

Collection Management Volunteer Position Description

Goal of the Position: Assist the Horticulture Department with managing, maintaining, and updating the living plant collection at Green Bay Botanical Garden.

Location: Horticulture Volunteer Center and throughout the Garden

Responsibilities:

- Recording information about plants and labels
- Assembling plant labels
- Placing plant labels in the Garden
- Entering information collected in the Garden to a plants database on the computer

Qualifications:

- Quality and detail oriented
- Able to follow instructions, after training, without constant supervision
- An interest in and enjoyment of plants and gardening
- Ability to perform light physical tasks such as bending, kneeling, lifting
- Ability to stand/move for periods of time
- Basic computer skills (MS Office) not required but helpful for data entry tasks

Dress:

- Wear comfortable clothing, appropriate to the weather
- All necessary tools and equipment are supplied by the Garden.

Orientation/Training:

- General orientation to Green Bay Botanical Garden and an initial volunteer program overview with the Volunteer Manager
- Garden-specific training is done on-site with GBBG horticulture staff supervisor
- Additional computer training in BG-Base, GPS and GIS as desired or needed

Time Commitment:

- Flexible hours based on project involvement

Staff Contact:

- Sarah Pingel – Horticulturist/Educator: (920) 491-3691 X 119 or spingel@gbbg.org
- Mark Konlock – Director of Horticulture: (920) 491-3691 X 110 or mkonlock@gbbg.org

Volunteer Appreciation at Green Bay Botanical Garden

GBBG values its volunteers and makes every effort to provide timely volunteer recognition. All staff and volunteers responsible for volunteer supervision are encouraged to undertake on-going, informal methods of recognition of volunteer service. These methods range from "thank you's" to a concerted effort to include volunteers as participants in program decision-making and implementation.

In addition, volunteers who contribute **25 or more hours** between January and December (previous calendar year) qualifies them for a "Volunteer Appreciation Card" handed out at the Volunteer Season Kick Off event in Spring.

Our GBBG Appreciation Program consists of:

- ✓ **25 Volunteer Hours over 3 months:**
 - Permanent GBBG nametag to be worn while volunteering
 - Free annual gift given at our Volunteer Appreciation event (must be present)
 - Annual recognition in an issue of the GBBG newsletter
- ✓ **50 Volunteer Hours:** all the above plus:
 - a 15% discount at our WPS Trellis Gift Shop (this is an additional 5% discount from the 10% membership discount given – must present card at time of purchase)
- ✓ **75 volunteer Hours:** all of the above plus:
 - 2 general admission complimentary GBBG passes (not including Special Events)
- ✓ **100+ Volunteer Hours:** all of the above plus:
 - Free admission to 2 GBBG lectures/classes during a calendar year (no carry over) with a maximum member fee of \$9. Volunteers must pre-register by the class deadline and present this card at class check-in. Number of volunteer registrants is limited so register early!

Finally, and most importantly, many GBBG volunteers explain that their greatest reward comes from helping others. The personal and professional growth, the challenges and the friendships from volunteer experiences are life-long rewards. The opportunity to be of service to others is important to all volunteers.

If you are volunteering for the Garden as part of a group, for example, with your service club, church group, retirement organization or the like, the hours you contribute in that endeavor will accrue to the group and not to each individual member of the group.

If you have questions about your benefits or hours, please contact:

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