Volunteer Opportunity Description: Japanese Garden Assistant

Description/Purpose
The Japanese garden is a quiet treasure at the Arboretum. The Japanese garden assistants keep this jewel sparkling for the visitors under the direct supervision of staff gardeners Mary Bigelow and Jewel Engstrom.

Responsibilities
Weeding, planting, pruning, raking and mulching

Required Skills/Tasks
- Ability to learn
- Ability to ask questions
- Ability to follow requests and work with others

Time Commitment and Schedule Details
- Tuesday mornings, 8-12 noon, from April to Thanksgiving

Benefits
- Coffee break with other volunteers and Arboretum staff
- Learn principles of Japanese design and maintenance
- Discover unfolding subtleties
- Acquire a taste for green tea and bamboo
- Recognize the importance of shapes, symbols and the journey experience in enjoyment of the garden

Work Environment:

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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 staff supervisor listed below to discuss this opportunity.

Staff Supervisor s& Contact Information

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