as I lead/teach/guide. Discovering cultures, religions, geology, geography, life.....everything

Learning more about and being around art. Sharing art with the children.

Interactions with people - visitors, fellow docents, ed dept staff

Learning about art. Widening my perception of life. Interactions with instructors, other docents, and visitors.

the interaction with children in the elementary and intermediate grades learning new ways to seeing; hearing comments from the kids about what they see how they feel, what they think of the art objects following other docents and how they handle the tours

Seeing the light go on in children's eyes with something new. Adults too for that matter. Those 'ah ha' moments. And studying/creating new tours.

Learning about art and artists, being with a diverse group of people with a common purpose, meeting new people, and seeing the light go on in students' eyes when they experience art.

Interaction with children... See their smiles and the light in their eyes when we discovering new unexpected things!

Meeting interesting people and helping them understand the museum and the art.

Sharing art with children who often have minimal exposure to museums and hopefully instilling in them the beginnings of a lifelong appreciation for art.

The excitement one can generate in a student! It is contagious and I feed of it as well as other students in jump on the answer, make an observation or ask a probing question.

I am hoping my tours will encourage children to fall in love with museums as I did when I was young.

The Education Staff specially Jan and Jenny are really great: they smile and are so helpful, they make me feel confident about leading the tours. Most of the other docents I have met are also friendly. The security guards, the reception desk staff are cheerful when they see us. The cafe hostess is so friendly. And so are the volunteers in the Bookshop - very helpful.

Visitors often make comments, e.g., "I feel as if I am visiting someone's home,"

I've always enjoyed art and teaching and this also satisfied my determination to be active intellectually, socially, and physically.