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**Volunteer Newsletter**

**February/March 2015**

**Spring Volunteer Opportunity Fair  
Sunday & Monday**

**March 1 & 2 from 1 – 3 p.m.**

**Regenstein Center Linnaeus Room**

This is an invitation to all Garden members and non-members, Garden volunteers, and those interested in becoming volunteers to attend the annual Spring Volunteer Opportunity Fair and learn about current volunteer opportunities.

Garden staff will be available to describe their work areas, operations, and current opportunities for volunteers, as well as to answer any questions you may have. Plan to attend either day of the Fair and encourage friends, relatives and coworkers to attend.

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

**Volunteer Safety and Security Meeting  
with Roger Caldwell, Manager of Security  
and Tim Johnson, Director of Horticulture  
Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium  
Tuesday, March 31 at 1 p.m.**

Please join us at this very informative meeting held exclusively for volunteers. We will review important Garden safety and security procedures, including accident and injury notification, where to report in emergency situations and how you can help when emergencies occur. We will review how to avoid injuries when volunteering at the Garden, including proper lifting procedures, tool safety, and more.

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

**The Orchid Show  
February 14 – March 15**

The Orchid Show opens to the public on Saturday, February 14 and runs through Sunday, March 15; daily from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. A special evening event on Friday, February 13 is being presented by the Woman's Board of the Chicago Horticultural Society. There will also be a members' night on Wednesday February 25, 5 – 7:30 p.m., and a cocktail tasting event "Evening with Orchids" on Thursday March 12, 6 – 8 p.m. Tickets are available online and on-site. Weekend and President's Day tickets will be timed but regular weekday tickets are not timed. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children ages 3 – 12 and for seniors 62 and older. Garden members receive \$2 off each price. New this year, photographers will be given the opportunity to bring tripods or monopods into The Orchid Show every Wednesday during regular hours of 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Private photography rentals are also available from 8:15 – 9:15 a.m. for a \$300 fee. The exhibition will feature more than 10,000 beautiful orchids and will begin at the Bridge Gallery near Nichols Hall. Highlights include a Palm Allée with orchids in Nichols Hall, and bamboo walls planted with orchids in the Bridge Gallery. The Joutras Gallery will feature a hanging vine structure with purple phalaenopsis and a pool edged with moundy ferns, wire vine, mosses and lady slipper orchids. The greenhouses will be filled with ground orchids, hanging orchid structures, and orchid trees. The West and East Greenhouse Galleries will feature multiple tree trunks with orchids, creating a winding pathway for visitors. The South Greenhouse Gallery will include a Palm Allée with green groundcover, lime green cymbidium and clumps of bamboo with orchids. Free concerts are scheduled in Nichols Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 - 11 a.m. Orchids used in the exhibit will be for sale after the Show, Thursday, March 19 – Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. while supplies last. Visit <http://www.chicagobotanic.org/orchid> for details.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

**SIGN UP OR CALL JUDY CASHEN (847) 835-6800 or MEAGHAN FARRELL (847) 835-6803**

E-mail [jcashen@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:jcashen@chicagobotanic.org) or [mfarrell@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:mfarrell@chicagobotanic.org)

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



**Volunteer Spring Opportunity Fair**  
Regenstein Center Linnaeus Room  
Sunday & Monday  
March 1 & 2, 1 – 3 p.m.

Meet with Garden staff to learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities. Please RSVP to the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392.



**Annual Safety & Security Meeting**  
Regenstein Center  
Alsdorf Auditorium

Tuesday, March 31 at 1 p.m.  
Please RSVP to the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392.



**Screen Break**  
**Family Drop-in Activities**  
Regenstein Center Burnstein Hall  
March 4 & 6, 8:45 – 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers will assist with instructions and clean-up of drop-in activities for 2 – 5 year olds.



**Spring Break Camp**  
March 30 – April 3  
9 a.m. – noon or noon – 3 p.m.

Assist with camp program for ages 5 – 8. Must enjoy working with children. Walking and daily outdoor activities are required.



**School Day Off Camp**  
April 6  
9 a.m. – noon or noon – 3 p.m.

Assist with camp program for ages 5 – 8. Must enjoy working with children. Walking and daily outdoor activities are required.



