

# Volunteering



Gentle gardening practices and grooming of bonsai trees

Light pruning of spring growth by an associate curator



Watering of bonsai trees



# Volunteers are always needed!

*There are many opportunities to invest your time and energy into volunteering at the bonsai garden.*

- Bonsai
- Docent
- Gift Shop
- IT/Social Media, Writing Skills
- Landscaping
- Photography/Videography
- Special Events

## We Love Our Docents!

What is a docent?

A docent is defined as a volunteer guide in a museum, garden or other public facility, who helps teach the visitors about their facility.

What does a docent do?

At the bonsai garden, a docent will be on hand to answer questions about the collection of trees, describe the garden layout and history, point out historic and legacy trees, may personally guide visitors through the garden, and as time allows, perform light garden and bonsai maintenance, according to the docent's experience, skill and ability.

How Do I Become a Volunteer or Docent?

Fill out the volunteer/docent form online or just ask the docent on duty for the form, complete it and leave it with the docent. You will be contacted by the docent coordinator shortly afterwards.

Training?

The bonsai garden has about 150 bonsai trees. Volunteers/docents will learn about some of the historic and more significant legacy trees, facts about the garden's history, and able to answer questions about bonsai creation. Training in care, maintenance and other skills available.



Trained associate curators work on the bonsai tree development and care

Docents provide valuable information on the bonsai collection and garden's history



Special yearly events are supported by all volunteers

