



# VOLUNTEERING

at the Huron County Museum & Historic Gaol

Volunteering is a great way to get involved! Huron County Museum & Historic Gaol volunteers work hard, have fun, and enjoy many social engagements and events. Museum volunteers are all ages and from many backgrounds offering a broad range of skills.

In 2023, more than 50 volunteers gave more than 1,700 hours of their time to support the Museum and Gaol! Volunteers participated in research, cataloging artifacts, collections management, transcribing documents, gardening, customer service, as well as the organization and execution of many successful events!

We would love for you to join us in our effort to preserve, share and celebrate Huron County culture! The information in this guide will outline some of the many ways you can get involved!



## **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Artifact Cataloging**

Assist with artifact documentation, cataloging and labeling as items are donated to the collection. Training provided.

#### Behind the Bars

Volunteers take on the roles of inmates or Gaol staff of the past. *July and August* 

## Education & Children's Programs

Assist with programs offered to school groups and day camps.

#### **Exhibit Assistance**

Help with research, cleaning artifacts, installing and dismantling exhibits.

#### Museum Ambassador

Answer questions, provide directions and assist with refreshments when large groups visit our sites.

#### **Outreach Activities**

Support staff with outreach exhibits, displays and presentations to various community groups and events.

#### Research Projects

Assist with exhibits, artifact and local history research.

#### **Visitor Services**

Welcome guests to the Museum! Tasks include visitor orientation, ticket handling, answering calls, and answering visitor questions. September through May/June

Or chat with visitors to the Huron Historic Gaol by answering questions and providing further information about the Gaol.

Available May through October

#### **Special Events**

Assist with the planning, coordination and execution of special events through the year. p



### **Volunteer Benefits**

Museum volunteers enjoy many perks including:

- Volunteer appreciation events
- Invitations to exhibit openings
- Community hours credits for students
- Volunteers who provide more than 20 hours of service per year will receive a Museum Membership

We welcome all who have an interest in preserving, sharing and celebrating Huron County culture. If you have a new idea for an event or a new method of contributing, we'd love to hear from you!

### Join us!

For more information on these volunteer opportunities please contact the Museum at:

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Applications are also available online: www.HuronCountyMuseum.ca