**Antiques, Garden & Design Show**  
Regenstein Center  
Friday – Sunday  
April 17 - 19

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. & 1 – 5 p.m.  
Assist with welcoming and way-finding throughout the Fair. Event Orientation is required on Wednesday, April 8 from 1 – 2 p.m.



**Outdoor Horticulture**  
Weekday Mornings

Volunteers are needed to provide meticulous garden maintenance. Physical activities including lifting, bending, kneeling, moving a wheel barrow, or working on uneven surface will be required.



**Spring Clean-up in the**  
**Fruit & Vegetable Garden**  
**with Lisa Hilgenberg, Horticulturist**  
Tuesday, April 7  
9 a.m. – noon

Help with spring clean-up in the Fruit & Vegetable Garden, including weeding.



**English Oak Meadow Planting**  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
April 14 & 15, 9 a.m. – noon

Help plant the English Oak Meadow. Must be able to plant on a steep hill and walk up and down the hill.



**2015 Butterflies & Blooms**  
May 23 – September 7  
Wednesdays & Thursdays  
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Daily 1 – 5 p.m.

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



**Farmer's Market**  
Regenstein Center & Esplanade  
May – October  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
7 – 9 a.m. or 2 – 4 p.m.

Locate garden carts to help Farmer's Market load in/out and greet vendors. Extensive walking and ability to push heavy carts required.



**Farmer's Market**  
**Veggie Valet**  
Esplanade  
May – October  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
9 a.m. – noon or noon – 3 p.m.

Receive and monitor visitor's purchases at holding table



**Family Drop-In Activities**  
May 30 – August 30  
Saturday & Sunday  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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



**World Environment Day**  
Saturday, June 6  
Morning & Afternoon Shifts

Volunteers are needed to assist as greeters, with the plant container recycling, electronic recycling & family activities.



**Camp CBG**  
June 15 – August 14  
Monday – Friday, Half or Full Days

Volunteers are needed to assist Camp staff as campers explore the Garden. This is an outdoor summer science camp program for children ages 2 – 12 years old.

**Antiques, Garden & Design Show  
Preview Evening: Thursday, April 16  
Show: Friday – Sunday, April 17 - 19**

Celebrating its fifteenth year, the Antiques & Garden Fair has been renamed the Antiques, Garden & Design Show. The Show's mission statement is "an event that inspires stylish living and presents beautiful gardens and objects in a way that transcends the ordinary."

The Show is scheduled for Friday, April 17 – Sunday, April 19 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily, and the Preview Evening is Thursday, April 16 from 6 – 10 p.m. Standard parking fees apply and strollers are not permitted. Complimentary valet parking is provided for the Preview Evening. Ticket information for the Preview Evening, lectures, and Show may be found at <http://www.chicagobotanic.org/antiques>.

The Show will be held in the Regenstein Center, courtyard aisles, Esplanade tent, and Krasberg Rose Garden tent; it will feature approximately 100 vendors of garden antiques, mid-century modern art, design, garden wares, and horticulture from the United States and Europe. Stunning indoor gardens will be designed and built by Craig Bergmann Landscape Design. New this year, the Rose Garden tent will be transformed into a true garden experience. In this horticulture tent, visitors will find tabletop topiaries, potted succulents, heirloom seeds, rustic and contemporary containers, gardening tools and books, outdoor furniture, and more.

The Honorary Chair and keynote speaker, Mario Buatta, is an internationally acclaimed interior designer known for his English Country House style. He will present a lecture on Friday, April 17 at 11 a.m. in the Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium, sharing insights into his process and personal stories of his dazzling career in the world of American decorating. The lecture will be followed by a book signing. Guest speaker Mac Griswold is a journalist and garden historian. She has taught landscape history at Sarah Lawrence College, where she held the Noble Chair in Art and Cultural History. She will present a lecture on Saturday, April 18 at 11 a.m. in the Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium, followed by a book signing.

There is a need for volunteer support at the Show which includes greeter and way-finder opportunities. Volunteer shifts are 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 1 – 5 p.m. The required orientation will be Wednesday, April 8 at 1 p.m. in the Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium.

To volunteer for this event, please contact the Volunteer Services Office at [volunteer@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:volunteer@chicagobotanic.org) or (847) 835-8392.

