



Volunteer Job Description – Volunteer Phenology Curator

To discuss this position or apply to be a volunteer at the Botanical Garden, please contact Susan Cory, Volunteer Coordinator, 515-323-6293, scory@dmbotanicalgarden.com

Position: Volunteer Curator; Phenology

Time Commitment:

Commitment will vary depending on the time of the year with a start time of roughly March and end time of roughly December. Weekly commitment will also vary during the growing season and may be between 1 – 3 hours. Volunteers will be assigned to a specific garden or gardens depending on their availability. Ideally one volunteer would oversee a garden weekly but the position could to be shared by two volunteers (bi-weekly commitment).

Activities:

Under direction of the Curatorial Horticulturist, survey a specified garden space on a weekly basis and track bloom cycle information. This information will then be logged into the plant database, BG-Base, by Curatorial Horticulturist and Volunteer Curators and made available for future historical reference.

Requirements:

Interest in plant phenology (study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena).

Basic horticultural knowledge of plant identification and flowering cycles.

Detail oriented.

Ability to work independently.

Ability to communicate findings to other volunteers and staff as necessary and in a timely manner.

Record keeping skills that may include, but not limited to, Microsoft office (Excel preferred) and ability to relay documents via email.