

Job Description

Phyllis Zylstra Memorial Apprenticeship

Beginning: End of May 2024

Ending: End of August 2024

Stipend: \$1,000 plus up to \$200 for fabric

The goal of the Phyllis Zylstra Memorial Apprenticeship is to identify and train costumiers about Dutch heritage sewing, specifically to create and sew authentic costumes related to Pella's Dutch heritage.

The apprentice will work with established costumiers over the summer of 2024 for a total of 100 hours (approximately 10 hours per week) to learn pattern creation, techniques for sewing various province costumes, and fitting techniques. By the end of the summer, the apprentice would have a completed costume to keep for personal use or to sell.

The hope is that the apprentice will then sew for various community members to create Dutch costumes for Tulip Time.

Applicants must possess some garment sewing experience and be able to commit to 100 summer hours.

A stipend of \$1,000 will be paid at the end of the summer. This apprenticeship has been established by the family and friends of Phyllis Zylstra, who worked so many years creating Tulip Queen and Court costumes. She passed away after a long battle with cancer in December 2019.

For specific questions about the apprenticeship, contact Jacki Craver at 641-780-2004.

To apply, send a resume and cover letter to info@pellahistorical.com. Include pictures of the sewing you have done. Review of applicants will begin immediately. Deadline for applying is April 1, 2024.