

GROUNDS COVER

Volunteer Newsletter

April/May 2013

The mission of the Chicago Botanic Garden is to promote the enjoyment, understanding and conservation of plants and the natural world.

**Volunteer Safety and Security Meeting
with Harriet Resnick,
Vice President of Visitor Experience
and Business Development,
Roger Caldwell, Manager, Security &
Tim Johnson, Director, Horticulture
Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium
Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 1 pm**

Please join us at this meeting held exclusively for volunteers. We will review important Garden safety and security procedures, including accident and injury notification, and where to report in emergency situations. We will review how to avoid injuries when volunteering at the Garden, including proper lifting procedures, and tool safety. RSVP to the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392.

New Policy for Garden Volunteers

It is of the utmost importance that we at the Chicago Botanic Garden do our best to ensure a safe and secure environment for our volunteers, our staff, and the community members that we serve. To this end, we are adopting a policy to conduct background checks on all volunteers. We currently do this for all staff and seasonal employees. All currently active volunteers and all new volunteers will be required to complete the screening process. You may be aware that the University of Illinois Master Gardener Program recently instituted a similar requirement for all Master Gardener volunteers. Current Master Gardeners will therefore not need to complete the Chicago Botanic Garden background check. Please be assured that the information obtained in the background check will be kept confidential. Your volunteer service will not be interrupted during this screening process. If you have questions, please contact **Judy Cashen**, director, volunteer services at (847) 835-6800.

Antiques & Garden Fair

**Preview Evening: Thursday, April 18
Fair: Friday – Sunday, April 19 – 21**

This is the 13th Antiques & Garden Fair at the Chicago Botanic Garden, featuring over 100 vendors from the US and Europe. The Fair is Friday, April 19 – Sunday, April 21, 10 am – 5 pm daily, and Preview Evening is Thursday, April 18 from 6 – 10 pm.

The theme, “Color in the Garden: An Artist’s View” will be interpreted in the five display gardens created for the Fair. There is also a remarkable lineup of four lectures this year. Please visit our website at www.chicagobotanic.org/antiques/ for event and ticket information.

Greater and way-finding volunteer shifts are Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm and 1 – 5 pm. The mandatory event Orientation will be Tuesday, April 9 from 3 – 4 pm. To volunteer for this event, please contact the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392.

**Annual Volunteer Update Meeting
with Sophia Siskel, Garden President
& Chief Executive Officer
Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium
Wednesday, May 1 at 10 am**

As a valued member of the Garden family, you will be among the first to learn exciting news and plans for 2013. Please plan to attend this important meeting held exclusively for Garden volunteers.

Please RSVP to the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392 or volunteer@chicagobotanic.org.

CAN YOU HELP?

SIGN UP OR CALL JUDY CASHEN (847) 835-6800 or GINA PANTONE (847) 835-6803

E-mail jcashen@chicagobotanic.org or gpantone@chicagobotanic.org.

We'll try to match your interests and availability for assignments.



Antiques & Garden Fair

Regenstein Center

Saturday & Sunday, April 20 & 21

9:30 am – 1:30 pm & 1 – 5 pm

Assist with welcoming and way-finding throughout the Fair. Event Orientation is required on April 9 from 3 – 4 pm.



English Oak Meadow Planting

Tuesday & Wednesday

April 16 & 17, 9 am – 12 pm

Help plant the English Oak Meadow with Champagne Bubbles Poppies. Must be able to plant on steep hill & walk up & down the hill.



Scouting Workshop

Saturday, April 27

9 am – 12 pm or 12 – 3 pm

Help with a scout seasonal program workshop by resetting stations and assisting with activities.



Malott Japanese Garden

Children's Festival

Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19

9 am – 2 pm (with break for lunch)

Assist with hands-on activities and crafts programming focused on Japanese culture.