**Mark Your Calendars for  
World Environment Day  
Saturday, June 6**

Join us as we celebrate World Environment Day on Saturday, June 6. Originally organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), this will be the eighth year the Chicago Botanic Garden is hosting World Environment Day activities. The purpose of this day is to increase awareness and understanding of the Garden's conservation work and to have visitors participate in fun, interactive, and enriching programs that highlight the importance of protecting and preserving plants and the environment. The activities are also designed to teach visitors how they can apply conservation behaviors in their daily lives and at home.

Programing for World Environment Day will take place from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. throughout the Garden. Plastic plant container recycling and electronics recycling will continue this year from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in parking lot 4. Electronics recycling is offered by Vintage Tech.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with morning and afternoon shifts as greeters, with family drop-in activities, and plant container and electronics recycling. Please contact the Volunteer Office at (847) 835-8392 or [volunteer@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:volunteer@chicagobotanic.org) to volunteer. For additional details about World Environment Day visit the Garden's website at <http://www.chicagobotanic.org/wed>.

**Volunteer with Camp CBG**

Are you interested in becoming more involved as a volunteer this summer? Do you enjoy working with teachers and children? Then Camp CBG may be for you! Camp CBG is an outdoor, summer day camp program for children ages 2 – 12 years old.

Volunteers assist in a wide array of activities, including planting; nature, foods, science, and art based activities; and group games. Volunteers assist Camp teachers by setting up materials for the day, facilitating the hands-on activities, cleaning the program area after each camp session, and with daily drop off and pick up of campers. This is an outdoor camp; most activities take place outside, weather permitting.

Volunteer shifts are available in full or half days, Monday through Friday from June 15 to August 14. Volunteers may assist for a few days, weeks, or all summer. Training is required for Camp CBG volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for Camp CBG, contact the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392.

## Garden Intern Program in Plant Production

The Chicago Botanic Garden offers several internship opportunities. All Garden interns attend weekly presentations by curators and staff throughout the summer, as well as take field trips to other gardens in the area such as the Lurie Garden, the Morton Arboretum and the Garfield Park Conservatory. Nearly all internships are seasonal, however there are two 12 month positions in Plant Production. One intern rotates through the four divisions of Production: Indoor Floriculture, Outdoor Floriculture, Nursery, and Plant Propagation. The second intern works the majority of the year in Plant Propagation.

The positions in Plant Production are full-time and provide the interns with hands-on experience in the areas of education, horticulture and research. While most of the positions are filled with recent graduates or students between their junior and senior years of a college horticulture or related plant science program, some positions have been filled with individuals seeking a mid-career change.

The current intern in Plant Production is an enthusiastic graduate from the University of Illinois named **Jeff Hansen**. **Jeff** knew from the age of 7 or 8 that he was interested in plants and helped his mother and grandmother in their gardens. He soon started planting tomatoes from seed and did not realize how many plants he could get from one packet. He had far more than he could use. Consequently, he sold the tomatoes at yard sales or quietly gifted them to neighbors by leaving plants on their doorsteps. His interest continued and by high school he knew he wanted to work with plants. This led him to the University of Illinois where he began his studies in crop sciences with a major in Horticulture. While there his studies included soy beans, plant pathology, cover crops, and various diseases affecting plants. **Jeff** also worked on a research project on the common fungus *Rhizoctonia solani* that affects impatiens.

**Jeff's** time as an intern has provided him with some real hands-on experience. He has helped move plants to the temporary nursery in preparation for the construction of the new Plant Production nursery. He has worked with planting mum-balls, hanging baskets, and poinsettias for Wonderland Express. Time spent in propagation has included work with seeds and cuttings of woody plants. The lectures and field trips this past summer connected him with other like-minded interns. **Jeff** will continue with his internship until May and as he rotates through Plant Production he looks forward to all of the future experiences.

His career may include work in a public garden, being a grower, becoming a plant breeder, or graduate school. **Jeff** is still considering his options; but he knows it will be with plants.

*Carolyn Kuechler*

## Become a Rare Plant Volunteer Monitor with Plants of Concern

Plants of Concern is a rare plant monitoring program offered by the Chicago Botanic Garden since 2001. Citizen scientist volunteers track plants throughout the Chicagoland area using standardized protocols to gather invaluable data.

