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Join the New Class of Sculpture Park Docents

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Public Affairs Services		<p>For Immediate Release</p>					
Events		<h2 style="text-align: center;">Join the New Class of Sculpture Park Docents</h2>					
Production Procedures		<p>University Park, IL, January 16, 2009 – The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on the campus of Governors State University holds an internationally recognized collection of contemporary sculpture set within a prairie landscape. Understanding the 26 pieces of art, and the meaning and motivations behind the art and the artist, is the work of docents who lead tours and conduct programs.</p>					
Image Standards		<p>“As the programs and tour schedule expand, more docents are needed. Docents lead tours, host programs and receptions, and act as ambassadors of the park,” explained Geoff Bates, Director of the NMSP. “We are seeking more volunteer docents to meet the increased need.”</p>					
Font and Typeface Guidelines		<p>Docent orientation consists of seven evening sessions spread over a 12-week period and a morning tour of the sculpture park. Session topics include park history, an introduction to the history of sculpture, presentations on each piece in the collection, and pointers on how to conduct tours of the sculpture park.</p>					
Editorial Style Guide		<p>“This is a great way to get involved, to learn about modern art, particularly contemporary sculpture, and meet lots of interesting people,” added Bates.</p>					
Downloads		<p>In addition to docent volunteers, the park is also looking for volunteer Park Rangers to assist on special park events and maintenance days and volunteers to serve on committees, which focus on increasing membership; conserving, maintaining, and expanding the collection; organizing off site tours; and planning for the park’s future.</p>					
Photography		<p>Docent training sessions are conducted Thursday, from February 26 through May 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois. Light refreshments and materials are provided. Advance registration and a \$25 fee are required.</p>					
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