Folding Luminary Bags for Annual Summer Dinner Dance

May 23, 24, 30, 31 & June 6, 7, 13 & 14

9 am – 12 pm or 1 – 4 pm

Assist with folding the bags used for luminaries at the Summer Dinner Dance.



Farmer's Market

May – October

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, 9 am – 3 pm

Supervise a table at the Farmer's Market where customers will store purchases.



World Environment Day

Saturday, June 1

Greeters & Way-finders

10:30 am – 1:30 pm & 1 – 4 pm

Assist with welcoming visitors and general way-finding around the Garden.

Family Drop-in Activities

10:30 am – 1:30 pm & 1 – 4 pm

Assist with family drop-in activities in the Grunsfeld Children's Growing Garden or Kleinman Family Cove.

Assist with Keynote Panel

9:30 am – 12 pm

Assist as ushers, ticket takers/door operators or as greeters during the Keynote panel session.

Assist with Visitor Surveys

10:30 am – 1:30 pm & 1 – 4 pm

Ability to approach visitors in a friendly manner and ask questions concerning World Environment Day programming.



Weekend Family Drop-In Activities

June 1 – September 29

Saturday or Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm

Assist with set-up, clean up & instruction of hands-on activities.



Interpretive Programs –

Malott Japanese Garden,

English Walled Garden or

Fruit & Vegetable Garden

May – October

Wednesday, Thursday or Friday

11 am – 3 pm

Saturday or Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm

Volunteers greet visitors, spark curiosity and interpret aspects of the garden.



Summer Concerts

June 3 – September 2

Carillon Concert

Each Monday, 5-6:45 pm or 5:30-8 pm

Tuesday Morning Music

Each Tuesday, 9:30 – 11 am

Music on the Esplanade

Each Tuesday, 5:30 – 8 pm

Dancin' Sprouts

Each Wednesday, 5 – 7:30 pm

Hot Summer Nights

Each Thursday, 5:30 – 8 pm



Plant Container Recycling

Plant Production

June 10, 17 & 25, July 8, 15 & 22,

August 5, 12 & 18

8 am – 12 pm

Assist with washing and scrubbing plastic plant containers to be recycled.



English Oak Meadow Planting

Tuesday & Wednesday

June 4 & 5, 9 am – 12 pm

Plant the English Oak Meadow with summer annuals. Must be able to plant on a steep hill & walk up & down hill.



Camp CBG

June 17 – August 16

Monday – Friday, Half or full days

Assist staff as campers investigate the Garden. This is an outdoor science camp program for 2 – 12 year olds.



2013 Butterflies & Blooms

May 25 – September 2

9:30 am – 1:30 pm or 1 – 5 pm

Volunteers are needed to assist at the Butterflies & Blooms Exhibition.

Training will be provided.

Join Us for World Environment Day On Saturday, June 1

Plans are under way for the 6th annual World Environment Day on Saturday, June 1 with most programming taking place between 11 am – 4 pm. World Environment Day is part of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Admission is free; usual parking fees apply. A nominal fee is charged for the Keynote at 10:30 am.

The purpose of World Environment Day is to increase awareness and understanding of the Garden's conservation work and to have visitors participate in fun, interactive, and enriching programs and activities that highlight the importance of protecting and preserving plants and the natural world. The activities are also designed to teach visitors how they can apply conservation behaviors in their daily lives and at home.

A keynote panel is being developed around the concept "Spaceship Earth: The Fragility of our Planet." Presenters will be: Alejandro Grajal, Ph.D., senior vice-president for conservation and education, and director of the Center for Conservation Leadership, Chicago Zoological Society, who will share insights from his study on how zoo/aquarium visitors perceive climate change; **Pati Vitt**, Ph.D., conservation scientist, plant demography, Chicago Botanic Garden, who will speak about the ongoing work conserving the threatened prairie bush clover; and **Jennifer Schwarz**, Ph.D., director of education at Chicago Botanic Garden, who will discuss citizen science and the new NASA Climate Change curriculum. The moderator will be Michelle Larson, Ph.D., president and CEO of Adler Planetarium, who will initiate the discussion with comments about the Earth's atmosphere and climate. This presentation is scheduled for 10:30 am, with pre-registration required. Fees are \$12 for non-members and \$10 for Garden members. Register at www.chicagobotanic.org or call (847) 835-5440.