Join rare plant enthusiasts at an upcoming Plants of Concern workshop:

- Saturday, March 28, Thornhill Education Center, the Morton Arboretum
- Saturday, April 11, Ryerson Woods Welcome Center
- Sunday, April 26, Shannon Bayou Environmental Education Center

Workshops provide an introduction to the Plants of Concern (POC) program, training in the basics of monitoring techniques, a chance to meet landowner representatives who will present monitoring opportunities, and a meeting with seasoned volunteer monitors. Workshops will be held from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., please bring a lunch, morning refreshments will be served. Dress for the weather for outdoor activities.

New POC volunteers are required to attend one workshop, and any volunteer monitors who have not attended a workshop must do so. Registration is required; please go to [www.plantsofconcern.org](http://www.plantsofconcern.org) to register online after February 1 or contact **Rachel Goad**, manager of Plants of Concern: [rgoad@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:rgoad@chicagobotanic.org) or (847) 835-6927.



## Please Update Your Information

Each year, we ask that you contact the Volunteer Services Office to update your address, e-mail address, phone number, cell phone, and emergency contact information.

This information is important to keep up to date to ensure volunteers receive proper notice of Garden events, emergency situations and to notify volunteers of any Garden closures or volunteer shift cancellations.

Please contact the Volunteer Services Office at [volunteer@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:volunteer@chicagobotanic.org) or (847) 835-8392.

## **Volunteer Opportunities with Family Drop-in Activities**

Once again this summer, free fun and educational family drop-in activities will take place at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Families will learn about plant parts, gardening, pollinators, seeds, worm composting, and healthy eating. Themed activities will vary each week and will take place outside, weather permitting. Consider volunteering with this great program throughout the summer months. Volunteer support includes project set up, clean up, and instruction of hands-on activities. Assistance is needed on weekends from May 30 – August 30, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. If you enjoy volunteering outside with children and families, then this is the program for you! For more information, please contact **Judy Cashen**, director, volunteer administration and engagement at [jcashen@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:jcashen@chicagobotanic.org) or (847) 835-6800.

### **Dormancy:**

#### **How Plants Brace Themselves for Winter**

Plants are able to tell time based on the length of a day, or how much sunlight there is and the temperature after the sun goes down. This is known as cold hardiness: the ability to recognize day length and temperature cues in order to slow down growth and build up food reserves for the winter. Once the temperature drops to 45 degrees Fahrenheit, levels of abscisic acid and ethylene increase in trees; this causes the leaves to start to fall. Trees have three levels of dormancy: pre-dormancy when they prepare to sleep, true dormancy or deep sleep, and post-dormancy when they wake up. In order to set flowers and fruit, fruit trees need what is known as the chill factor, a certain number of cold days between 32 and 45 degrees. There are also trees that don't lose their leaves in winter, such as conifers, and have flexible tree branches that can bend and shed any snow that may get too heavy. The waxy coating on evergreen needles hold in water and also protect them from ice. This, however, does not protect them from winter scorch, a result of too much sun, wind, and frozen ground.

Some plants start to bloom at the first sign of spring. Examples of these are the perennial plants witch hazel and hellebores. Witch hazel will start to bloom at the first sign of thaw, with progressive batches of flowers opening at each warm up. Hellebores are native to the Mediterranean where winters are milder; and so bloom early even if there is still snow on the ground. Perennials do not bloom as long as annuals because they have to save resources to make it through winter, leaf out in spring, flower, and set seed before the cold weather. Perennials store lots of carbohydrates in their roots to survive winter and push out leaves and flowers next spring. These roots are kept from

freezing due to a 10 to 20 degree warmer temperature 12 inches underground where the roots stay. While these roots are resting in winter they are in a ready state known as quiescence. Underground bulbs such as daffodils sleep through summer, begin to set root in September and wait for spring meltwater to trigger growth.

Information contained in this article is from a Chicago Botanic Garden blog written by **Karen Zaworski** and **Maria Ciaccio**, the Graphic Gardeners. Visit <http://my.chicagobotanic.org/> to sign up for the blog.

