

Arkansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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The mission of DAR Museum Outreach is “to support the National Society’s goals of preservation, education, and patriotism by collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting the material culture and social history of pre-industrial America.”

In 1910, the DAR Museum opened its doors.

Visitors can tour thirty-one (31) period rooms, learn about American furnishings of the past through fun interactives, and research their family history. This wonderful asset is available to visit if you are in the Washington D.C. area. As members unable to visit frequently, there are a number of support activities we can provide. Arkansas Daughters can help with donations, the adopt-an-item program, sharing information with the public through the Portable Education Program, and becoming a Correspondent Museum Docent.

What is a Correspondent Museum Docent? Arkansas Daughters have four currently active docents. A Correspondent Museum Docent (CMD) is a member who volunteers to promote the DAR Museum through public outreach to DAR chapters, community organizations, and schools. To become a museum docent, complete the Correspondent Docent Application Form, and attach a \$25 check payable to Treasurer General, NSDAR and send to me. Follow the instructions on the application for registering on the Volunteer Information Center website and additional requirements to become an active Correspondent Docent. Please call me if you need any assistance with applying.

Another outreach initiative is the Portable Education Program (PEP). This is a way for the museum to come to you and your chapter as a chapter program at meetings. It is a traveling hands on exhibit you can rent and even display locally in your town or library. Each chapter can order and keep the exhibit for two weeks. To sign up and reserve your time, visit <https://www.dar.org/museum/education/pep>, and follow the instructions on the page. These time slots tend to fill up fast and are on a first come basis.