Additional timed programs will be at 1:30 and 2:30 in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden as part of the Garden Chef Series, featuring chefs Marc Bernard and Patricia Yeo of Big Bowl. There will be a unique opportunity for visitors to meet and learn from Garden staff. A variety of demonstrations and displays will be offered at the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center. Many Garden scientists and organizations will have ongoing displays and be available to interact with visitors. Select labs will be in operation, such as the Dixon National Tallgrass Prairie Seed Bank, Abbott Ecology Lab and Herbarium Prep Lab. Visitors can purchase produce at a Farmer's Market

Stand on the Esplanade hosted by the Garden's Green Youth Farm. Fun for children will be found in the family drop-in activities in the Grunsfeld Children's Growing Garden and the Kleinman Family Cove.

Plastic plant container recycling will occur in parking lot 4 from 9 am - 4 pm. Staff and volunteers can bring their plastic containers on Friday, May 31 from 8:30 to 10 am. Group displays and demonstrations will be on the Esplanade, including those of the four sponsors for this event: Baxter International, Illinois Tool Works, UL LLC, and Bartlett Tree Experts.

Kristie Webber, director, interpretive programs, said opportunities abound for volunteers in keynote visitor registration, greeting and way-finding, and family activities. She expressed particular enthusiasm for a new project, a visitor survey that would provide useful feedback about World Environment Day. To volunteer, contact the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392.

Donna Lebovitz

Busy Times in Plant Production

While some of us were flying south to warmer climates or contemplating our snow covered back yards, Plant Production has once again shifted into high gear. The Plant Production greenhouses are filling with plants that will be enjoyed this spring and summer.

The Propagation Division is sowing summer annuals and in particular vegetables for the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden. Cuttings are being rooted for the Greenhouses in Regenstein Center and sowing of perennial and woody seeds that have been in cold stratification in refrigerators will continue in April. The Nursery Division is now in full swing transplanting plants for Native Habitats, Plant Breeding, and Collections. The overwintering Quonsets in the nursery which were covered with white opaque poly film for the winter have now been uncovered. This process is a gradual one that starts in March by cutting holes in the plastic to let more air in and keep the plants from breaking dormancy too early. Over a one to two week period more holes are cut until the plastic is completely removed.

The Outdoor Floriculture Division is now delivering all the spring annuals that have been grown since the first of the year. The spring hayracks have been installed on the Visitor Center bridge and include *Osteospermum* 'Akila', *Linaria* 'Fantasy White', and *Viola* 'Wonderfall Mix'. Some other highlights are the 5,000 Iceland poppies for the English Oak Meadow, and forced *Digitalis* (foxglove) for the Circle and Heritage Gardens. Volunteers will soon be training the fall hayracks of cascade mums and the

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greenhouses are filling up with plants for this year's summer display. The Indoor Floriculture Division is busy transplanting for the Education departments summer camp programs. The cascade mum spheres for Krehbiel Gallery have been assembled and the training of the mums has started. New plants for the Greenhouses are being propagated and grown for displays next fall and winter.

With all this going on in Plant Production, many plastic containers will be used. Again this year we will be holding nine plastic plant container washing events throughout the summer. Volunteers are invited to participate on the following dates: June 10, 17, 24, July 8, 15, 22, and August 5, 12, 19. All these dates are Mondays from 8 am – 12 pm. Production is grateful for the support given the last two years to help move the recycling/reusing program forward. A morning of good conversation and camaraderie is guaranteed for all. Please contact the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392 to sign up.