### **Join Us at the Seed Swap! Sunday, February 22**

#### **Lecture: 2 – 3 p.m., Alsdorf Auditorium Seed Swap: 3 – 5 p.m., Pullman Room**

Spring is right around the corner! Join us at the fourth annual seed swap; gardeners are invited to bring saved or leftover vegetable, flower, and herb seed packets to share and swap with other gardeners. Beginners are welcome to participate even without seeds. Register for the free lecture presented by apple expert Dan Bussey, orchard manager of Seed Savers Exchange, and explore the art of growing and maintaining heirloom apples. The lecture will be held from 2 – 3 p.m. in the Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium, followed by the Seed Swap from 3 – 5 p.m. in the Regenstein Center Pullman Room. Visit <http://www.chicagobotanic.org/calendar/event/seedswap> for additional details and to register for the lecture.

### **Volunteer Recruitment is Underway for 2015 Butterflies & Blooms May 23 – September 7**

The Butterflies & Blooms exhibition will be open daily, weather permitting, from Saturday, May 23 through Monday, September 7. This exhibition features hundreds of vibrant, colorful butterflies from areas including South America, Asia, North America, and Africa in a 2,800-square-foot mesh enclosure. The exhibit's new temporary location is on the lawn southeast of the Annex Road. Butterflies & Blooms volunteers provide "five-star" customer service, greet and orient visitors, communicate exhibition etiquette, answer questions from visitors, and assist with visitor entry and exit protocol (such as watching for "hitchhiking" butterflies as visitors exit) per USDA regulations. Training is required. High School and college students are encouraged to volunteer. Volunteer shifts are 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 1 – 5 p.m. Volunteers must be able stand outdoors in various weather conditions. If you are interested in joining this great team, please contact **Judy Cashen**, director, volunteer administration and engagement at (847) 835-6800 for details.

## Who's Who in the Garden?

### A profile of someone you should know



#### Richard Murphy Volunteer

In 2005, **Richard Murphy** found his Chicago Botanic Garden volunteer niche at the Volunteer Opportunity Fair. After talking with several horticulturists, he chose to become involved in two Garden areas. **Rich** says, "I first chose the Plant Evaluation Garden because, as they explained, I would be planting and taking care of new varieties of mostly perennial plants. I plant and weed newly developed plants and some that are exchanges from other gardens. The plants usually remain in the Plant Evaluation Garden for two to three years before being replaced with something new."

For variety, **Rich** next chose the Buehler Enabling Garden. He says, "I have a chance to interact with visitors and show them how they can still garden even if they are in some way incapacitated. I show people how to use the specialized tools such as a long-handled garden pruner that cuts then holds the pruned plant material." **Rich** also volunteers to use the push-mower to cut the Enabling Garden's two small grassy areas.

Three years ago, when **Rich** saw the volunteer recruitment notice for the new Butterflies & Blooms exhibition, he knew that was his next project. These three regular volunteer commitments bring **Rich** to the Garden on Monday and Friday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. In addition, over the past nine years he has also been an active special events volunteer, including at the recent North American Japanese Garden Association Conference. He says, "I especially like the Trains, Tricks & Treats event where the adults and children circulate through the Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America, picking up treats,

and taking home a living plant."

Where does **Rich** get all his stamina? Perhaps, it's the 28 years he worked for the United Postal Service, walking his route for all except the last two years. Born in Philadelphia, **Rich's** family moved several times with his dad's government job. In 1958, **Rich** settled with his dad, mom, and sister in the Mt. Prospect house where he now lives and gardens. He says, "My mom had a flower garden and my dad had a vegetable garden in our sunny backyard. Since the squirrels buried black walnuts in the yard, we decided to let one grow and now have a 50 foot tall tree with a 30 foot spread that takes up most of the yard."

At the young age of 10, **Rich** was introduced to gardening by an elderly neighbor. He says, "After school, I would help with her vegetable and flower gardens. An avid gardener, she was an encyclopedia of garden information. Seeing my interest, my parents encouraged me to attend Michigan State University's two-year certificate course in ornamental gardening. When it came time to do my on-the-job training, the director of the program, **Roy Mecklenburg**, told me that a botanic garden was being constructed north of Chicago." That was in 1965.

**Rich** visited the Glencoe site, but the Garden would not need full-time employees for several years. **Rich** went on to work at a Crystal Lake garden center for a few years before becoming a USPS employee. 40 years later in his retirement, having come full circle, **Rich** delights in being an active and very dependable volunteer. He says, "I've been lucky. Other than for weather, I have only missed a couple of days in the past nine years." The Garden has been lucky too.

