

# VESTERHEIM VOLUNTEER QUESTIONNAIRE

## Yes - I would like to volunteer!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

There are many volunteer opportunities available at Vesterheim. Take a few minutes to look over this questionnaire and let us know what kinds of activities/projects would be of interest to you.

◆ *Do you enjoy interacting with the public or teaching?*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Guiding:** Museum's Main Building      Open Air Division  
 (circle preferences)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hosting:** greet visitors in museum lobby

\_\_\_\_\_ **Teaching Assistance:** assist with crafts, etc. at special events; school groups; scouts

\_\_\_\_\_ **Walk-throughs of the museum's Main Building:** brief (20-30 min.) walks of the four floors;  
 note changes/concerns/problems; greet visitors as appropriate

◆ *Do you prefer clerical tasks?*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mail Preparation:** stuffing envelopes, labeling

\_\_\_\_\_ **Clerical:** typing    photocopying    proofreading    hand addressing    (circle any that apply)

◆ *Did you know that research and recordkeeping opportunities are available to volunteers?*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Research:** assist curators with various topics

\_\_\_\_\_ **Translating:** Norwegian to English, English to Norwegian

\_\_\_\_\_ **Library/Archives Aide:** assist with cataloging and other projects

◆ *Do you have particular hands-on skills that you could bring to projects at Vesterheim?*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Museum store aide:** dust shelves, pricing

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sewing:** simple hand and machine work

\_\_\_\_\_ **Carpentry:** exhibit preparation, Open Air Division building maintenance

\_\_\_\_\_ **Painting:** exhibit preparation, Open Air Division building maintenance

\_\_\_\_\_ **Gardening:** flower beds and boxes

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cleaning:** kitchen cupboards, appliances, windows, etc.

◆ **Hospitality is a high priority at Vesterheim. Would you enjoy helping with any of the following?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Transportation:** transport Norwegian instructors and scholars to and from airport (Rochester, Minneapolis)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Entertain:** arrange meals and side trips for Norwegian instructors and scholars

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hospitality committee:** help with occasional receptions by serving, baking, or decorating

\_\_\_\_\_ **Baking:** make treats for events and receptions not listed below

Scandinavian specialties \_\_\_\_\_

Other specialties \_\_\_\_\_

◆ **The following special events are held each year. These events present many opportunities for volunteer participation. Circle the ones that interest you.**

**NORDIC FEST** (last weekend July)

**NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS** (1st weekend Dec.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Folk Art Demonstration for school groups and at events:** (circle any that apply)  
weaving    spinning    carving    rosemaling    other

\_\_\_\_\_ **Craft materials preparation; assist with crafts**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Serving food**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cashier:** selling tickets

\_\_\_\_\_ **Setting up tables, equipment, displays, decorations**

◆ Please list any other skills you would be willing to share with us. \_\_\_\_\_

◆ Do you know others who might like to volunteer for Vesterheim?

Name and Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

◆ Are you currently a member of Vesterheim? YES/NO

◆ Are you a member of a Sons of Norway lodge or other similar organization, and willing to offer brochures and information about Vesterheim to fellow members?

Organization/s \_\_\_\_\_ YES/NO

Additional comments:

*Each year, hundreds of volunteers offer thousands of hours toward the sustainability of Vesterheim's mission. Thank you for generously sharing your time and talent. It is much appreciated! Martha Griesheimer*

**Please mail to: Coordinator of Volunteers, VESTERHEIM, Box 379, Decorah, IA 52101**