Carolyn Kuechler

Spotlight on the Rainwater Glen

We have a garden called the Rainwater Glen? Where is it? The shallow depression surrounding the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center is the Woman's Board of the Chicago Horticultural Society Rainwater Glen, and it functions as a "rain garden." It's not just a pretty space; it's environmentally practical, designed to slow water runoff and allow it to soak back into the groundwater.

Excess rain falling on the Ellis Goodman Family Foundation Green Roof Garden South and Josephine P. & John J. Louis Foundation Green Roof Garden North flows through pipes inside the building and joins with runoff from the building's parking lot to flow into the Rainwater Glen. Deep-rooted plants then help to filter impurities and facilitate percolation into the ground. If rainfall is especially heavy, the Rainwater Glen has an "overflow" system that releases water back into the Garden's lake system. Because the plants filter pollutants naturally, the water that reaches groundwater and the lake system has far fewer contaminants.

Bob Kirschner, Woman's Board curator of aquatic plant and urban lake studies and director of restoration ecology, explained that the sedges, rushes, grasses, and other native plants in the Rainwater Glen are those that have adapted to wide extremes in soil moisture. Plants on the higher ground don't mind having their roots wet some of the time, while plants on the lower level love having wet roots but can stand a dry period occasionally.

Some of the more well-known plants used in the Rainwater Glen are asters, *Caltha palustris*, *Carex vulpinoidea*, gentian, *Geum triflorum*, *Iris versicolor*, *Lobelia*, and *Rudbeckia fulgida*. Planted in 2009 just before the Plant Science Center opened, the plants look like nature put them in place, but they were chosen for texture and pleasantly arranged for seasonal bloom, height, and texture. These tough native plants don't require irrigation water, even in times like last summer's drought. The area directly under the Plant Science Center is too dark to support plants, so cobble stones cover the soil surface there.

Volunteer **Jim Blair** assists in the Rainwater Glen with weeding. "Another volunteer or two on Wednesday afternoons would be welcome," said **Bob**. While the Glen is an ecologically sound garden plan for the Garden, it has another purpose, which is to inspire visitors to build their own rain garden at home. Most people think that an area in their garden that is continually wet is ideal for a rain garden. "Not so," said **Bob**. "An area that stays wet does not really drain very well. A well-designed rain garden area will absorb water so that less runs into the storm sewers. Water in a rain garden will soak into the ground within one or two days – much less than the week or more of standing water that mosquitoes need to complete their life cycle."

Bob recommended "Rain Gardens, A How-to Manual for Homeowners" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the University of Wisconsin-Extension. It covers topics such as sizing and siting a home rain garden, testing the soil, planting, and maintenance, and it suggests appropriate plants for various soil conditions. To find the link to the booklet, go to the Garden website at: chicagobotanic.org/explore/pesc.php. According to the booklet, if a rain garden is built below a downspout in the front yard of a typical quarter-acre lot, the annual runoff from that lot will be reduced about 25 percent. Stormwater runoff from developed areas is a problem because it increases flooding, carries pollutants into local streams and lakes, and may lead to costly municipal improvements. Rain gardens also provide a valuable habitat for birds, butterflies, and many beneficial insects.

If you are interested in volunteering in the Rainwater Glen on Wednesday afternoons, contact **Judy Cashen**, director, volunteer services at (847)835-6800.

Barbara Sirovatka

Volunteer Safety Reminder

In case of a Garden emergency or emergency closing, staff and volunteers are notified via our new Honeywell Instant Alert system. This system will notify staff and volunteers of these situations by a phone call, text message, or e-mail. If you need to update your contact information, please call the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392.

The Garden's New Smartphone App: Selecting Plant Photographs

In the last issue of *Grounds Cover* we introduced you to the GardenGuide app, a smartphone app that will enrich your Chicago Botanic Garden experience. An important aspect of the GardenGuide app is the ability to search for plants in the Garden's collection by their common or Latin names or by their characteristics. Photographs and the plant information copy do not appear magically. The selection process for the GardenGuide app photographs is very meticulous.

