

Historic Rosedale Foundation - Historic Interpreter (Docent)

Historic Rosedale, a 9-acre property centered on an 1815 house, located on N. Tryon Street in Charlotte, NC, seeks individuals to act as Historic Interpreters giving guided tours of our historic home and the surrounding grounds. These positions will start immediately and offer a flexible schedule - up to 10 hours a week, Thursday-Friday between 11:00 -2:30 and some Saturdays. Training will be provided. Salary of \$13.00/hour with the possibility of increase after review.

About the Historic Rosedale Foundation and Historic Rosedale:

Historic Rosedale has been open to the public as a house museum since the early 1990s. It is the vision of the Historic Rosedale Foundation to inspire visitors to our site to think deeply about the history of Charlotte, North Carolina, and the United States. This will occur through the interpretation of three important themes; the ancestral families who owned the house and surrounding property, the enslaved and freed African Americans who worked and lived on the land through many generations, and the unique architectural features, decorative arts, and natural landscapes that are showcased in the 1815 historic house and its nine acres of gardens and grounds.

Through this ever-evolving interpretation, we hope to present a complete picture. Presentation will include not only our past – the stories of all the individuals and families who may have lived and worked here - but how this past relates to our current society. Crucial to this vision is the interpretation of the enslaved population and their descendants in an equitable, truthful and compassionate manner. The picture of Historic Rosedale becomes complete with the preservation of the 1815 home, the oldest wood frame house in the city, as a unique opportunity to illustrate the craftsmanship of an earlier time.

The Historic Rosedale Foundation is charged with protecting a landmark and a complicated history. It is our long-term responsibility to share such a multi-faceted legacy with the community and visitors to create a sense of belonging and unity. We welcome that responsibility and aim to serve as a resource for expanding education on the importance of historic preservation and the ongoing impact that the institution of slavery has had upon our modern history.

Historic Interpreter Job Details:

- Interface with the public at a professional level while offering good customer service.
- Present Historic Rosedale history and tour text to the public. Training will be provided.
- Conduct group tours as assigned. Hours and days of the week will vary, but will focus on Thursdays, Fridays, and two Saturdays per month.
- Be responsible for the opening and closing of the site and proper alarm management.
- Learn admission sales process and orchestrate in a timely manner.
- Become familiar with and sell small gift shop inventory.
- Answer incoming phone calls while onsite.
- Previous experience giving tours and/or working with diverse groups is helpful
- Interest in history, preservation and communications is preferred
- Additional responsibilities may be available: For example, assist with special events and programs, assist with rental/outside event set-ups, conduct research on a variety of preservation/history projects.

Email cover letter and resume to: Cher Lambeth at roseedu@historicrosedale.org - NO phone calls please.