

# Docent Training at Locust Grove

Locust Grove is seeking friendly volunteers with a passion for history to tell our story to guests at special events and beyond. Docents are volunteers who give guided tours of the house and outbuildings. Once candidates are accepted into the program, they will complete a training course that will include shadowing 3-5 tours and three evening class sessions before taking their final test to be cleared for duty as a docent eligible to work special events and give guided tours as needed.

A special event usually falls on a weekend and is typically split into two shifts per day with volunteers working one shift per day. Volunteers are free to take full advantage of the event either before or after their shift. Docents are stationed around the house to answer questions and provide information on the history of the site as guests move through the house at their own pace.

## Spring 2019 Training Schedule

**Tuesday, April 16:** Open Information Meeting | 6:30 pm  
Please RSVP to Brian Cushing at [bcushing@locustgrove.org](mailto:bcushing@locustgrove.org) by April 15.  
**Thursday, April 18:** Interviews

### Required classes:

**Tuesday, April 23:** First Training Class | 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday, May 1:** Second Training Class | 6:30 pm  
**Tuesday, May 7:** Third Training Class | 6:30 pm  
**Tuesday, June 4:** Final Wrap-Up Session | 6:30 pm

### Shadowing Opportunities: Pick 3-5

**Saturday, April 27-Sunday, April 28:** Observe station tours at Spring Encampment  
Please RSVP to Brian Cushing at [bcushing@locustgrove.org](mailto:bcushing@locustgrove.org) by April 25.

**Friday, May 10-Sunday, May 12:** Observe station tours at Gardeners' Fair  
Please RSVP to Brian Cushing at [bcushing@locustgrove.org](mailto:bcushing@locustgrove.org) by May 7.

**Evening Tours:** Wednesday, May 15 & Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 pm

**Drop-in tours: Beginning at 10:30 am on Saturdays and 1:30 pm on Sundays**

Please make an appointment with Brian Cushing at [bcushing@locustgrove.org](mailto:bcushing@locustgrove.org) three days prior to your chosen date.

Saturday, May 18 | Sunday, May 19 | Saturday, May 25 | Sunday, May 26  
Saturday, June 1 | Sunday, June 2

**Wednesday, June 26:** Deadline for final tour test

## **Schedule of Special Events**

Spring Encampment | April 27 & April 28

Gardeners Fair | May 10, 11 & 12

Summer Antiques Market | June 30

Independence Day | July 4

Jane Austen Festival | July 12, 13 & 14

Fall on the Farm | September 7

Fall Antiques Market | September 29

18th Century Market Fair | October 26 & 27

Christmastide | December 7