All photographs whether they are 'born digital' or 'scanned from slides' go through Living Plant Documentation volunteers **Rosemary Hart, Martha Belew** and **Jackie Silver**. **Rosemary** and **Martha** assign taxon ID numbers (found in the Garden Plant Finder Identification database) to each plant photograph that is being considered for inclusion in the GardenGuide app. They check to make sure the name of the plant is correct and the proper views are selected. After all photos are assigned a taxon ID, all representative photos of a specific genus and species can be displayed as a group and the best examples selected for the app. **Martha** and **Rosemary's** responsibility is to select up to six views of each plant.

After the "best and brightest" (so to speak) photographs have been selected, they are sent to **Jackie** for final review. After review, **Jackie** sends these final selections electronically to **Cheri Van Deraa**, director of online communication. **Cheri** and her staff use an application developed for the Garden to process the master image into four different copies of each image, one each for iOS software (iPhone), Android Phone, tablets such as the iPad, and viewing on computer screens. When a person logs on via a smartphone, tablet or computer the correct image is displayed. Don't you just love technology?

The four smaller versions are stored on a Garden server after **Jackie** makes sure the final images have made the round trip to the software staff. Last year, close to 25,000 images were 'worked' to produce over 5,000 app images. In the first 15 months of the project and after reviewing over 50,000 photos, a total of 8,000 will have met the quality criteria for use on the app.

Rosemary has been a volunteer at the Garden for 13 years and involved with the Digital Photography team for seven years. She also volunteers in the Lenhardt Library and is assigned to the Sensory Garden for input into "What's in Bloom". She was a school teacher for 34 years and for the last 15 years of those ran a computer lab for

kids from 1st grade to 8th grade. **Rosemary** has two certificates from the Garden in Midwest Gardening and Ornamental Plant Materials which certainly help her in identifying plants. She also enjoys gardening at home, antiquing in Michigan, Indiana and Iowa hunting for Victorian pieces, and exploring family genealogy.

Martha has volunteered at the Garden for 10 years, starting out in "What's in Bloom" and moving to Digital Photography. She worked in data processing a number of years and when her children graduated she went back to college to earn her degree in 1995. She took classes and volunteered in Elkhart, Indiana to become a Master Gardener in 1997 which she was able to transfer to the Chicago Botanic Garden. **Martha** finds the best part of volunteering at the Garden is the people and finds being in the Garden very therapeutic.

Jackie has volunteered at the garden for 10 years, the last five in Living Plant Documentation working most of that time on the Morphbank Project - an international web based databank of botanical images. Before retiring from a career as an Information Technology specialist in project management she volunteered for five years in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden as an interpreter. She has also volunteered for the Career Resource Center in Lake Forest and the Highland Park Chapter of Lyric Opera.

Please visit our website at www.chicagobotanic.org/app for more information or to download the GardenGuide app.

Ken Krebs



Living Plant Documentation volunteers
Martha Belew (left) and Rosemary Hart (right) help by
selecting the plant photographs for the GardenGuide app.

Photo courtesy of Ken Krebs

Who's Who in the Garden?

A profile of someone you should know



Bill Bishoff
Photography Volunteer

Photography, travel, gardening, amateur radio, travel programs presenter, and digital photo/slide workshop instructor are just some of **Bill Bishoff's** areas of interest and expertise. A retired Glenbrook South High School geology and chemistry teacher, **Bill** came to the Garden as a volunteer at the suggestion of a former office mate.

In 2005, he became part of **Dan Dion's**, senior horticulturist, horticultural team. **Bill** says, "I worked on the entrance garden, deadheading and pruning, and on planting daffodils on Bird Island. We had moved into a condo in Wilmette so I didn't have a garden."

