

# Brookside Gardens



## VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

### GARDENER ASSISTANT

**LOCATION:** Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902-1369  
OR  
McCrillis Gardens, 6910 Greentree Road, Bethesda, MD 20817-2200

**NEED:** 3- to 4-hour shifts, weekdays only, preferably 1 shift per week. Hours: Flexible, usually from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., or 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon. Positions are available in different areas of the gardens.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Brookside Gardens is a nationally known 50-acre display garden renowned for its wide variety of ornamental plantings. McCrillis Gardens is a 5-acre premier mature shade garden with extensive plantings of azaleas and rhododendrons. This work, while sometimes physically demanding, provides volunteers with the opportunity to work with professional horticulture staff, enjoy the appreciation of the Gardens' visitors, and enhance their own knowledge of plants and gardening techniques.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- \* Assist with planting and care of a wide variety of ornamental plants, including weeding, pruning, watering, grooming, staking, and deadheading
- \* Assist with preparing garden beds, mulching, and general clean-up to maintain a superior garden appearance at all times
- \* Learn landscaping and garden maintenance practices and routines, including the safe use of tools and equipment

#### **QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:**

- \* Ability to work well with people, as well as independently
- \* Dependable
- \* Ability to listen, learn, and follow detailed directions with accuracy
- \* Mature and responsible work attitude, as well as reliable, organized work habits
- \* Ability to work in a setting with public contact
- \* Enthusiasm for goals and functions of Brookside and McCrillis Gardens
- \* Minimum age of 16 years
- \* Ability to perform tasks of a physical nature, including lifting and kneeling
- \* Ability to work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions (heat, humidity, cold)
- \* Steel-toed work boots may be required for certain job duties
- \* Some volunteers may be required to operate a motor vehicle. If so, a valid driver's license and license check are required

**TRAINING:** Volunteers will receive thorough on-the-job training for each task, including safety procedures. Any volunteer using power tools or operating motor vehicles will be required to attend safety-training workshops.

**COMMENTS:** Previous experience in garden maintenance is helpful, but not required. For more information, call 301-962-1429, or email [MCP-GardenVolunteer@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:MCP-GardenVolunteer@mncppc-mc.org).