Volunteer Job Description:  *Gardener- Annual & Perennial Flower Gardening, Container Gardening*

**Description/Purpose:** Aid in maintaining the outdoor gardens and terraces of the visitor center and Snyder Building so we can inspire and delight visitors with quality plants in well designed gardens.

**Responsibilities:** Work with Duane Otto and seasonal staff to maintain annual and perennial flower displays and container gardens directly surrounding the visitor center and Snyder Building.

**Required Skills/Tasks:** Planting annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees. Watering, deadheading, potting in the greenhouse, weeding/mulching, able-bodied, and willing to learn, willing to take guidance, enjoy being outdoors, basic gardening knowledge.

**Time Commitment and Schedule Details:** Monday-Friday, 4 hrs per week, flexible

**Benefits:** Learning all the horticulture practices on a wide range of plants in the annual and perennial flower displays, containers, and greenhouse growing.

**Additional Information:** Being flexible and able to work in various gardens. Please bring a hand pruner, gloves, wear comfortable clothing, rain jacket, hat, and kneeling pad. Many volunteers work from 8-12PM during the week.

**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.

**Staff Supervisor & Contact Information:**
Duane Otto
952-443-1455

To become an Arboretum Volunteer, you first need to complete the Arboretum Volunteer Application Form and attend a New Volunteer Welcome. To get started please call the volunteer office at 952-443-1461 Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9AM – 4PM. Or visit our web site at [http://www.arboretum.umn.edu](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu) and click on the volunteer tab.