

Types of Volunteers

We have three main types of volunteers at the Museum:

- **Collections Volunteers:** help with behind the scenes work such as inventories, moving items for displays, database work, etc
- **Nealis Docents:** Staff the desk in Nealis Hall to answer questions, ring up purchases and do light cleaning (dusting) (Some volunteers help out with collections work, such as scanning photos, on days when things are slow at the museum.)
- **School Tour Docents:** lead tours for local schools. Tours are typically an hour long and docents typically specialize their knowledge to lead tours in Nealis Hall or the Main Hall.
- In the following pages, you'll learn a bit more about the roles different volunteers play at the Museum.
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Volunteers and the Museum

The mission of the Clarke Historical Museum is the acquisition, preservation, and educational display of object relating to the history of Eureka and Humboldt County's Heritage. The Clarke Historical Museum was established to preserve and tell the stories of Eureka and the greater Humboldt County through the preservation and display of items relevant to the areas history.

The Clarke Museum is one of the nearly 19,000 museums in the US with 5 or fewer full time staff members. With our small staff, we oftentimes have to wear many hats and our volunteers help us continue to pursue our mission of collecting, preserving, and sharing our area's history now and into the future. Volunteers fill an incredibly important role as the helping hands of the museum. They take on projects and everyday tasks that give the staff time to plan strategically, they help with projects that open the collections to greater access by the public, and help us share the stories that make our region such a unique place with locals and visitors alike. They also take on leadership roles by participating on the museum board and providing guidance as museums and their roles in the world change with time.

Volunteers help us expand the impact that the museum has in our community and help us remain relevant. Thank you for investing in us and investing in the community.