

Carr House - Heritage Interpreter

Carr House is a provincial and national historic site, where iconic artist and writer Emily Carr was born 150 years ago. The site is located in picturesque James Bay near downtown Victoria, on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən speaking people. Tours are offered to the public year-round, traditionally presenting the life of Carr and her family and the historic preservation work that has taken place in the building. The management of the site is working toward decolonizing the story of the house. The site is also a centre for creative community in the off season, presenting workshops and micro conferences, exhibits and events, and becoming more of an accessible asset to the local community.

Job Summary: Heritage Interpreter

The Heritage Interpreter will be responsible for presenting engaging and thought-provoking guided tours for visitors to Carr House. The presentations will explore the history of the place, the life of Emily Carr and the heritage preservation of the site. Importantly, the heritage interpreter will be responsible for researching and incorporating the First Nations story of the site and surrounding area. The Heritage Interpreter will also create a small exhibit and a map as part of the interpretation. The executive director will provide guidance in this as well as in exploring avenues of research through local archives, historical records, and online courses. The Heritage Interpreter will also receive mini-workshop training in subjects of museology such as care and handling of collections and exhibit fabrication, and given the opportunity for off-site visits to other local historic sites and museums. Shop sales, light cleaning and opening and closing of the site will be required as part of the duties.

This is an exciting opportunity for candidates interested in exploring a career in heritage and museums. The position would suit a candidate who enjoys working with people, presenting to the public, historical research, art and social history, and education. They must display enthusiasm for learning and sharing, particularly about heritage and community, and possess strong sensitivity to, and respect for, diversity, inclusivity, and reconciliation. Following the guidelines of the funding for the position, the successful candidate must be planning to enroll in postsecondary education in the fall.

Required Skills and Experience:

- Experience in customer service and confidence in public presentation, possibly gained through public speaking or theatre
- The ability to distill ideas from primary and secondary research
- The ability to adapt spontaneously to visitor's needs and interest levels and to respond to questions and different perspectives thoughtfully and respectfully
- Knowledge, or keen interest, in heritage preservation, Victoria and BC history, First Nations communities of BC and the life and work of Emily Carr
- Excellent written, verbal, and creative skills
- Ability to work weekends and holidays

- Ability to work independently and with others
- Experience in a museum or heritage site is an asset

*Please note: The nature of this heritage site makes this position challenging for those with mobility restrictions.

Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume to carrhouse@telus.net Attention: Kate Kerr, executive director.

Deadline for applications is April 24, 2022 at 5pm.

We thank all applicants for their interest. However, only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.