



### **Be a Contributor to the National Docent Exchange**

Share your docent/guide experience with colleagues from the United States, Canada...the world. The National Docent Symposium Council website subscribers represent thousands of docents/guides and museum educators who visit the website for current trends and practices. This is the only national platform to serve docents and guides.

#### **We are seeking articles on:**

##### Inclusion and Diversity

How is your cultural institution diversifying their audiences and becoming more inclusive and welcoming places for everyone? Most importantly, how do these changes affect docent practices. Site examples in training, recruiting and touring.

##### More Docent News

Tell us about your cultural institution, the unique experiences and challenges of being a docent/guide – perhaps recounting a special exhibition or a new program.

##### Travel

Docents/Guides love to travel – Share your trip as only a docent can – See below for tips

#### **General Guidelines**

1. Keep it short – 2-4 paragraphs
2. Remember, the docent experience and insight are most valued.
3. Please include the location and focus of museum/special objects in collection.
4. Brief bio of author
5. Photos please! – make sure you have permission when taking photos of the institution. Each institution/exhibition has different guidelines/rules for photography.
6. Any docent/guide can contribute from the US, Canada – the world!

#### **For Traveling Docents Section**

Make it a unique experience - Some of the questions you might consider in writing the article:

- If traveling to a relatively unknown/less frequented area – what was your personal experience?
- What cultural institution was most memorable? What was your favorite object/part? Did anything surprise you?
- If traveling to a more well know place/institution what tips you might give to someone visiting there.
- Did you experience a docent-led tour? Did you pick up any touring tips?

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