

Current OCMH Volunteer Opportunities

Oneida Community Mansion House depends upon the active participation of volunteers, who generously give their time and talent to help lead or coordinate program activities. We have many opportunities available, working with visitors and assisting behind the scenes.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer staff please visit or call the Mansion House office: (315) 363-0745. Here are some of the opportunities available now:

Gardeners

The Mansion House grounds include more than 30 acres of lawns, gardens and woodlands, including floral gardens, vegetable gardens, and two State Champion trees (Black Walnut and Tulip Poplar). Gardeners work in the historic South Lawn garden, planting, weeding, and helping to interpret the site for visitors.

Program Facilitators

OCMH organizes many educational programs throughout the year, including programs for adult learners, programs for school groups, author readings, a summer camp, and more are planned. Special event volunteers may help with organization, program management and presentations.

Docents (tour guides)

The Mansion House provides guided tours several times during each week, led by trained docents who present a scripted guide to the Oneida Community Mansion House and its historic importance. Tour groups may range in size from a few to two dozen visitors and provide a forum for discussion of 19th and 20th century themes.

Collections Assistants

The Mansion House is a museum with important collections of material culture, photographs, documents, etc. Collections assistants work with curators and other researchers to maintain collections catalogues, digitize objects and documents, and other museum duties.

Librarians

The Mansion House includes a fine library of fiction and non-fiction books for use on-site by visitors and residents. Librarians monitor use of the library, re-shelve books and periodicals, make condition reports, etc.

Receptionists

Volunteer receptionists help at the admissions desk or in the gift shop to admit visitors for tours and programs, promote membership, and coordinate other admission tasks.