

Stark Art & History Volunteer Newsletter

April 2024

Plan to come to the Carriage House **Friday, April 5th** from **9:30-10:30am** for our **Volunteer Coffee and Light Breakfast** to learn more about upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities, get important updates, and learn more about **Volgistics**, the scheduling software for Volunteers.

*Anyone who is familiar with volunteering at Shangri La Botanical Gardens may have noticed some updates to their Volgistics calendars – this week, Stark Art & History is excited to dive in with Volgistics and offer seamless integration. And best of all, no new accounts are needed – you'll be able to access **everything** we offer with your account that you already use!*



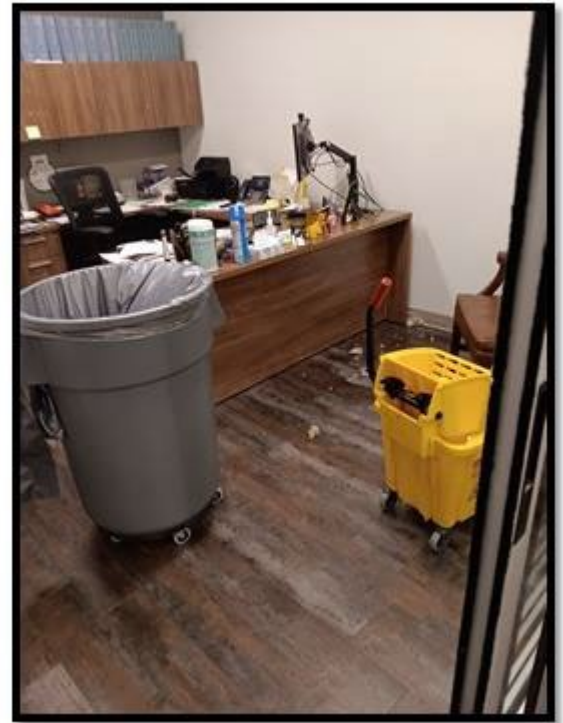
We are always looking for more volunteers like YOU to join the team! Karen Leonard from Stark Art & History, Adam Conrad from Lutcher Theater, and Amara Townsend from Shangri La Botanical Gardens depend on events like these at Lamar State College-Orange's Volunteer Fair to reach out to new audiences. We also love our local organizations and word of mouth spread around from family and friends. Thank you for helping to build up the team!

DISASTER STRIKES

The Eunice R. Benckenstein Library and Archives suffered an HVAC leak this month.

The good news: after a thorough review, there is no damage to any of the archives' historical materials. This is because it occurred on the opposite side of the room from those materials. The area has already been dried out, sprayed out, and painted. Our Building Services Team is working hard to assemble cabinetry, furniture, and make all final repairs and replacements.

The bad news: the E.R.B. Library & Archives is closed until all repairs are finished. This means that our rehousing program and all other projects taking place in the Library & Archives are on hold. Repairs are going swiftly but they are not done yet. I will send out an update when we can resume meeting in the Library & Archives for these projects.



Pictured: Artists Tomasita Louviere-Ligons, Georgia Williams, Barbara McCraw, and Jeanette Floyd attending the Exhibition Reception.

BLACK PIONEERS AT THE MUSEUM

On Saturday, March 9, we hosted Stitching Stories: Artist Talk at the Lucher Theater and Black Pioneers Exhibition Reception at the Stark Museum of Art. 151 participants joined the museum and Black Pioneers artists Carolyn Crump, Barbara McCraw, and Georgia Williams for the Artist Talk. Following the Artist Talk, 331 guests visited the museum to view the exhibit, meet the artists, enjoy food and drink and listen to live music. Many thanks to all of the Stark Art & History Volunteers and Lucher Theater Volunteers who came together to help set up, decorate, greet, usher, serve food, and did so much to bring this suite of events together for our community!

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

If you are signed up to join us for Spring Open House on this Saturday, then you have received an email from Tabitha Henderson with your assignments: Robert, Ella, Dottie, and Mary M. These assignments will also be printed out and ready for you on Saturday.

Would you like to join them in welcoming guests to The W.H. Stark House and its grounds?

The event is this Saturday, April 6th
Arrive 9:15-9:30am, and finish at 2pm

To sign up, send Karen Leonard an email at volunteers@starkmuseum.org
OR call 409-886-2787 ext.3031



Here's a sneak preview of upcoming events, we'll be talking about them on Friday and use Volgistics to sign up. If you miss us on Friday, I will send out a more detailed email reviewing these events early next week.

April

TIME	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
9:30-10:30	Fri April 5	Volunteer Coffee and Light	Carriage House
10:30-12:00	Fri April 5	Open House Set Up	Carriage House
9:00-2:30	Sat April 6	Spring Open House	The W.H. Stark House
9:00-11:00	Wed April 10	Learning	Carriage House
2:00-3:30	Wed April 10	Juried Art Reception Setup	Stark Museum of Art
4:30-8:00	Wed April 10	Juried Art Reception	Stark Museum of Art
12:30-3:30	Thu April 11	Bentwater Open House	The W.H. Stark House
9:30-11:30	Fri April 12	Family Guide	Stark Museum of Art
2:00-3:30	Fri April 19	Date Night Setup	Stark Museum of Art
4:30-7:30	Sat April 20	Date Night	Stark Museum of Art
1:45-5:00	Sun April 28	Stark Reading Contest	Lutcher Theater

May

TIME	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00-11:00	Wed May 8	Learning	Carriage House
9:30-11:30	Fri May 10	Family Guide	Stark Museum of Art
11:00-2:00	Thu May 23	Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon	Stark Museum of Art

June

TIME	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
10:30-12:00	Fri June 7	Reading Festival Setup	Carriage House
8:00-12:00	Sat June 8	Reading Festival	The W.H. Stark House
9:00-11:00	Wed June 12	Learning	Carriage House

Save the Date...

TIME	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00-11:00	Wed July 10	Learning	Carriage House
9:30-10:30	Fri July 12	Volunteer Coffee and Light Breakfast	Carriage House
9:00-3:00	Sat Sep 14	Family Day	Stark Museum of Art

***See you on Friday for Coffee and Light Breakfast from 9:30-10:30am
Park in the Lutcher Theater Lot and meet in the Carriage House***