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Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art Seeks Additional Docents

NORMAN, OKLA. – In anticipation of an exciting new year, the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at the University of Oklahoma is expanding its docent program. The museum currently is looking for volunteers who will guide visitors of all ages through the museum. Prior knowledge of art is not required — applicants just need an enthusiasm for learning and sharing knowledge with others.

An introductory coffee will be held at the museum from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, Sept. 15. Attendees can enjoy light refreshments and learn more about being a docent at the museum. Those interested in attending the event should contact Susan Baley, director of education, at (405) 325-3270 or sbaley@ou.edu by Friday, Sept. 12.

A series of 12 workshops designed to prepare new docent volunteers will begin Monday, Oct. 6, and will conclude Monday, April 20, 2015. Workshop topics include museum history, visual elements of art, tour techniques, learning styles, working with different age groups and tour planning. New volunteers will be paired with a mentor from the museum’s award-winning corps of active docents.

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located in the OU Arts District on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street, at 555 Elm Ave., on the OU Norman campus. Admission to the museum is complimentary to all visitors, thanks to a generous gift from the OU Athletics Department. The museum is closed on Mondays. Information and accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4938 or visiting www.ou.edu/fjjma

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