

## Nature-based Art Teacher and Docent

### Organizational Summary:

Located on 60-acres of rolling wooded hills in Eagan, Minnesota, Caponi Art Park and Learning Center is a distinctive community space offering free cultural and educational experiences in an inviting, natural setting. The Art Park is unique in the way it blends the beauty of nature with art to create a symphony out of all the physical elements and creative activities that take place in the park.

### Internship Summary:

This internship is ideal for an individual aspiring to teach elementary art education and who has a strong connection to nature and/or a background in environmental studies. Intern will work primarily in the beautiful wooded [Sculpture Garden](#) conducting guided sculpture and nature tours for childcare, school, community, senior and corporate groups. Intern will also conduct nature-based art activities outdoors for children in conjunction with the tours. The mission of Caponi Art Park's tour program is to give visitors positive opportunities to connect with art and nature, especially for children who are confined for long hours indoors.

### Responsibilities:

- Conduct [park tours](#) for all ages and abilities
- Conduct hands-on art and nature-based activities for children, including setup and teardown
- Purchase art supplies
- Evaluate, develop and adapt current and new art activities

### Experience and Qualifications:

- College degree (or significant completion of coursework) in art, education or both
- Teaching experience is a plus
- Education in environmental studies is a plus
- Must be comfortable with all age groups, especially children age 3 – 12
- Must have great public speaking skills
- Dependability and timeliness is a must!
- Must be able to manage and direct large groups of children, up to 30 for an individual tour
- We are looking for an individual that exhibits enthusiasm about learning and the environment, who is also introspective and insightful about art and nature.

### Details:

Start date: May 2010  
Duration: 4-5 months  
Hours: 8hrs/week (150 total)  
Type: Unpaid Internship

The majority of tours and activities take place Tuesday through Friday between 9:00am and 4:00pm, and are typically scheduled at least 1 month in advance. Intern will need to have a flexible daytime schedule. Expect to be at the park 2-3 days a week for 2-4 hours at a time. For example, a weekly schedule might be: Wed 10am-12pm/Thur 9am-1pm/Fri 12pm-3pm.

### How to apply:

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, 1 professional reference to:  
Caponi Art Park and Learning Center, Attn: Internships, 1205 Diffley Rd, Eagan, MN 55123  
Or by email: [info@caponiartpark.org](mailto:info@caponiartpark.org)

**Deadline: Applications accepted through April 15, 2010**