



FBBG 2017 In-Garden Volunteer Program

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Info: 414 525 5653

Duties:

Assist BBG Horticulturists in preserving/sustaining our historic botanical garden.

Qualifications:

- Ability to make a season commitment of gardening once a week; *our BBG garden staff will depend on attendance of scheduled volunteers.*
- An interest in and enjoyment of plants and gardening.
- Ability to perform light physical tasks such as bending, kneeling, lifting, digging; ability to tolerate some weather extremes.
- Quality and detail oriented.
- Ability to work independently.

Orientation & Training:

- Submit volunteer application directly at Boerner or via mail:
FBBG, 9400 Boerner Drive, Hales Corners, WI 53130
(Applications are available at BBG atrium desk.)
- Once your application is received, our Hort-in-Charge will contact you for a brief interview and orientation.

Hours: *(days & hours are determined each year by BBG/Parks Management)*

- Monday thru Friday 8am > 3pm
- Saturdays & Sundays 8am > 11am

Months:

- **April – May:** clean up gardens, sweep, divide plants, pick up twigs and leaves and other debris, add compost and mulch to the flower beds, weed and cut back plants
- **May - June:** plant annual flower beds/water plants/mulch/weed/deadhead/dig tulip bulbs
- **June – Sept.:** weed, mulch, prune, deadhead and sweep
- **Sept. – Oct.:** weed, clean-up beds, plant bulbs, mulch

Location: Volunteer In-Garden work occurs throughout the gardens.

Check in: Daily sign-in is at BBG Atrium reception desk – volunteer clip board.

Community Member – Volunteer Benefits*:

We value the time and the support that our volunteers devote to FBBG/BBG.

The time you have contributed to the Gardens over the year is totaled at year end.

If you have contributed 25 hours or more of volunteer time during the year, you will receive:

- 10% discount in the FBBG Gift Shop (*regular stock items*)
(Note: FBBG members also receive this discount; *discount is not duplicated.*)
- 2 guest passes to visit the Gardens + various FBBG items (hat, tote or water bottle as stocked)
- Annual Volunteer Appreciation/*Thank you* lunch hosted by FBBG/BBG.

Note: does not apply to corporate volunteers as their service is part of their regular corporate driven community service for local charities.