

Get Involved—Volunteer at Matthaei-Nichols

Our volunteer program offers diverse opportunities to learn and to connect and give back. As a volunteer, you'll develop new skills while supporting our mission of education and stewardship through hands-on service. We welcome new volunteers to join us in every season at the Arb & Gardens.

Contact the Volunteer Coordinator for the 2012 New Volunteer Orientation schedule and more information about current opportunities: **734.647.8528; tgriffit@umich.edu**. Additional training may be required for some assignments.



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Visitor Services – Ambassador Trainings (preregistration required)



Michigan Solar House Ambassador Training

Sat., March 31, 9 am–noon, Matthaei

If you have an interest in or first-hand knowledge of solar energy, we've got the perfect job for you! Volunteers will be trained to greet and guide visitors as they learn about the MiSo (Michigan Solar) House, a unique "green" structure, designed and built by a team of U-M students. Weekend open-house shifts (3 hours) and special request tours run May–October.

MiSo House Ambassador
Norm Scher and U-M
Architecture Professor
Harry Giles



Gaffield Children's Garden Ambassador Training

Two options:

Sat., April 14, 9:00–noon or Wed.,
April 18, 1–4 pm, Matthaei

Join us as we create a welcoming atmosphere in this garden designed especially for young visitors. Volunteers will learn about basic visitor etiquette and the different elements of this unique, interactive landscape. 3-hour shifts available 7 days per week, 2 shifts per month May–Oct.

Gaffield Children's Garden
Ambassador Pat Conry

Garden Ambassador Training

Sat., April 28, 9 am–noon, Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Garden ambassadors welcome visitors during peak bloom season and special events. As an ambassador, you'll enjoy the beauty of the display gardens while you invite visitors to take a closer look. Training provides an overview of the Visitor Services Department, visitor etiquette, and our most popular points of interest. Additional garden tours/talks will be led by our horticulturists as the season unfolds. Weekends; 3-hour shifts, two shifts per month May–October.

THANK YOU!

To all of the 1,609 community members, master gardeners, students, and corporate groups who contributed nearly 15,000 hours of volunteer service last year.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

U-M Law School students unearth a mega-root;

Docents Mary Bruening & Merrie Malerich prepare for a youth program;

Bill Heston readies a bonsai;

Lynne Echlin & Penrith Goff with the bromeliad collection;

Ambassador and photo volunteer Albert Anthony in the Conservatory;

Rita Daniels and Janet Moilanen working with native plants in the bioswale at Matthaei;

Pete and Pat Wilcox ready to answer questions at the Gateway Garden sale.