Volunteer Opportunity Description: Horticultural Research Center (HRC) Greenhouse Volunteer

Description/Purpose
Assist the HRC Greenhouse manager and crew in fulfilling the needs of the HRC Projects; needs include transplanting, pruning, sorting, labeling, propagation, weeding, inventory, field planting, and mulching. This is a great opportunity to learn what is happening in the world of plant research. The HRC has 3 scientists doing breeding and evaluation work on fruit crops and woody ornamentals. The HRC is located a couple miles further west on Hwy 5 past the Arboretum main property.

Responsibilities/Tasks
See above but the majority of work will be transplanting.

Required Skills
- It would help to have transplanting experience but is not necessary
- Learn as you go

Time Commitment and Schedule Detail
April 1 to August 1. Thursday mornings 8-12
I am considering having volunteers on Tuesday mornings as well.

Benefits/Impact
The HRC has used volunteers to assist with tasks for many years. As the budgets for research get tighter and money for research becomes more difficult to attain the use of volunteers has become instrumental in the success of the research programs. If you are interested in plants and how they are marketed, created and become available to the public you will find working at the HRC beneficial. Most of the volunteers have been very pleased with the amount of information they have learned. They are often excited by the variety of plants they are exposed to and also learning the history and procedure of working with research plants.

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How to Apply for this Opportunity
If you are currently an Arboretum Volunteer and would like to apply for this opportunity, please contact the supervisor listed below.

Staff Supervisor & Contact Information
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Research Plot Coordinator/ Greenhouse Manager HRC
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All Arboretum Volunteer opportunities are reserved for registered and active Arboretum Volunteers. All volunteers go through an orientation and screening process prior to applying for opportunities. Learn HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER or call the Volunteer Center at 612-301-1203 to get started.