



VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

SENIOR OUTREACH VOLUNTEER

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

NEED: Two volunteers to present each horticulture outreach program scheduled throughout the year on weekdays. For each program, it will take approximately 2-3 hours from set up to clean up.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Brookside Gardens, a nationally known public garden, provides educational outreach programs, regarding plants and plant care, to seniors at various senior centers throughout Montgomery County, bringing “the gardens” to this population in the community.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- * Liaison with senior Center Program Directors to schedule hands-on plant programs for seniors
- * Present a short program (approximately 1 hour) describing a gardening topic for the day. Examples of the topics are making a dish garden, an herb garden, how to make a topiary, etc.). Provide plants (topic related), pot, soil, all necessary materials to execute the program and instructions on how to proceed.
- * Requests for supplies (plants, pots, etc.) must be made in advance, according to the schedule provided by the Fritz Greenhouse. All necessary supplies for the program must be listed on the crop request form.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

- * Knowledge of plants, ability to organize a plant program
- * Ability to articulate information in a clear manner and at a level easily understood by adult attendees
- * Must be able to supply own transportation to each of the centers and take supplies for the program to be presented
- * Ability to work well with others, especially senior citizens
- * Ability to communicate effectively and in a clear speaking manner
- * Minimum age of 18 years

TRAINING: Training will be provided.

COMMENTS: Senior Outreach Volunteers must be alert to and be able to identify the level of expertise, agility, and abilities of the attendees, and adjust the program accordingly. For more information, call 301-962-1429, or email MCP-GardenVolunteer@mncppc-mc.org.