Matthaei-Nichols Garden Teams — Dig In!
Our garden team volunteers enjoy fresh air, exercise, a variety of beautiful gardens, hands-on learning and the company of fellow gardeners and staff horticulturists. Lend a hand weekly or a few times per month during the growing season April - October. Activities include planting, weeding, mulching, pruning, and other seasonal garden maintenance.
Contact the Volunteer Coordinator to learn more: mbgna.volunteer@umich.edu or 734.647.8528.

Gaffield Children's Garden
Enjoy this playful, interactive landscape as you help tend 15 unique garden spaces—including veggie, herb, and butterfly gardens, fairy & troll knoll, and more. Must enjoy working in a kid-friendly atmosphere. **Fridays, 9 am–noon.**

Matthaei Garden Teams
Learn new gardening techniques while you help maintain a variety of unique display and exhibit gardens. Garden locations vary. **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 9 am–noon.**

Weekend Weeder
If you work weekdays, this is a great opportunity to dig in and help out in the display gardens at Matthaei. **Saturdays, 9 am–noon.**

Nichols Arboretum Garden Team
Enjoy the beautiful natural setting of the Arb as you help maintain the horticultural collections featured at the Washington Heights entrance including the famous Peony Garden, Gateway Garden, Laurel Ridge, and heirloom climbing roses. **Mondays & Fridays, 9 am–noon.**

Native Plant Team
Learn more about landscaping with plants that are native to our region as you tend a variety of gardens at Matthaei and Nichols. This group is active year-round and activities include general garden maintenance (April–September) and seed collection/propagation (October–March). **Schedule TBA.**

Pictured above right, top to bottom: Wednesday Garden Team volunteers Linda Hintz, Judy Diluzen, Sayaka Terada, Cindy Baird, Grace Sheng, Ron Heames & Donne Wagner; Gaffield Children's Garden volunteer Jeanette Gaffield; Native Plant Volunteer Team volunteers Tim Schafer, Connie Crancer, Barbara Stapleton, Han Qoronfleh, Nolan Sandberg, Susan Beecher.

Special Events
Looking for a more flexible, one-time-only volunteer option? Check out these special events and visit “Get Involved” on our website to register:

**Matthaei Spring Plant Sales: May 11 & 12; May 18 & 19**
Volunteers help make our annual plant sales hum! First up is our Mother’s Day Weekend Sale that features homegrown hanging baskets & containers. The following weekend we’re offering heirloom veggies & herbs at the Kitchen Favorites Sale, a fundraiser for U-M Cultivating Community. Choose from a variety of positions and shifts.

**Peonies Galore Sale at Nichols Arboretum: Sat., June 1**
One of our most popular sales, Peonies Galore features heirloom peonies from a local nursery and is held near the Washington Hts. entrance to the Arb, in full view of the beautiful Peony Garden. Help members and visitors choose peonies.

**Shakespeare in the Arb: Thurs.-Sun., June 6-23**
The 2013 season of Shakespeare in the Arb features **Much Ado About Nothing**, directed by the U-M Residential College’s Kate Mendeloff. Ushers and box office assistance needed (pm shifts only). Orientation required.

Pictured, left: Mother’s Day Sale volunteers Suzanne Brousseau, Sandra Lawrence, Pete & Pat Wilcox; the back of a volunteer’s t-shirt displays the familiar Shakespeare in the Arb crowd control message.