The following year, **Judy Cashen**, director, volunteer services, introduced **Bill** to **Robin Carlson**, staff photographer. **Judy** was inspired to make the connection after seeing **Bill's** slide presentation of photos taken during his very snowy walk from the Garden parking lot to the Volunteer Holiday Potluck, held in the Plant Production area that year. **Bill** says, "I had my dish to pass in one hand and my point-and-shoot camera in the other."

Bill now contributes his photography skills to the Garden two days a week and is often seen with **Robin** at Garden volunteer events. In 2012, he logged 682 volunteer service hours and has shared more than 3,600 hours since 2005. Recalling a favorite volunteer shoot, **Bill** references the photo images **Heather Sherwood**, senior horticulturist, asked him to take for a staff meeting. "We had the 20 staff members do all sorts of fun things. After the presentation, people stood up and

applauded."

Born in Indianola, Iowa, **Bill** moved with his family to Rockford, Illinois, where he graduated high school as President of the Photography Club. After attending Colorado State University and graduating from Northern Illinois University, **Bill** went on to receive a Masters in Science Education.

Asked about the root of his interest in gardening and his passion for photography and traveling, **Bill** says, "My dad liked taking photos; and we always had a big vegetable garden, mainly from necessity, with a few flowers. During World War II, we had a good-sized Victory Garden and mom canned the produce. My parents took the five kids on vacations to see a part of the nation each year, camping and traveling the national parks."

Bill met his wife, Leda, then a Glenbrook High School North reference librarian, in the cafeteria line at a teacher institute day. They married in 1969 and have two sons, one living in Chicago and the other in San Francisco. Continuing the tradition, **Bill** and Leda toured the nation and its parks with their sons. Since retiring, they have traveled to Europe, Africa, Asia, South America, Australia, and Antarctica, going on as many as five international trips in one year.

Of his Garden volunteer enthusiasm, **Bill** says, "Visitors say the Garden is a wonderful place. By coming out and contributing, I am proud to be part of it. I enjoy my volunteer work and appreciate working with professionals and the opportunity to learn and grow my knowledge, increase my skills, and interact with other people."

Robin Carlson, who values their partnership, says, "**Bill** is such a cheerful presence in our office. If I ever forget how much I love photography, **Bill** is always there to remind me how much fun it can be. As we work together during the First Saturday Photography Walks, he generously shares decades of priceless teaching experience with me as I begin to take on these kinds of challenges for the first time. I am very, very lucky – we all are."

To learn how you can improve your Garden photos, join **Bill** and **Robin** as they co-lead the free monthly Photo Walks on the first Saturday of each month throughout the year. Check with the Visitor Center Information Desk for the 9 am meeting place.

Joan Brown



Master Gardener Update

Master Gardener Recognition Potluck
Thursday, April 11, 12 – 2:30 pm
Burnstein Hall, Regenstein Center
RSVP to **Jill Selinger** at

jselinger@chicagobotanic.org or (847)835-6849

Master Gardener Volunteer Time Tracking System Tutorial
Join **Jill Selinger** and learn how to use the University of Illinois Extension Volunteer Master Gardener Time Tracking System (VTTS). This online system is used to self-report your volunteer and education hours. We will view the tutorial, and **Jill** will demonstrate how it works and answer questions that are sure to arise. No need to register; just sign in at the door.

Jill Selinger, Chicago Botanic Garden
Wed., April 10, 10 – 11:30 a.m or
Saturday, April 13, 10 – 11:30 a.m
Alsdorf Auditorium
Fee: free (1.5 hrs)

Alternatives for Invasive Aquatic Plants in Water Gardens and Shoreline Landscapes
Aquatic plants in water gardens and along the edges of lakes, ponds, and streams are gaining popularity with many gardeners—and these “wet-loving” plants can bring terrific visual appeal and drama to the residential landscape. Some of these plants, however, have invasive tendencies that threaten the ecology of our natural areas. During this workshop specially tailored for Master Gardeners, you’ll learn about invasive aquatic plants and the problems they can cause, non-invasive alternatives that can be used in place of invasive taxa, design techniques for creating spectacular aquatic landscapes, and suggested ways Master Gardeners can spread their “water knowledge” among gardeners in their local communities.


