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Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House, Docent Training Session 2010

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The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs will be holding its annual docent training program for Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House in Barnsdall Park. With training provided by curators, architectural professionals, and the Director of Education for Hollyhock House, volunteers will gain an in-depth knowledge of Hollyhock House and its architecture, the other structures in Barnsdall Park designed by Frank Lloyd Wright or Rudolph Schindler, including "Residence A" a Frank Lloyd Wright-designed guest house, and "Schindler's Terrace." Other sessions will cover the history of the original owner, Aline Barnsdall, as well as touring and public speaking techniques. Trained docents will then provide guided tours to some of the 12,000 annual visitors to this historic site.

We are now accepting applications for the 2010 Docent Training session. The application deadline is February 22, 2010. All applicants will need to schedule an interview with the Director the Education and Tours Program after submitting an application. The interview can be scheduled anytime, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. up to Feb. 26, 2010. Arrangements can be made for those who need to come in the evening or on the weekend for their interview. The interview takes approximately 30 minutes. When we receive your application a staff member will call or email you to make an appointment. If you need more information please call Gabe Cifarelli at 323/644-6269 or email gabriel.cifarelli@gmail.com.

Trained docents will need to be available a minimum of once a month, two hours a day, to give public tours. Tours are offered to the public Wednesday through Sunday, 12:30 to 4:30 pm. A 12-month commitment is required. New docents are required to tour

two days per month for the first three months.

Docent training classes will be held on 5 consecutive weeks starting March 6th, 2010, and ending April 3rd. Sessions will be held on two Saturday mornings beginning at 10:00am and ending at 1:00pm, and three Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending no later than 10:00 p.m. The classes will be held at Hollyhock House, the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery and the Barnsdall Gallery Theatre, all in Barnsdall Park. There is a one-time materials fee of \$35.00, which is due upon notice of acceptance (usually at the end of the interview); full-time students pay only \$20.00.

Training sessions are made up of lectures and slide presentations by curators and experts on Hollyhock House and related fields. There will be also be guided tours of the house by the Director of the Education and others involved in the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright and the history of Barnsdall Park. Along with required attendance at all classes, there will be reading assignments to add to your knowledge of the subject. In addition, all provisional docents are required to go on at least two tours of the house on their own to see how tours are presented. At the end of the training period provisional docents are required to present a full tour of the House to a staff member. When all provisional docents have completed their trial tours there will be a graduation ceremony and then everyone will start their tours with the public!

The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs strives to enhance the quality of life for Los Angeles' 3.9 million residents and 25.1 million annual visitors. We accomplish this goal by generating and supporting high quality arts and cultural experiences and ensuring access to those experiences through grant making, marketing, development, communication, and building relationships with our community partners. Our challenge is to be a catalyst for the delivery of art, culture, and heritage to every neighborhood in the City of Los Angeles.