2021 Getty Days of Service

Just over a year ago the COVID-19 health crisis interrupted our lives in so many ways, including forcing the cancellation of our **2020 Day of Service**. Although the progression of COVID in our communities is slowing down, more businesses have been allowed to open to the public (including the Villa and Museum very soon!) and more individuals are eligible to get a vaccine, we cannot host a "traditional" Day of Service in 2021. However, our communities still need our support even if we can't volunteer together.

The Community Service Team is pleased to invite you to participate in Getty's **Days of Service** during the week of **April 19th through the 23rd**. We have assembled a list of virtual and in-person service projects that you (and maybe your friends and family members too) can support.

If you don't want to leave your home but you still want to volunteer, just select a virtual project or projects and volunteer from the safety of your home. Feeling a little more adventurous? Get together with friends and family to organize a neighborhood cleanup on Earth Day (April 22nd) or get together with co-workers and participate in the Surfrider Foundation's Solo Beach Cleanup program.

Here's how it works…Review the following list of volunteer opportunities and select the project or projects you'd like to support. Employees can volunteer on any day or days of the week during the Getty's **Days of Service.** If you plan to volunteer during your regular work hours, you must get your supervisor's approval first.

Tell us how you plan to participate! Complete the online registration form by **Friday, April 16th.** Registered participants will receive an email with additional information, including instructions on how to complete your timecards.

Full-time employees who volunteer on a regular work day(s) are eligible to receive up to 8 or 9 hours of pay depending on their regularly scheduled hours for the week. Part-time employees who volunteer on a regular work day(s) are eligible to receive up to 8 hours of pay.

Show Us! Take lots of pictures of your volunteer efforts. We want to see pics of you in the community or volunteering online with your furry friend in your lap!

Send your pictures to communityservice@getty.edu. All pictures will be uploaded into a virtual photo album and shared with the Getty community.

For volunteer events outside of your home remember to follow all public health guidelines to protect yourself and others, including wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces, and washing your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

Solo Beach Cleanup - The Surfrider Foundation is dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's ocean, waves and beaches, for all people, through a powerful activist network.

Supporting this organization in a safe way can be through a solo beach cleanup you can do with your family, household or coordinated within your department following CDC health and social distancing guidance, local beach access restrictions, and EPA recommendations for properly discarding used PPE items. Guidelines for the solo beach cleanup can be found here. Participants are responsible for providing their own supplies and equipment.

You are encouraged to fill out a beach cleanup data card and submit to the Surfrider Foundation to help contribute to plastic pollution research. English data card Spanish data card

For specific questions, you can contact the LA Chapter at info@surfrider.org or visit their website.

 TreePeople inspires and supports the people of LA to come together to plant and care for trees, harvest the rain and renew depleted landscapes.

Each week TreePeople volunteers plant and care for trees throughout Los Angeles, remove invasive species and maintain projects throughout Southern California.

Additional information regarding volunteer events and guidelines can be found here. TreePeople volunteer events follow all public health guidelines, including mandatory face masks and physical distancing.

For specific questions regarding volunteer opportunities, email volunteer@treepeople.org or visit their website.

Organize a neighborhood Clean-Up Day – Be proactive in taking care of where you live. Have a clean-up day where you (and your quarantine pod) can go around your own block and pick up trash. Invite your neighbors for an afternoon of social distancing trash pick-up. Pay attention to lawns, bushes and gutters. This is where most trash tends to collect. Take pictures of your project area, the final trash bag count and estimated weight, and or the most funny/awkward trash you find along the way.

Donate textiles to be repurposed - SUAY is creating a culture of community and reuse.
https://suayla.com/pages/suay-sos   SUAY accepts clothing and textile donations (even if they have holes or stains) Wednesday - Sunday, noon to 3PM! Please click here to schedule your drop-off time.

Virtual Projects

Invited Getty staff will participate in virtual career fairs with middle school and high school students. Staff will share their personal career paths through presentations highlighting their specialized training, unique work spaces and the honorable work being done at the Getty. The goal of this project is to help students connect what they're learning in school with the workplace by introducing students to the jobs available in their community.

VaccinateCA is a community-run website that tracks the availability of COVID-19 vaccines in California. Volunteers call hospitals, pharmacies and other health care providers daily to gather information about vaccine availability, eligibility and appointment procedures. The website then publishes the information and allows users to search for vaccination sites by region, county or within a set radius of their ZIP code. They need help calling hospitals, pharmacies and other health care providers. All volunteer opportunities are "work from home." Please visit their Volunteer page for more information on how to volunteer.

Help transcribe Library of Congress documents. Volunteer-created transcriptions will be published on loc.gov to improve search, access, and discovery of these pages from history. Documents are transcribed by volunteers. Other volunteers review these transcriptions to ensure they are complete and accurate. https://crowd.loc.gov/help-center/welcome-guide/

Los Angeles Library of Congress: Help Transcribe American Indian Resource Center (AIRC) Letters
This collection is held by LA County Library's American Indian Resource Center. They've digitized these documents, but need your help to make them truly useful for everyone! Your work to transcribe and proofread these documents will help turn 19th-century handwriting into readable text that can be searched and analyzed. Review the steps in this link to get started!
https://lacountylibrary.org/transcribe-letters/

VIDEO: AIRC Transcription Project: Getting started**:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9iva0LXMe8&feature=youtu.be

 Smithsonian Archives of American Gardens is an online database of thousands of images in the Smithsonian's Collections Search Center. By correctly tagging an image regarding the types of plants in the image, the structures, objects, people, or any details you notice, you help make that image more useful to professional catalogers in museums, archives and libraries.
https://collections.si.edu/search/gallery.htm?og=archives-of-american-gardens&p=mystery-gardens-2

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