



USBG Gardens and Grounds General Volunteer

Division Assignment: Horticulture

Reports to:

- John Walsh, Gardener Supervisor
- Maura Nelson, Volunteer Coordinator

Purpose: To support the USBG mission of demonstrating the aesthetic, cultural, economic, ecological and therapeutic importance of plants to the well-being of humankind by assisting the Gardens and Grounds horticulture staff with the care and maintenance of the National Garden, Bartholdi Park and Conservatory gardens.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Assist gardeners with regular gardening tasks on the outside gardens of the USBG. Weeding, seasonal planting, pruning and general grounds maintenance.

Qualifications:

- Interest in care and maintenance of living collections
- Cooperative nature, including the ability to accept instruction and correction
- Professional manner and appearance

Training Provided:

- Training and shadowing opportunities will be provided commensurate with experience.

Time Commitment:

- 100 hours a year (USBG volunteer commitment)

Benefits:

- Opportunities to participate in continuing education at the Garden
- Participation in horticulture in-service training programs offered to volunteers in Washington D.C. area
- Participation in USBG public programs for free or at reduced rates on a space-available basis
- Participation in USBG-sponsored volunteer appreciation events
- USBG Volunteer newsletter