

JUNIOR DOCENT NEWSLETTER



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HERE COME THE BRIDES

Weddings are perhaps the most anticipated and important days in a couple's life. For a limited time, the House of Seven Gables is exhibiting wedding dresses worn by women from 1886-1940. The House of Seven Gables is the perfect atmosphere to showcase these beautiful dresses. The exhibit is sponsored by the Pinellas Historical Society and will be featured through August 4. Don't miss the opportunity to see the silhouette of the bride evolve through time.



Our Summer Interns

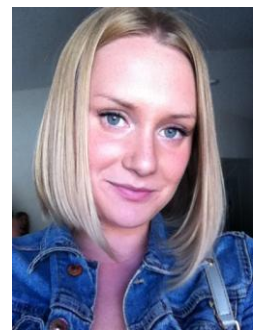
This year Heritage Village is happy to welcome four summer interns who work with the Junior Docents. Please welcome: Angela Hart, Tamison Latherow-Solo, Marissa Wickham, and Anna Margiotta. Tamison is a 2004 USF graduate with a degree in Anthropology. Both Angela and Anna are attending USF. Angela is a sophomore pursuing a degree in History and Anna will be pursuing a degree in Engineering starting in the fall. Marissa is attending Eckerd College pursuing her degree in Anthropology.



Tamison Latherow-



Angela Hart



Marissa Wickham

Anna Margiotta began volunteering at Heritage Village as a Junior Docent in 2009. She is a 2013 Palm Harbor University High School graduate, and is attending USF in the fall. Continue reading below to learn more about **Anna Margiotta** and her experiences at Heritage Village:

What made you interested in volunteering at Heritage Village?

The first time I came [to Heritage Village] was in the fifth grade. We had class in the Union Academy and had a picnic lunch-it was really fun! When I learned of the community service requirement to earn my Bright Futures scholarship for college, I figured that Heritage Village would be a great place to go. I remembered how fun it was!

What made you decide to be an intern?

"I was a junior docent for three summers and I always saw what the interns were doing. I figured I'd be able to do that one day. I just care about being here."

What is your favorite house or EnterAction station at the park?

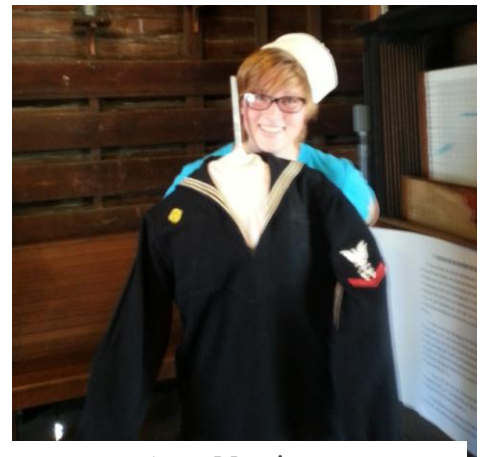
The McMullen Log Cabin is my favorite. For the past three summers, I was stationed there as a junior docent. I know a lot about it and I've heard lots of other volunteers speak about it. I just feel smart when I'm there. The children visiting aren't sure about doing laundry chores, but they actually end up liking it. It's cute!

What have you learned from volunteering?

When I started as a junior docent, I had no experience speaking in front of people. But volunteering here and talking in front of kids made such a difference in my public speaking abilities! The kids don't judge you for mistakes. Speaking in front of younger kids and middle school students has slowly made me a confident speaker.

What are some of your personal interests?

In high school, I was in a film and a book club. We would read books and watch movies and discuss them. I enjoy the embroidery group that meets at Heritage Village in the Daniel McMullen House on Wednesdays, so I would come after school. I also have a little brother that does Little League and I go to all his games. I have a job selling fish at a fish market.



Anna Margiotta

JUNIOR DOCENT SPOTLIGHT

The success of the Junior Docent program lies with committed students who volunteer throughout the summer and during the school year at special events. Heritage Village is pleased to announce the return of 27 juniors and the arrival of 23 new juniors. New this summer, junior docents are providing tours at more houses! They are learning about: McMullen-Coachman Log Cabin, Harris School, Lowe Barn, Moore Grove House, Plant Sumner House, Sulfur Springs Depot, Sponge Warehouse and Sharpie Boat, and Union Academy. Here are three juniors who are actively involved in the program this summer:

ALAINA BURKE

Q: When did you start volunteering at Heritage Village?

