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**2009 Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House  
Spring Evening Docent Training Session**

Los Angeles- The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs will be holding its annual docent training program for Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House in Barnsdall Park. Completed in 1921, this historic home is Frank Lloyd Wright's first Los Angeles commission. With training provided by curators, architectural historians, restoration architects, and the Director of Education for Hollyhock House, volunteers will gain an in-depth knowledge of Hollyhock House and its architecture, the history of its original owner, Aline Barnsdall, as well as touring and public speaking techniques. Trained docents will then provide guided tours to some of the 12,000 annual visitors to this historic site.

Applications are currently being accepted. The deadline for the 2009 Docent Training Program is February 1, 2009. All applicants will need to schedule an interview with the Director of Education and Tours Program after receipt of the application. The interview can be scheduled anytime, Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until February 20, 2009. Arrangements can be made for those who need to come after work for their interview. The interview takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information please call 323.644.6269 or email Gabriel Cifarelli at [met\\_gcifarelli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:met_gcifarelli@sbcglobal.net).

The Docent Training Program will be held on five consecutive Thursday evenings from March 5 to April 2, 2009. The classes will take place from 7 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Hollyhock House, the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, and the Barnsdall Gallery Theatre, all in Barnsdall Park, 4800 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, 90027. There is a one-time materials fee of \$40.00 due upon notice of acceptance (usually at the end of the interview).

Training sessions are made up of lectures, tours of the house, and slide presentations by curators, historians, and experts in Hollyhock House and related fields. Trained docents will need to be available a minimum of once a month, two hours a day, to give public tours. Tours are offered to the public Wednesday through Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A 12-month commitment is required.

Barnsdall Park is a facility of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs. For further information or to receive an application, contact Sara L. Cannon or Gabriel Cifarelli at 323.644.6269 or [met\\_gcifarelli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:met_gcifarelli@sbcglobal.net).

**About DCA:**

The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) generates and supports high quality arts and cultural experiences for Los Angeles residents and visitors. DCA advances the social and economic impact of the arts and assures access to arts and cultural experiences through grant making, marketing, public and community arts programming, arts education, and creating partnerships with artists and arts and cultural organizations in every community in the City of Los Angeles.

DCA grants \$3.4 million annually to over 300 artists and nonprofit arts organizations and awards the Artist-in-Residence (A.I.R.) and City of Los Angeles (C.O.L.A.) Individual Artist Fellowships. The Department provides arts and cultural programming in its numerous Neighborhood Arts and Cultural Centers, theaters, and historic sites, and manages several arts and education programs for young people. It directs public art projects and manages the City's Arts Development Fee and Percent for Arts Programs, and the Art Collection and Murals Programs. DCA markets the City's cultural events through development and collaboration with strategic partners, design and production of creative promotional materials, and management of the culturela.org website.

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