Arboretum Let’s Talk Plants Volunteer Opportunities

“Let’s Talk Plants” programs are designed to help Arboretum visitors of all ages enjoy a richer experience with plants and nature. A hands-on studio, demonstrations, welcome station, tours and gardening information are all part of the mix. These programs are only possible with the support of a dedicated corps of volunteers! Anyone interested in this rewarding volunteer opportunity is invited to attend the 2016 Arboretum Basic Training on Monday, February 29, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the MacMillan Auditorium. It will cover Arboretum mission, gardens and new features for 2016. It will also describe the four “Let’s Talk Plants” programs: Plant Maker Studio, Garden Demonstrations, Yard and Garden Desk Q&A, and Arboretum Guides. Each of these then has separate training and volunteer service requirements. “Let’s Talk Plants” is a collaborative effort of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and Minnesota’s State Master Gardener Program.

The “Let’s Talk Plants” welcome station and tours are provided by Arboretum Guides. Admission to join the Arboretum Guides is by application. For those interested in applying, there will be an Arboretum Guides Info Session on Monday February 29 at 12:30 p.m. in the Carlson Dining Room. Basic Training participants may grab a sandwich in the Restaurant and enjoy lunch during this informal session. It will cover goals, training, commitment requested, and how to apply. Prospective volunteers may meet current Guides and program staff. Questions welcome!

To RSVP for the Arboretum Basic Training session or the Arboretum Guides Info Session, please email ltplants@umn.edu.