



VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

CONSERVATORY DISPLAY ASSISTANT – WEEKENDS

LOCATION: Brookside Gardens Conservatory and Visitors Center,
1500 and 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902-1369

NEED: 4-hour shift, 1 shift per week, or 2-3 shifts per month, Saturday or Sunday between
10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (10:00 to 2:00, 11:00 to 3:00, or 12 Noon - 4:00).

JOB DESCRIPTION: Brookside Gardens is a nationally known public garden attracting visitors to its
facilities 364 days per year. Volunteer assistance is needed to care for and
maintain the professional quality and efficiency of the inside display area.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Volunteers are needed to assist the professional staff with the following, as assigned:

- * Deadheading and grooming a wide variety of plants
- * Sweeping walkways
- * Removal of plant debris
- * Planting and removing seasonal displays
- * Weeding
- * Answering questions from the public
- * Politely reminding visitors of the Conservatory rules of conduct

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

- * Fine motor skills
- * Ability to work well with people
- * Ability to listen and follow detailed directions
- * Mature and responsible work attitude with your coworkers
- * Some experience in gardening/horticulture field preferred
- * Knowledge of tropical and seasonal plants preferred
- * Minimum age of 18 years
- * Ability to work weekends (hours are flexible)
- * Ability to perform physical tasks, including lifting 25 pounds, and bending and squatting
- * Ability to tolerate high temperature and high humidity during certain periods of the year

TRAINING: Volunteers will receive on-the-job training.

COMMENTS: Volunteers in this position will gain excellent and enjoyable experience in a variety of
conservatory maintenance and gardening skills. Volunteers will be a valuable asset to
the Conservatory staff and Brookside Gardens. For more information, call
301-962-1429, or email MCP-GardenVolunteer@mncppc-mc.org.