Volunteer Application

OLD CITY CEMETERY MUSEUMS & ARBORETUM
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Name and Contact Information

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Volunteer Positions  (Please check all that interest you.)

☐ General Docent  (give guided tours)
☐ Cemetery Center Docent  (greet drop-in visitors)
☐ Gravemarker Repair Volunteer  (fix or straighten tombstones)
☐ 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.)

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

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

I would like to learn how to give this tour...  
(Check as many as you wish)

**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)

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<td>Pruning of small trees and shrubs <em>(for the stand-on-the-ground type)</em></td>
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<td>Bulbs: fertilizing, planting, etc. <em>(early spring and late fall)</em></td>
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<td>Tombstone straightening and repair <em>(constant need!)</em></td>
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<td>Construction: outdoor structures, work tables, fencing, birdhouses, etc.</td>
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<td>Special garden events (e.g., Antique Rose Festival)</td>
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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.
Your Comments and Suggestions

Please use this space to suggest a new tour or project that interests you, to comment on your past experience as a volunteer, or to tell us anything we need to know.