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**Free Teacher Memberships**



The Dixon Gallery and Gardens is offering free Teacher Memberships to all pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade teachers beginning April 22, 2019. This membership includes free admission, biweekly email updates, discounted admission on adult workshops and programs, invitations to exclusive events, a 10% discount in the museums store and Park+Cherry café, and a \$20 discount to upgrade to the Family/Dual level memberships. Any teacher in the mid-south is welcome to apply.

The Dixon offers a variety of resources for teachers. Field trips for all grade levels are offered for free with advance notice, along with both self-guided and guided tours. Dixon Discoveries (Grades PreK-5) includes an interactive tour of the museum or gardens with a hands-on activity, aligning with curriculum standards. The Dixon provides an opportunity for educators to apply to receive transportation funding for one bus per school year. The Art to Grow program (Grades PreK-8) physically brings the Dixon into classrooms with multi-disciplinary, hands-on art activities designed around the Dixon's exhibitions and gardens schedule.

The Dixon will be opening the new Liz and Tommy Farnsworth Education Building on May 4th, 2019, 10:00am-2:00pm, with a free and open to the public event, *Yes We're Open! Family Day*. The Liz and Tommy Farnsworth Education Building will better connect the existing museum and garden programs, and be a catalyst for launching new experiences at the Dixon.

To apply for a Complimentary Teacher Membership, please contact the Dixon's Business Office at (901) 761-5250 or the Dixon's Membership Office at (901) 312-1276. Proof of current employment as a teacher, for example an ID card, is required.

**ABOUT THE DIXON**

Founded in 1976 by Hugo and Margaret Dixon, the Dixon Gallery and Gardens is a fine art museum and public garden distinguished by its diverse and innovative programs in the arts and horticulture. In addition to the collection of French masterpieces, porcelain, and pewter, every year, the Dixon organizes and presents eight to ten exhibitions, the diversity of which appeals to visitors of all ages.