A: I started right after I turned 12, less than 4 years ago.

Q: Why did you choose Heritage Village for your volunteering?

A: I came here for field trips when I was little and history interests me.

Q: What is your favorite historic house or EnterAction station?

A: The McMullen-Coachman Log Cabin and the laundry.

Q: What are some of your personal interests?

A: I like crafts, I crochet and make sweaters for friends.

Q: What have you learned from volunteering?

A: I don't know... I think it's fascinating that James and Elizabeth McMullen had eleven children living in that tiny, little log cabin.

Q: Is there anything you think we should know about you?

A: I am the oldest of five siblings, I have two younger sisters and two younger brothers.

Q: Since you have been volunteering for a few years, have you seen it change?

A: This year the Passport Adventure program is NEW. It includes the EnterAction stations. Last year's program we made a craft with the kids, and that was my favorite. We did tours of Boyer Cottage and a water game there. We also sang songs in the church and did the McMullen-Coachman Log Cabin, which is still a part of the summer program.

Q: Would you suggest this program to others?

A: Angela Hart, one of the new interns, used to babysit me. I introduced her to Heritage Village. I brought my friends here too.



SOLAE SMITH

Q: How old are you?

A: 12

Q: What school do you go to?

A: "Seminole Middle School"

Q: When did you start volunteering at Heritage Village?

A: This is my first year.

Q: What made you interested in volunteering ?

A: "My best friend, Madasyn, brought me here."

Q: Do you have any interests outside of volunteering and school?

A: "I like animals, I like painting, color guard, and singing."

Q: What have you learned from volunteering, even though it's only been a little while?

A: "I have learned so much about many of these houses, especially the Harris school, which we're in right now, and the McMullen Log Cabin. The number of kids in the family is interesting, who would have 11 kids like Elizabeth McMullen today?"

Q: What's your favorite house or EnterAction station?

A: "I don't have a favorite, I like all of them."

Q: Anything else about yourself that you think we should know?

A: "I lived on a farm in Dade City, in Pasco County, for seven years."

Q: How is living in a city different from living on a farm?

A: "COWS. We were surrounded by cows. I even had a cow. His name was Wilson, and he ate oranges."



JEREL ALICADAN

Q: How old are you?

A: 17.

Q: What grade are you in?

A: I am currently a senior. I'm taking summer classes.

Q: Where do you go to school?

A: I go to St. Pete Collegiate High School.

Q: How long have you been volunteering here?

A: This is my first day, besides the training days last week.

Q: What's your favorite historic house or EnterAction station?

A: Since this house is the only house I've been stationed in, it would have to be this Moore Grove House.

Q: Have you learned anything about Heritage Village or about yourself that you weren't expecting to learn?

A: I've learned that I'm still nervous around people.

Q: What interests do you have outside of school and volunteering?

A: I was part of the ultimate Frisbee Club, and in the Engineering Club, National Honor Society, PTK (Phi Theta Kappa) which is the college version of NHS.

Q: Since you are a senior, what college or career ambitions do you have?

A: I am really into engineering so I want to go to USF. I'm interested in electrical engineering, but it's still early, I can still switch if I wanted to.

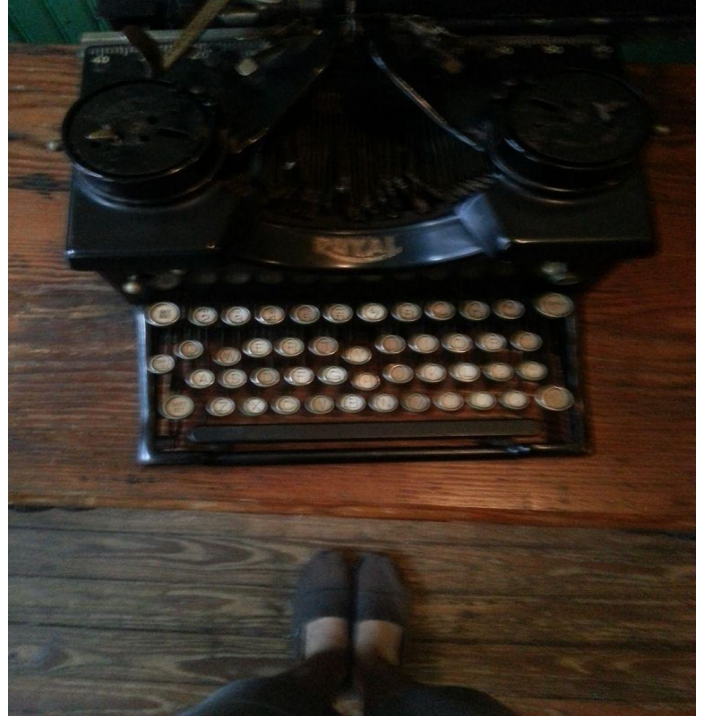
Q: Since this is your first day, is there anything you are looking forward to doing or learning about?

