Volunteer Opportunity Description:

**Floral Design Volunteer Gardener**

**Description/Purpose**

Assist the horticulture staff members in the daily and seasonal assembling of floral arrangements for the Visitor Center, Café and for special events. Duration: late March through Mid December

**Responsibilities/ Tasks**

During each day of the growing season the Arboretum would like to feature fresh floral design in various locations throughout the Visitor Center Complex. Seasonally and for VIP events, fresh floral designs of all sizes are displayed using a combination of Arboretum and florist floral materials.

**Required Skills**

Although it would be helpful to have a working knowledge of floral design and several years experience at this artistic art form, the willingness to learn about the topic is all that is needed. The staff will share their skills, knowledge and love for the garden and its plants. Designs will be completed each week. A craft skill or artistic “eye” is helpful. Each week, flowers are cut and conditioned from the gardens. This is a very helpful task to assist in.

**Time Commitment and Schedule Details**

Suggested work days are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 to 12 noon. Beginning at seasonal cleanup (late March) to mid November as frost brings dormancy in the gardens. Winter holiday decorations can be part of this volunteer’s efforts. Season –long commitment of once per month is considered minimum for this year, 2016.

**Benefits/Impact**

These designs add to the aesthetic of the structurtes and features garden materials indoors in an unique way. Guests, as well as the seasonal daily guests, weddings, and Arboretum fundraising events—all enjoy this addition to the Arboretum.

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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**

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Working with staff member, Jewel Engstrom, gardeners and staff and interns; international students.
All Arboretum Volunteer opportunities are reserved for registered and active Arboretum Volunteers. All volunteers go through an orientation and screening process prior to applying for opportunities. Learn HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER or call the Volunteer Center at 612-301-1203 to get started.