Bob Kirschner, Chicago Botanic Garden
Patrice Charlebois and Gregory Hitzroth, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant
Rueben Keller, Loyola University Chicago
Heidi Natura, Living Habitats
Tues., April 30, 9:30 – 11:30 am
Linnaeus Room (2 hrs)
Registration fee is waived for Master Gardeners, thanks to support provided by the Woman’s Board of the Chicago Horticultural Society’s Aquatics Endowment Fund.


Save the Date! Volunteer Awards & Recognition Reception McGinley Pavilion


Monday, June 10, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Light refreshments will be served. RSVP is required.
Please RSVP in the Volunteer Services Office or call
(847) 835-8392 by Monday, June 3.

DID YOU KNOW...

 National Volunteer Week is during the month of April, and in celebration many Chicago area cultural institutions offer free tours for volunteers throughout the month. Registration is required and detailed information is posted in the Volunteer Services Office. If you have any questions, please contact **Judy Cashen**, director, volunteer services at (847) 835-6800.

 To nominate a volunteer for Volunteer of the Year, please contact **Judy Cashen**, director, volunteer services at (847) 835-6800 or jcashen@chicagobotanic.org

 Reminder! The Woman’s Board has decided to take some time to evaluate the future of A Bloomin’ Festival, and this event will be on hiatus in 2013. Decisions regarding the future of this event will be made by May of 2013. The Woman’s Board would like to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to staff and volunteers for supporting this decision, which is best for the Garden. Questions? Please contact **Judy Cashen**, director, volunteer services at (847) 835-6800.



Congratulations to volunteer Mark Rosenblum for receiving the Buehler Enabling Garden 2012 Volunteer of the Year award. Thank you for your dedicated service!

Photo courtesy of Judy Cashen

Calendar of Garden Events and Volunteer Activities

April 2013		
Tues.	2	Volunteer Safety & Security Meeting, Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium, 1 pm, RSVP to the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392
Fri.	5	Nominations for 2012 Volunteer of the Year due
Tues.	9	Antiques & Garden Fair Volunteer Orientation, Fairchild Room, 3 – 4 pm
Thurs.	11	Master Gardener Recognition Potluck, Burnstein Hall, 12 – 2:30 pm
Th. – Sun.	18 – 21	Antiques & Garden Fair, Preview Night, Thursday, 6 - 10 pm; Fair, Friday - Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm, event fees apply, visit chicagobotanic.org/antiques/ for more information
May 2013		
Wed.	1	Annual Volunteer Update Meeting with Sophia Siskel, Garden President & CEO, Alsdorf Auditorium, 10 am, RSVP to the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392
Fri.	3	Background Check forms for Garden volunteers are due
Sat.	11	Model Railroad Garden opens, fees apply
Sat. & Sun.	18 & 19	Malott Japanese Garden Children's Festival, 9 am – 2 pm
Sat.	25	Butterflies & Blooms opens, open daily through Sept. 2, weather permitting, 10 am – 5 pm, fees apply
Thurs.	30	Grapevines & Wines, McGinley Pavilion, 6 – 8 pm, fees apply
Coming June 2013		
Sat.	1	World Environment Day, Garden-wide, 11 am – 4 pm
Mon.	3	Summer Concerts begin, visit chicagobotanic.org/evenings for a schedule of performances
Fri.	7	A Rare Affair, Regenstein Center, 6 pm, fees apply
Mon.	10	Volunteer Awards and Recognition Reception, 1:30 pm, McGinley Pavilion. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP is required by June 3, please call (847) 835-8392 today!

☞ The Grounds Cover Committee ☞

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