Volunteer Job Description: Garden Crew – Home Demo, Rose Gardens, and Woodland Azalea

Join a gardening crew and work in the Home Demonstration Garden, Woodland Azalea Garden, Wilson Rose Garden, and Nelson Shrub Rose Garden. These gardens are for public education, to evaluate plants, and to inspire and delight all visitors with quality plants in well designed and maintained displays, collections and model landscapes.

Responsibilities
Crew members will help maintain all the above named gardens by:

- Tasks include pruning dormant woodies and removing mulch and general garden clean up in early spring
- Planting various spring and summer vegetables and annual flowers from a mapped design
- Weed, stake, and divide perennials
- Harvest vegetables
- Cultural care of roses
- Repotting all potted plants in the home demo area and green house
- Taking care of the vine collection, especially clematis
- Planting fall bulbs
- Winter mulching

Required Skills
Willingness to learn and do the tasks listed above as well be willing to help with unexpected tasks as they arise. Knowledge of the following is a plus but not required:

- Know proper pruning techniques
- Know measurements and proper spacing
- Caring for roses (dead heading roses, fertilizing roses, planting roses, lifting and tipping roses, etc.)
- Mixing soil and root pruning potted plants
- Pruning, planting and maintaining clematis

Time Commitment and Schedule Details
- April – September = Monday evenings 4pm – close
- April – Thanksgiving = Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8am – 12pm
- Hours are flexible
- Number of hours per week = 4

Benefits
- Learning all the horticultural techniques on a wide range of plants
- Learning a lot about the care of roses
- Learn about vegetable garden
- Have fun and meet other great volunteers and staff

Work Environment:

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*Additional Information:
A willingness to learn and be flexible enough to work in all areas of the garden on various tasks is important. These items would be useful for a volunteer on the Garden crew: hand pruner, gloves, rain jacket, hat and kneeling pad.

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 and set up an interview.

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