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Docents Needed to Conduct Tours of Frank Lloyd Wright's Re-Opened Hollyhock House in Hollywood

Los Angeles – The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs and Barnsdall Park re-opened Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House to the public in June 2005 after a five-year rehabilitation project. The re-opening was met with widespread interest and enthusiasm. Volunteer docents are needed to meet the continued high demand for public tours of this historic site.

Applications are being accepted for the Spring 2006 Docent Training Program for Hollyhock House, located in Barnsdall Park, 4800 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles 90027. The deadline for Docent Training Program applications is Monday, February 20, 2006. Interviews for training selection are required. Once accepted into the Training Program, there will be a \$40 materials fee, half of which will be returned if an individual completes his or her one-year commitment of serving as an active docent.

The five-week Docent Training Program will be held on five Saturday mornings beginning February 25, 2006. The dates of the training sessions are February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25, 2006. The Saturday morning training sessions will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Hollyhock House and the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, both located in Barnsdall Park. Training sessions will provide in-depth information about the House and its original owner, Aline Barnsdall; a survey of Wright's work on Hollyhock House and his other structures in the Park; and touring and public speaking techniques.

Once trained, docents will need to be available a minimum of once a month, four hours a day, to give public tours. Tours are offered to the public Wednesday through Sunday, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. A 12-month commitment is required.

Barnsdall Park is a facility of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs. For further information or to receive an application, contact Sara L. Cannon or Gabriel Cifarelli at (323) 644-6269 or met_gcifarelli@sbcglobal.net.

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