

DEPARTMENT OF MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS
PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES POLICY

Preamble:

The Department of Museum Volunteers (DMV) is committed to supporting the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) and the needs of its diverse audience. Through the development and delivery of programs and other activities, the DMV encourages the public's interest in, and attendance at, the ROM and provides an opportunity for DMV members, other members of the ROM, the public, employees and other ROM volunteers to learn about and understand the ROM's collections, exhibits and programs. DMV programs and other activities may result in financial support for curatorial research, the acquisition of artifacts and specimens or the support of ROM programs.

Policy:

Programs and other initiatives of the DMV are intended to provide education and volunteer support for galleries, exhibitions and educational programming of the ROM, as well as learning opportunities for DMV members. They may also provide financial support for curatorial research, the acquisition of artifacts and specimens, or the support of ROM programs.. Accordingly, the DMV will:

- Develop and deliver collections-based programs (e.g., Studies in Silver, Lectures or Symposia).
- Provide volunteer resources to enrich visitor experience and learning opportunities (e.g. Discovery Gallery Volunteers, Gallery Interpreters, Meeters and Greeters, Les Guides du ROM, Les Amis Francophiles du ROM, Museum Docents).
- Provide special focus activities and programs through Associate Committees (e.g., Friends of the Far East, Friends of Textiles & Costume and Friends of the Canadian Collections).
- Organize tours and travel designed to stimulate learning in museum related subjects (e.g., ROMwalk, ROMbus, ROMtravel).
- Support Museum activities as jointly agreed between the DMV and ROM (e.g. March Break, Explorers, Friday Nights, Special Exhibitions, Owls).
- Provide other activities and services to the ROM, as needed and jointly agreed between the DMV and the ROM.

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- Provide lectures/presentations to DMV members (e.g. Coffee with Curators).

The DMV's programs and other initiatives will:

- Encourage understanding of the natural and cultural heritage of Canada and the world.
- Present the ROM's collections, resources and programs in a stimulating and imaginative manner.
- Be accurate and current.
- Be planned in a collaborative manner, involving appropriate curators and other staff, and representatives from the external community, as appropriate.

Following due consultation with the Committee or Section involved, the DMV Board of Directors may disband a program or activity.

Related policies:

DMV Volunteer Resources
DMV Communications & Media
DMV Intellectual Property
ROM Exhibits
ROM Education
ROM Copyright
ROM Communications
ROM Publications