



VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

FRITZ PROPAGATION GREENHOUSE/NURSERY AIDE

LOCATION: Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902-1369

NEED: Volunteer to work with professional staff during weekday hours, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Volunteer is needed for one shift each week for a 2-4 hour shift.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Volunteers will work behind the scenes with knowledgeable, professional growers producing plants of exceptional quality for Brookside Gardens.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the direction of professional staff, the volunteer will:

- * Help with propagating, dibbling seed, pinching, transplanting, and grooming a variety of plant materials in greenhouses, cold frame, lathe house, and outdoor areas
- * Prepare soil. Clean and maintain greenhouses, equipment, and grounds. Clean and prepare pots and other forms as needed.
- * Learn greenhouse practices and routine and safe responsible use of tools and equipment.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

- * Ability to work with people, listen, learn, and follow detailed directions
- * Mature and responsible work attitude
- * Reliable and organized work habits
- * Enthusiasm for goals and functions of the greenhouse
- * Minimum age of 16 years
- * Ability to work independently
- * Ability to work at least one 2-4 hour shift per week (i.e., 9:00 a.m.-12:00Noon, 10:00 a.m.-12Noon, 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.)
- * Ability to perform physical tasks
- * Ability to tolerate high temperature and high humidity conditions
- * Previous experience in greenhouse or in growing plants is a desirable trait in the candidate, but not absolutely necessary

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

COMMENTS: The Fritz Greenhouse provides thousands of plants for use at Brookside Gardens throughout the year. Crops are produced for four Conservatory displays, spring through autumn garden displays, spring and autumn education programs, and additional special events. The work is sometimes physically demanding. For more information, call 301-962-1429, or email MCP-GardenVolunteer@mncppc-mc.org.