Greater Denton Arts Council

Volunteer Guide
First of all, we want to thank you for volunteering. Promoting the arts of Denton is no easy task and it requires the time and effort of dedicated individuals such as yourself. Each workshop, exhibit, and event GDAC is involved with is only possible because of the labor of art lovers, from volunteers to staff members.

The Greater Denton Arts Council combines elements of entertainment and learning in much of its programming. From hosting live music and movie screenings to gallery tours and art workshops, our goal continues to be to create an environment that encourages the imagination and creativity of Dentonites of all ages.

From time to time volunteer duties will likely overlap and everyone is expected to work together to make sure attendees are left with an outstanding impression of the Greater Denton Arts Council. In order to ensure the continued growth and success of the organization, it is imperative that everyone involved feels this is a positive event for our community.

Greater Denton Arts Council Staff
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About GDAC

A well informed volunteer is the most successful kind. Please take some time to review the information below about the Greater Denton Arts Council:

The Greater Denton Arts Council
The Greater Denton Arts Council has served the Denton Community for 45 years. The Arts Council provides foundational support for Denton’s artists and community arts organizations and collaborates frequently with area universities, the Denton Independent School District, and the City of Denton. The Arts Council presents a full schedule of programs and exhibitions in its two flagship facilities in historic downtown Denton, the Patterson-Appleton Center Arts Center and the Campus Theatre.

THE PATTERSON-APPLETON ARTS CENTER (PAAC)
The Patterson-Appleton Arts Center is truly the arts engine of Denton. Built in 1929 and located between Denton’s Downtown Square and emerging innovation district, this historic building was originally the city’s steam power plant. Renovated in the 1980s, the Arts Center now offers two large galleries, art studio, dance rehearsal hall and sculpture garden. The centerpiece of the venue is Festival Hall, a 5000 square foot event and exhibition space with soaring ceilings and original industrial hardware.

THE CAMPUS THEATRE
The Campus Theatre, originally an Interstate Movie Theatre, was built in 1949. In 1990, the theatre was purchased by the Arts Council and re-opened as a central location for the performing arts groups in Denton. The Campus is now home to the Denton Community Theatre, Music Theatre of Denton, and other performing arts organizations which present over 100 performances annually. In 2010, the Campus Theatre was designated a Texas historical landmark.

SUPPORTING THE ARTS
One of the Arts Council’s primary focuses is to provide financial support to its member organizations, giving over $1.5 million in grants since 1980. In addition, the Arts Council presents high quality exhibitions in its galleries, featuring both local and national artists. In 2011, The Arts Council began a partnership with the College of Music at the University of North Texas to curate exhibits of regional artists in the Murchison Performing Arts Center expanding the reach and visibility of area artists to new audiences.
Volunteer Duties

Membership Table
• Answer attendee questions about the organization
• Collect member applications and dues
• Promote current and upcoming exhibitions and events

GDAC Merchandise
• Inventory T-shirts (and additional merchandise if available)
• Count drawer
• Check tablet and make sure it’s logged in for purchases

Operations
• Assist with setting up event infrastructure
• Coordinate with building manager/event organizers on setup needs

Craft Room
• Setup craft area
• Determine if all necessary supplies are present
• Assist attendees with projects
Docents
• Give Gallery Tours
• Facilitate hands on stations
• Assist instructors
• Participate in GDAC events throughout the year such as:
  - DISD Fieldtrips
  - Summer Art Camp
  - Thursday Nights at the PAAC

Visit dentonarts.com for calendar of GDAC events.

Online Media
• Share GDAC content (press releases & newsletters with online sources
• Build relationships with blogs and news outlets

Poster Distribution
• Coordinate with GDAC office for poster pick up
• Select location(s) to cover
• Unless there is a community board, ask before hanging
• If new locations are discovered or businesses stop allowing posters, please forward info to office
Volunteer Guide Lines

Check in with your supervisor 30 minutes before your shift.

Absolutely no alcohol drinking during shift, as some events within the festival hall may involve beer or wine.

Be aware of what you wear. We’re not asking you to dress formal, but please do not wear clothing that exposes too much. We’ll leave it at that. Use your best judgement.

Be respectful to patrons of facilities. If there is an issue, contact supervisor.

Lastly, you are representing the Greater Denton Arts Council and the City of Denton each time you volunteer. Please be respectful attendees and other volunteers. Or as Bill and Ted would say, “Be excellent to each other.”

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