Join a dynamic team that is helping the Botanical Garden become one of the most beautiful attractions in Iowa! Volunteers are essential to our success and help carry out our mission: exploring, explaining and celebrating the world of plants.

Outdoor garden maintenance volunteers will be trained by horticulture staff to work with a specific garden or gardens to develop their knowledge of the plant material and maintenance needs.  
  
Volunteers will weed, remove debris, provide general plant maintenance and plant new plants and bulbs as directed by horticulture staff.   
  
**Hillside Garden:** We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to join our Hillside Garden team on Monday mornings from spring to fall (approx. 8:30-10:30AM). Expected commitment is 2-3 hours per week. Volunteers should be comfortable working on a non-level terrain. To learn more about this garden go to: <https://www.dmbotanicalgarden.com/gardens/hillside-garden/>

**Nursery:** We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to help maintain the nursery. This primarily involves weeding the pots as well as under and around the bench areas and possibly assisting with transferring remaining stock to cold storage in the fall. Volunteer assistance is needed 1 – 2 times per week, Tuesday – Saturday and has flexibility regarding when a volunteer is scheduled although early hours are recommended in the heat of the summer.  
  
**Parking Lot & Education Gardens:** This volunteer team works with the maintenance of parking lot gardens and a nearby bed used with the summer camp program. Activities include weeding, picking up unwanted debris, general maintenance of plants as well as adding plants and bulbs. These gardens welcome our visitors and provide an important first impression of the Botanical Garden. We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to join this team on Thursday mornings from spring to fall (approx. 8:30-10:30AM). Expected commitment is 2-3 hours per week.

**Water Garden:** Volunteers will weed surrounding areas, manage algae and may help move plants in/out of water. Possibility of getting wet. We are looking for 2 volunteers to join our water garden team on Wednesday mornings from spring to fall (approx. 8:30-10:30AM). Expected commitment is 2-3 hours per week. To learn more about this garden go to: https://www.dmbotanicalgarden.com/gardens/water-garden/

To express your interest in these roles, please fill out a one-time/short-term volunteer application or contact Susan Cory, Volunteer Coordinator with questions, [scory@dmbotanicalgarden.com](mailto:scory@dmbotanicalgarden.com) or 515.323.6293.