A: I don't know what to expect yet, so right now I'm just sitting back and observing.



FROM WHERE I STAND

“Put yourself in their shoes!” How many times have you heard this phrase? Seeing from someone else’s perspective can be challenging- but the hashtag #FromWhereIStand on popular social networking websites twitter and instagram have allowed people to explain their own point of view and to understand the perspective of others. From where I stand pictures often show only the feet of the photographer and the floor on which they are standing. See if you can figure out where we were when we photographed our unique perspective of Heritage Village!



OUR VERY OWN VOLUNTEERS

Heritage Village is filled with wonderful people, helping out in so many ways, big or small, each volunteer helps to keep our park going strong. We interviewed Doris Boggs, a long term adult volunteer to find out her interests!

Q: How long have you volunteered at Heritage Village?

12 years. I love it. You meet nice people.

Q: What are some of your interests outside of volunteering?

I am an avid kayaker and primitive camper.

Q: What exactly is primitive camping?

It means that you have no electric, water, or sanitary facilities to use. Everything you have is inside your kayak. I usually do it for about a week, five days. The longest trip I took I started in the swamps of Georgia. I traveled down past the Spirit of the Suwanee and it ended up being a six day kayak trip.



Anne Gerken



Hank Hardy and friends



Hank Hardy

We would like to honor Anne Gerken and Henrietta “Hank” Hardy who passed away recently. Even though we didn’t get a chance to meet them we want to acknowledge their time and commitment to Heritage Village. We know their contributions will be felt for many years to come. Thanks for paving the way!

Anne volunteered 1,034 hours and Hank volunteered 4,094 hours for Heritage Village.



New Junior Editors:

My name is **Sierra McCormick**, and this is my first year here at Heritage Village volunteering. I am a senior at Clearwater High School where I am involved in the Clearwater Tornado Marching Band. I play multiple instruments, along with many sports, including: soccer, softball, and cross country. I'm really excited for this summer!

My name is **Stephanie May**. This is my first summer volunteering with the Junior Docent program at Heritage Village. I am a senior at Osceola High School. I am the Drum Major of the Warrior Pride Marching Band. I love history, and am honored to be co-president of the Social Studies Honor Society and I am excited to be working here this summer!

WELCOME NEWJUNIORS & returningJUNIORS!

Jerel Alicadan
Alyssa Akins
Carson Chianco
Brionna Cox
Maxwell Gillespie
Autumn Holcomb
Ashley Hollaway
Janira Jaimes-Jimenet
Jillian Javid
Olivia Javid
Mandi Karkheck
Megan Kisluk
Elyssa Latherow
Dennis Le

Madasyn Martin
Stephanie May
Sierra McCormick
Sarah Moultrie
Grace Munroe
Anna Nestor
Skyler Nickols
Kasia Samuels
Solae Smith

Christina Becht
Maria Becht
Lauren Bentzel
Jasmine Brady
Luke Brantley
Alaina Burke
Alyssa Carney
Allison Hollaway
Kaycie Howell
Joseph Ibrahim
Billie Jo Leftheris
Kelly Littler
Sara Marschang

Dillon Mastromarino
Gabby Mastromarino
John Mumma
Caleb Nagel
Grant Nelson
Andrew Phandara
Michaela Reynolds
Mikaila Rivera
Joshua Rivera
Michaela Sapp
Juia Smith
Jon Strickland
Kevin Wong
Michael Wong