



Looking for a fulfilling volunteer opportunity? Love people, plants, gardening, and the environment? We invite you to volunteer at the Gardens! We offer lots of fun and exciting volunteer opportunities for people in all walks of life. Meet interesting new people, build on your current interests, and develop new skills while giving back to the community – all while serving in a beautiful environment.

“I really look forward to coming out here. It’s a neat place.”

– Guy Watkins, cart driver

“I’ve met a lot of nice people and learned a tremendous amount about gardening in the South.”

– Linda Doherty, GEM

“I can’t think of anything else I want to be a part of as much as Garvan Woodland Gardens.”

– Ellie Elsenheimer, cart driver

Training is provided for all positions. If you have a specialized skill that you feel would benefit the gardens, contact the volunteer coordinator by calling 501-262-9603 or by email at volunteer@garvangardens.org or online at www.garvangardens.org/volunteers/default.aspx



2013 Volunteer of the Year Bud McFaddin pictured with Susan Harper, Volunteer Director



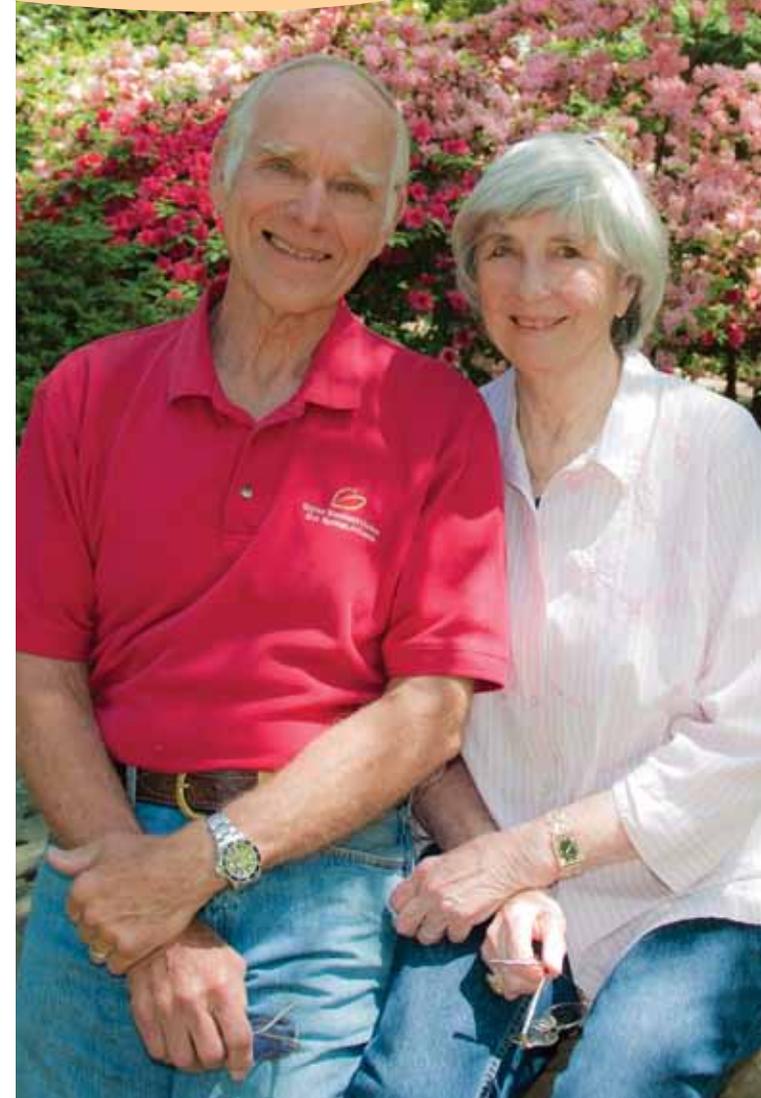
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Volunteer Opportunities



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Greeter

Greet visitors in the Welcome Center and distribute self-guided tour maps.

Golf Cart Driver

Give guests a ride through the Gardens on a golf cart while sharing information about its history. Requirements: All golf cart tour guides must be 18 years old, have a driver's license and attend the proper training.

Model Train Garden Conductor

Operate and help maintain the Garden "G" Scale Railroad. Short training session required.

GEMS (Garden Essential Maintenance Service)

Help with day-to-day plantings, weeding, and watering.

GardenShop Assistant

Assist the staff in the Gift Shop by straightening merchandise, dusting shelves, and helping customers.

Tea Server

Set the table for teatime, serve guests, or brew tea during our English-style teas.

Docent

Share your general knowledge of plant life and love for the Gardens by leading group tours through the 210-acre botanical garden. Docent Training Classes required.

Office Assistant

Aid office staff with a variety of tasks, including preparation of large mailings.

Special Events Helper

Provide support to staff during special events like our gala events in the Gardens.

Petal Pusher

Use your flower arranging talents to create floral displays for our special events.

Birding Support

Indulge the many wild birds on the property by filling and maintaining their feeders.

Holiday Lights Helper

Make the holidays merrier by helping us prepare for and implement Holiday Lights. This is a huge undertaking that requires lots of volunteer assistance. There are a multitude of jobs available year-round, from checking lights and creating displays to greeting visitors, driving golf carts, and serving hot chocolate.

Volunteer Events

To thank our loyal volunteers, the Gardens hosts two annual events: the spring Volunteer Appreciation Party and the fall Volunteer Awards Banquet. This is our way of saying "thank you" to volunteers who have given a required number of service hours to the Gardens.