



2021 Volunteer Roles Collections Department – Archaeology

COVID-19 Safety Precautions:

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, volunteer opportunities are limited and will be primarily focused on artifact washing outdoors with experienced Lab Assistants.

Please note that while Governor Sununu's statewide mask mandate has expired, the City of Portsmouth's Mask Mandate is in effect through June 30, 2021. Additionally, Strawberry Banke Museum requires that all visitors and Museum staff abide by the [Museum's COVID-19 precautions](#) including that all are required to keep a safe distance of at least 6 feet between households at all times and wear a mask covering over mouth and nose. Thank you for your understanding and for helping to keep other volunteers, visitors, and Museum staff safe.

Lab Assistant

Position Description:

The archaeology program depends on volunteer assistance to process archaeological artifacts from excavations on the museum grounds. Lab work includes washing, sorting, identifying, cataloging, and researching artifacts.

Qualifications:

Lab volunteers should have some experience with archaeology, either field work, lab work, or both, in order to have a working knowledge of paperwork, provenience, and artifact identification. Many lab volunteers have completed the Strawberry Banke annual archaeological field school, which is a perfect introduction to archaeological field and lab work.

Dates & Times:

- Ongoing year-round. Wednesdays 11am-2pm
- Volunteers are asked to arrive at the start of the shift when feasible.
- Working entire shifts is not required for volunteers.

Location:

- Carter Collections Center Archaeology Lab

Data Manager

Position Description:

Archaeological data entry involves transferring hand written catalog records and artifact information cards into computer databases. Software includes Microsoft Access and Past Perfect.

Qualifications:

Data manager volunteers should ideally have some experience with archaeology or museum studies, although this position is a great way to become acclimated to archaeological jargon.

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Artifact Photographer

Position Description:

Artifact photographers assist with photographing the thousands of previously exhibited archaeological artifacts now in storage on the museum grounds. Photographers must keep track of artifact descriptions and provenience information in addition to organizing photos.

Qualifications:

Photography volunteers should ideally have some experience with archaeology or museum studies, although this position is a great way to become acclimated to archaeological materials.

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