

VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES ABOUND AT THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & INDUSTRY – JOIN US TODAY!

MOHAI'S MISSION

We believe in the power of history to enrich the present and enlighten the future by providing people a setting to grow as individuals and as community members. MOHAI is the definitive place for everyone with a passion, curiosity, or question about the history of Seattle and King County since 1850.



*School group visiting the new Museum of History & Industry (1952)
Photo from MOHAI Collection*

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization funded by contributions from private individuals, the Museum of History & Industry relies on its volunteers every day to help with every aspect of the museum. MOHAI volunteers teach educational programs, give weekend tours, assist with special events, conduct oral history interviews, and help with preservation of MOHAI's rich collection. Through these contributions volunteers play an essential role in fulfilling MOHAI's mission to preserve and share the remarkable story of our region.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ongoing volunteer positions* at the Museum of History & Industry include the following:

- **Weekend Tour Guide...** Give public tours of MOHAI to guests and visitors.
- **Public Program Docent...** Assist MOHAI visitors on 1st Thursdays in galleries and during special public program events.
- **Cataloging Assistant...** Catalog and preserve artifacts in MOHAI's collection.
- **Oral History Interviewer...** Talk to local residents about their personal histories.
- **Research Assistant...** Conduct historical research in partnership with Dr. Lorraine McConaghy, MOHAI Historian.
- **School Program Docent...** Lead student programs about the history of Seattle and King County.
- **Library Research Assistant...** Research and preserve artifacts in MOHAI's *Sophie Frye Bass Library*.
- **On-Call Volunteer...** Help with special projects as needed throughout the year.



*West Seattle High School book room ca. 1921
Photo from MOHAI, Webster & Stevens Collection, 1983.10.2404.3*

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

- All benefits of MOHAI membership. These include unlimited free admission for one year, invitations to special events, discounts on photo reprints and at the MOHAI Museum Store, free guest passes, and a subscription to *OLD NEWS*, MOHAI's quarterly magazine.
- Receive invitations to *volunteer-only* events and programs.
- Gain knowledge of Seattle's history.
- Recognition and awards in *OLD NEWS* and at the Annual Volunteer Luncheon.
- Meet others interested in local history.
- Gain new professional skills and learn about a career in the museum field.
- HAVE FUN & SERVE THE COMMUNITY!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

Q: Do I need a history degree to volunteer?
A: Not at all. MOHAI volunteers encompass a wide variety of individuals with diverse personal and professional backgrounds. No knowledge of history – local or general – is required to volunteer.

Q: I work fulltime M-F. Can I still volunteer?
A: Yes! Some volunteer positions, in particular the Weekend Tour Guides, Research Assistants, and Oral History Interviewers, volunteer their time on weekends and/or according to their individual scheduling needs.

Q: I'm under age 18. Can I still volunteer?
A: Yes! MOHAI does accept youth volunteers in certain positions with written parental approval.

Q: Is there any training provided?
A: Yes! MOHAI offers a New Volunteer Training twice a year, as well as ongoing volunteer enrichment events and programs.

Q: How do I become a MOHAI volunteer?
A: Complete the Volunteer Application on the reverse side of this brochure or visit our website at www.seattlehistory.org to download an electronic version. For more information contact:

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