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**FBBG 2015 In-Garden Volunteer Program**  
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**Duties:**

Assist BBG Horticulturists in providing a beautiful, inspiring and well-maintained botanical garden.

**Qualifications:**

- ability to make a season commitment of gardening once a week – *our 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.

*Note: children of volunteers are welcomed as long as they are supervised and follow direction. We are delighted to provide this learning opportunity in the Gardens which is always subject to County garden staff approval.*

**Orientation and Training:**

- submit volunteer application to FBBG Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Schmitz [jschmitz@fbbg.org](mailto:jschmitz@fbbg.org); 414 525 5656 or 5653
- attend initial orientation session with the FBBG volunteer coordinator and Boerner Botanical Gardens horticulturist staff.

**Hours:**

- Tuesday – Thursday 8am>noon
- Saturdays 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

*In-Garden schedule is rain or shine. If unsure of schedule due to extreme temperatures, pending storms etc., please call FBBG Volunteer Coordinator, Jennifer Schmitz 414 525 5656 or 5653.*

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

**Check in:** BBG Atrium desk – sign-up book - for each volunteer day.

**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 the end of the calendar year.
- If you have contributed 25 hours or more of volunteer time during the year, you will receive a *Volunteer Appreciation Card*.

This card entitles you to:

- 10% discount\*\* in the FBBG Gift Shop
- 2 guest passes to the Gardens
- Annual In-Garden Volunteer Appreciation/Thank you potluck lunch.