

BONINE HOUSE DOCENT REPORT
END OF YEAR 2015

To say that we had a very successful 2015 in regard to docent activity and house tours is a relative understatement. Considering that we went from being open one steady day a week with possibilities of Saturdays to being open five days of the week as a certainty was monumental progress. This credit can be due in no uncertain terms to the agreeable and steadfast group of docents that re-upped or signed up for the first time.

The people welcoming the 198 touring visitors throughout the summer were the following individuals:

New docents added are:

Pat Dryer
Janet Hall
Jeanne Jourdan

Former and returning docents are:

Cathy LaPointe
Nancy Neff
Lin Pollard
Spurgeon and Deb Wiggins

Substitute docents are:

Cindy Yawkey
Tanya Leach.

In the case of each of the individuals named above, their sense of curiosity and love for history, combined with their people skills and giving spirit added tremendously to the stunning physical development of the building. We are more than interested in their input for the coming year and will be inviting them to continue their wonderful form of contribution.

As the monthly docent reports were written, they were shared with all the docents so that they can see not only their viewpoints but the overall picture of the Bonine shine. I believe this was encouraging to the group as a whole.

The actual number of visitors that received a tour are greater than the documented number of 198 people, so states Dale and the other renovators, as they too acted as dual position workers, giving tours when the need arose.

Spurgeon and I would agree to be docent coordinators for the 2016 season if the board so desires. We hope to work with many of the same guides as last year and will be looking to expand this list of terrific workers.

Sincerely, Spurgeon and Deb Wiggins