Volunteer Job Description: Garden Crew - *Home Demonstration Garden, Woodland Azalea Garden, Wilson Rose Garden, Nelson Shrub Rose Garden and Ankeny/Lang Rose Garden*

**Description/Purpose**
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**
To help maintain the gardens, pruning the woodies in the early spring, and to remove the mulch off and clean gardens. Plant spring and summer vegetable gardens and annual flowers. Weed, stake, and divide perennials and harvest vegetables. Maintain all display gardens in areas as well as planting fall bulbs, and winter mulching.

**Required Skills/Tasks**
- Pruning dormant woodies
- Planting seeds and annuals from a mapped design
- Cultural care of roses
- Re-potting all the plants in the Home Demonstration Greenhouse
- Taking care of the vine collection especially clematis
- Willing to learn the proper pruning techniques
- Willing to learn the proper measurements and spacing
- Dead heading roses
- Lifting and tipping of roses
- Mixing soil
- Root pruning potted plants
- Planting and maintaining clematis.

**Time Commitment and Schedule Details**
Monday evenings 4PM-close, Tuesday-Thursday 8AM-12PM (flexible). 4 hrs per week,

**Additional Information**
Being very flexible and able to work in various gardens and not set on working in just one area. These are the various items that would be beneficial in working in the different areas: hand pruner, gloves, rain, jacket, hat, kneeling pad.

**Benefits**
Learning all the horticulture practices on a wide range of plants in the Home Demonstration Garden and Woodland Azalea Garden. Plus as a bonus - getting very close on the care of roses being that we have 2/3’s of the rose gardens to care for.

**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 supervisor and set up an interview

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