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EVENT: Docent Training Classes Start for Oliver Mansion (June 17, 2022)

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**The History Museum Starts Docent Training Classes for Oliver Mansion**

South Bend, IN - Do you like older houses, local history, and talking with people? The History Museum is accepting registrations for their next docent training course. Those interested in giving guided tours of the museum's 38-room Oliver Mansion are welcome. The course is conducted weekly for eight weeks from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting Friday, June 17, at The History Museum. Pre-registration is required.

In-depth information about the architecture and furnishings of the Oliver Mansion (Copshaholm) as well as the Oliver family, Oliver Chilled Plow Works, and the Historic West Washington District is provided as part of the classes.

In addition to the training course, volunteers at The History Museum receive complimentary continuing education and opportunities to visit historic sites in the community. An added benefit is the friendships formed with staff and other volunteers.

The History Museum offers 90-minute tours of its historic houses, the Oliver Mansion and the Worker's Home, daily for visitors. Docents can volunteer on either a regular or as-needed basis.

The 38-room Oliver Mansion was home to the J. D. Oliver family, owners of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works. A house museum with all furnishings original to the home, the Oliver Mansion can be seen as it looked when the family lived there.

In 2022, The History Museum is celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the year the Oliver family moved into their new home at 808 West Washington Street.

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To register or for more information, contact Stephanie McCune-Bell, Volunteer & Interpretations Manager, at (574) 235-9664, ext. 241 or smccunebell@historymuseumSB.org.

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