Horticulture – Pot Washing

Pot washing is a regular need at the Botanical Garden. Washing is a simple task but very important as it helps to reduce the possible spread of insects or contaminants that might cause damage to plants.

Long gloves are provided and volunteers should wear casual clothing and shoes that they don’t mind getting damp. A mild disinfectant solution is used in the washing process that will be mixed by staff. Specific information about the solution can be provided upon request.

Pot washing can be done any day of the week between 8:30 and 4 p.m. Volunteers are asked to devote a minimum of two hours at any given time to the activity. Morning hours are suggested in the summer months because of heat and air circulation in the wash area but individual tolerances vary.

This need is year round but can be done on a short-term basis based on volunteer availability. It can be done weekly or with less frequency as long as the task is scheduled.

If interested, fill out a volunteer application and indicate this as your preference. If you have questions feel free to reach out to Susan Cory, Volunteer Coordinator, scory@dmbotanicalgarden.com, 515.323.6293.