

Brookside Gardens



VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

BUTTERFLY EXHIBIT HOUSE GARDENER

LOCATION: Brookside Gardens, South Conservatory, 1500 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902-1369

NEED: Gardeners from April through September to assist on a weekly basis. Volunteers need to be available one weekday morning per week from 7:30 a.m-10:00 a.m.

JOB DESCRIPTION: House Gardeners will assist staff with initial installation of the plant material in the Butterfly House. Then, for the duration of the exhibit, they will maintain the plantings and assist with display changes as needed.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- * Groom planted beds and containers and remove fallen debris
- * Replant areas under the direction of a staff person
- * Perform minor tasks related to exhibit upkeep such as sweeping walkways
- * Clean up and properly store all tools and supplies
- * Follow regulations pertaining to the handling of butterflies and plant material

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

- * A strong background in gardening is preferred
- * Ability to follow detailed instructions
- * Dedicated and dependable
- * Must be able to perform moderate physical activity such as kneeling, bending, and lifting 10-15 pounds
- * Minimum age of 16 years
- * Ability to tolerate relatively high temperatures and high humidity

TRAINING: Greenhouse gardening techniques will be demonstrated and explained at in-house training by Conservatory staff.

COMMENTS: Regular and thorough maintenance is essential to ensure that the plants stay full of flowers, providing the butterflies with a reliable, quality food source. Volunteer gardeners help to keep exhibit at a high level of visual quality in addition to maintaining the butterflies' food source. For more information, call 301-962-1429, or email MCP-GardenVolunteer@mncppc-mc.org.