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California State Parks Seeking Volunteers at Sonoma State Historic Park *Make History Come Alive at the Vallejo Home*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Park's Sonoma State Historic Park is looking for enthusiastic people to volunteer as docents at *Lachryma Montis*, the Vallejo Home. Free training is offered by the department in cooperation with Sonoma/Petaluma State Historic Parks Association. Training runs two full days: Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29. After training, a commitment of three hours a month is required. Registration for the training is required by June 22.

As a volunteer in California's state parks, you will be trained to interpret the Vallejo Home's architecture, exhibits and history to park visitors. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to meet new and interesting people, enhance your public speaking skills, be involved with the community and participate in special events.

Built in 1851, it was the estate of General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, Military Commander and director of colonization of the northern frontier of California. The grounds are beautifully decorated with fruit trees, perennials, fountains, cacti, and Mission olive trees. Its secluded setting, a short distance from the Sonoma Plaza, gives it a tranquil atmosphere that many visitors come to admire.

To sign up for the training and become a volunteer docent, please contact Park Interpretive Specialist Philip Herrschaft at (707) 938-1519 or e-mail philip.herrschaft@parks.ca.gov.

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