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### Gallery of Art Recruits Volunteers for Docent Programs

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**Washington, DC** -- The National Gallery of Art is recruiting volunteers for its docent programs to give tours to both school-age and adult visitors in English and foreign languages. Docents in the school docent program will give tours to students in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. Fluent speakers of French, Russian, and Japanese are needed for the foreign language docent program to give tours to high school students and adult visitors in those languages. English-speaking volunteers are needed in the adult docent program to give tours on weekdays and weekends.

The Gallery provides orientation and training for volunteers through lectures, gallery sessions, and tour observations. Volunteering at the Gallery offers personal rewards such as art appreciation enhancement, an opportunity to serve the public, and collegial exchanges with fellow volunteers and professional staff.

Adults from all backgrounds and ethnic groups are encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted through March 14, 2003. For information or an application, please call the Volunteer Opportunities hotline anytime at (202) 789-3013. For specific docent program information, contact Elisa Patterson, school docent coordinator, at (202) 842-6256 or Wilford Scott, adult and foreign language docent program coordinator, at (202) 842-6185.

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### General Information

The National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden, located on the National Mall between Third and Ninth Streets at Constitution Avenue, NW, are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1.

Visitors will be asked to present all bags for inspection as they enter the Gallery. Luggage or garment bags will not be permitted in either building and may not be checked.

General information: (202) 737-4215  
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): (202) 842-6176.  
To receive the Gallery's free bimonthly Calendar of Events call (202) 842-6662

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