The Pink Palace Family of Museums is honored to recognize its 2019 Volunteers of the Year. These individuals exemplify the true spirit of volunteerism, and we are immensely fortunate to have these dedicated people volunteering with us. Our volunteers are a support line of the museum family and we are forever grateful for their assistance and for the positive impact they have on our museum, visitors, and staff. Thank you for choosing to volunteer at the Pink Palace Family of Museums.

**Historic Properties Volunteers of the Year**
are (pictured) Jan Coleman, Joyce Moss-Ayad, Vincent Astor, Deede Wyatt, (not pictured) Natalie Prater, Margaret Smith, Mariah Kurlick, Nancy Page, Melinda Rice, Virginia Reynolds, and Phyllis Peterson. Holly Jansen Manager of Historic Properties said, “This year, we couldn’t just pick one volunteer of the year because ALL of our volunteers are so great and contribute so much to our organization. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your time, energy, and talent. We couldn’t do it without you!”

**Lichterman Nature Center Volunteer of the Year** is Jessica Mann who has trained volunteers in the Backyard Wildlife Center. She works with special needs visitors and trains younger volunteers on the importance of their work with our captive animals. Jessica also guides visitors on interacting with snakes to ease visitors fears. (Pictured: Jessica Mann and Richard Pugh)

**The Pink Palace Museum Volunteer of the Year** is Chris Dahlberg whose enthusiastic work with the Discovery Days and Teacher Orientation programs and the Gallery Touch Carts provides compelling lessons to our guests. His experience as a Master Teacher makes him a role model for members of our education staff, Chris brings significant skills to the table, assuring high quality programming,
Howard University students spent their Alternative Spring Break in Memphis. The students volunteered at the Central Library, Knowledge Quest, Ronald McDonald House, Pink Palace Museum, and Lichterman Nature Center. The students volunteered at the Lichterman STEM Camp, the Country Store, Bodine Hall, and the Public Relation Department.

Aydrian Shores and James Reed don plastic gloves to wash glasses for the Science of Wine. Over 500 glasses had to be washed for this event. Bridget Reeder and Sarah Doyle (not pictured) also helped with the task. Thanks guys!!!

Vincent Astor is St. Patrick for the Beale Street St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Vincent volunteers at Historic Properties and is a member of the Friends of the Memphis Pink Palace Museum. Also pictured are Historic Properties staff members Holly Jansen and Randel Witherington.

George Howell led the call when it came to constructing boxes for the Volunteer Plant Sale at Lichterman Nature Center and supervising the plant pick up area for customers.

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Friend’s Corner

Lichterman Nature Center’s 70s Social. Sunday, July 6. Jan Cole and Linda Foster spoke to a group of Lichterman volunteers and their guests about volunteering at our upcoming Crafts Fair October 10-13. Jan spoke about the opportunity and importance of becoming a member of the Friends — along with the perks!

In Memoriam. Friends of the Pink Palace Museum member and former Museum employee Tracy Dunlap passed away Friday, July 5. Tracy joined the Friends in 2008 and played an enormous part in the Crafts Fair and Stomp in the Swamp. As a very active member, he could always be counted on when he was needed. He will be missed by all of us.

Jan Coleman and Linda Foster
Here’s What Happening At ...

June is the season of weddings and the Historic Properties is hosting Weddings Bells on Millionaire’s Row. Dozens of exquisite wedding gowns spanning the 1850s–1960s will be on display. Exhibits start June 8 and run all summer.

If you enjoy the Beale Street Music Festival, then you will enjoy the new art exhibit at the Pink Palace. Beale Street Music Festival Exhibit Works by George Hunt will be featured at the museum until July 25.

Lichterman Nature Center’s Bicentennial Hikes starting July 2, and FREE Scarecrow Building Seminar on August 17 starting at 10 am.

Up Coming Volunteer Events

The Pink Palace Crafts Fair. Friday - Sunday, October 11-13. To volunteer please go to Sign up Genius.

The Science of Wine. August 16. Volunteers must be 21 years and older.

The Health Benefits of Volunteering

Volunteering can lead to a healthier you by bringing fun and fulfillment to your life. People who volunteer just a few hours a week:

1. Have lower rates of depression and fewer physical limitations
2. Live longer and healthier lives and experience a reduction in the impact of chronic conditions
3. Have a larger social support network and establish stronger relationships