LAKEWOLD GARDENS

Volunteer Position Description

Garden Helper

Position Title: Garden Helper – volunteer status

Location: Work to be performed at Lakewold Gardens' grounds at 12317 Gravelly Lake Dr. S.W., Lakewood, WA 98499. Two hour shifts Wednesdays between 10am and 4pm. (Orientations for first-time volunteers Wednesdays at scheduled time). Designated Thursdays from 9am-noon. Trained volunteers as scheduled, Monday-Friday between 10am and 4pm.

Key Responsibilities: Assist with routine maintenance of the gardens to include weeding, deadheading, planting, propagation, etc. Responsibilities to vary depending upon learned and demonstrated abilities.

Time Commitment: Commitment to a minimum of 15 volunteer hours worked is a key requirement of this position. Shifts are generally 2-4 hours. Garden volunteers must call in advance if unable to work a shift. Reliability in scheduling and attending shifts is required.

Qualifications: Knowledge of common garden care and plant identification helpful, but not required. Ability to bend, kneel and lift medium sized containers approximately 20-30 lbs. necessary. The volunteer in this position works outdoors and adapts to changing seasonal weather conditions. A previous visit to Lakewold is preferable. Basic knowledge of Lakewold Garden's plant collections, garden rooms, and history can be beneficial. Talk with staff about any physical conditions that could cause discomfort while gardening.

Training/Support Provided: Staff provide support and training for new volunteers on one day each week. Volunteers are also invited to periodic educational workshops/work parties. Volunteers may be teamed up with a horticulture staff member depending upon each volunteer's abilities and comfort level. Ongoing training from staff provided on an as needed basis.

Benefits: A Friends & Family membership to Lakewold Gardens is awarded after completion of 15 volunteer hours, annually. A Picnic with Purpose is held each August to recognize volunteer efforts.

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Mission Statement: To preserve and enhance Lakewold Gardens as a historic estate garden of world class distinction, offering each visitor an inspirational experience through growth and learning in a profoundly unique setting.

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