



# Volunteer Application

OLD CITY CEMETERY MUSEUMS & ARBORETUM

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## Name and Contact Information

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*How Did You Hear About  
Volunteering at the Old City Cemetery?*

## Volunteer Positions *(Please check all that interest you.)*

**General Docent**  
*(give guided tours)*

*Please See  
Questions on  
Inside Pages*

**Cemetery Center Docent**  
*(greet drop-in visitors)*

**Gravegardener**  
*(work on outdoor garden projects)*

**Cemetery Center Office Assistant**  
*(help with basic office tasks)*

**Research Volunteer**  
*(do archival research)*

**Diuguid Project Indexer**  
*(index old burial records of Diuguid Funeral Home)*

**Gravemarker Repair Volunteer**  
*(fix or straighten tombstones)*

**Special Events Volunteer**  
*(help with Rose Festival, Candlelight Tours, etc.)*

## Availability *(Please check one box.)*

I can be "on call" (with 10 days' notice for tours).

I would like to volunteer on a regular basis (e.g., one day a week): \_\_\_\_\_

I am **almost never** available on these days and times: \_\_\_\_\_

# For Docents Only

## History

I currently feel comfortable giving this tour...

(Check as many as you wish)




Greeting Drop-In Visitors in Mourning Museum (Orientation)

African-American History and African Burial Customs

Chapel and Columbarium

Confederate Section

Early Lynchburg History ("Top of the Hill")

Pest House Medical Museum

Railroad History

Station House Museum

Tombstone Rubbing

Victorian Mourning Customs

I would like to learn how to give this tour...

(Check as many as you wish)













## Horticulture & Wildlife

I currently feel comfortable giving this tour...

(Check as many as you wish)




Antique Roses

Bats

Butterfly Garden and Lotus Pond

Cemetery Horticulture and Wildlife Overview (Nature Walk)

Composting, Worms, and Demonstration Garden

Honey Bees

Medicinal Herbs

Old Fashioned Shrubs and Architectural Relics in Shrub Garden

Trees












## Costumes

Many of the Cemetery history tours, especially those for school groups, can be given by docents in period costume. Do you feel comfortable giving a tour in costume?

Yes

No

I Prefer Giving Tours to...

Children

Adults

All ages—does not matter

# For Gravegardeners Only

Please Describe Your Interests *(Please check all that apply)*

Experienced	Willing to Learn	Would Like To Be Responsible For	
↓	↓	↓	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pruning of small trees and shrubs ( <i>for the stand-on-the-ground type</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weeding and hand work (includes care of perennials), seed saving, and seedling saving
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medicinal herbs
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fruit trees: grafting, pruning, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lotus Pond area
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bulbs: fertilizing, planting, etc. ( <i>early spring and late fall</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tombstone straightening and repair ( <i>constant need!</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Painting and plaque cleaning
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction: outdoor structures, work tables, fencing, birdhouses, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special garden events (e.g., Antique Rose Festival)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Giving horticulture and wildlife tours
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other ideas:

I Prefer Working...

By myself

In a group

## Reminders for Gravegardeners

- Bring your own hand tools. A John Deere “Gator” is available.
- Sign in and out at the Cemetery Center
- Work periods can be *anytime*, “dawn to dusk,” that the Cemetery gates are open.