*Joan Walters Brown  
Photo courtesy of Judy Cashen*



#### Volunteer Safety Reminders

Volunteers should remember to lock up any personal belongings while volunteering at the Garden. Lockers are available for volunteer use in designated areas, including the Volunteer Services Office in the Regenstein Center lower level.

Volunteers should take special care when walking through the Garden in the winter months. Give yourself sufficient time to arrive at your volunteer area, and wear shoes or boots that provide traction on snow or ice. Always be sure to walk on designated walkways, and always use hand railings when using stairways.



**Master Gardener Update**  
Education Update Opportunities  
Audit 2015 Master Gardener Training Sessions

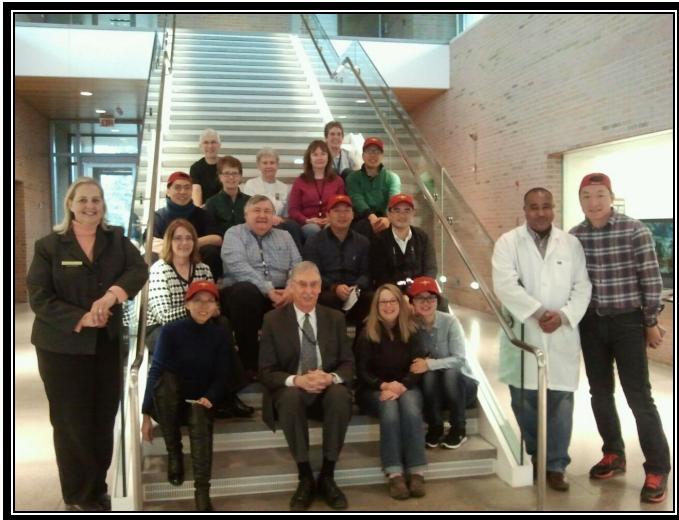
The master gardener training sessions will be available for auditing on Wednesdays through March 11, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium (unless otherwise noted). Current master gardeners are welcome to audit individual training sessions, which count toward master gardener education hours. The number of credit hours listed already has the lunch hour deducted. If you cannot stay for the entire session, please report the hours that you actually were in attendance.

A fee of \$4 per session will be charged.

To register please contact the Registrar at 847-835-8261, by the Monday before the session you would like to audit.

The class schedule is as follows:

February 4, Vegetables, Nancy Kreith, five hours  
February 11, Herbaceous Plants Candice Miller, five hours  
February 18, Fruits (ends at 12:30),  
Richard Hentschel, three hours  
February 25, Insects, Russ Higgins, five hours  
March 4, Turf, Richard Hentschel, five hours  
March 11, Plant Pathology, Sharon Yiesla, five hours



The Chicago Botanic Garden hosted a delegation of WorldChicago visiting Chinese landscape architects, pictured above with Dixon National Tallgrass Prairie Seed Bank volunteers and staff members Judy Cashen, Greg Mueller, and Pati Vitt. The architects toured the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center, and learned about seed cleaning and preservation processes in the Seed Bank.

*Photo courtesy of Judy Cashen*

**Save the Date!**  
**Volunteer State of the Garden Address**  
**featuring Sophia Shaw, Garden President**  
**& Chief Executive Officer**  
**Tuesday, April 28 at 1 p.m.**  
**Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium**

As a valued member of the Garden family, you will be among the first to learn exciting news and plans for 2015.

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](mailto:volunteer@chicagobotanic.org).

***DID YOU KNOW...***

♥♥ In 2014, the Chicago Botanic Garden welcomed more than one million visitors, surpassing 2013 attendance by six percent!

♥♥ More than 1,000 volunteers contributed more than 3,300 hours of service for Wonderland Express & related event projects. Your volunteer service is greatly appreciated. **Thank you!**

♥♥ It is almost tax time! Call the Volunteer Services Office at (847) 835-8392 to request a copy of your 2014 volunteer hour card(s) for documentation.

♥♥ A new year means starting a new volunteer hour card. Remember to fill in your first and last name, the year (2015) and service area on each card. If you are unsure of the correct name of your service area, please ask your staff supervisor. Remember that separate cards need to be filled out for each service area you volunteer in. Please use a pencil and print your information and hours clearly and legibly on the cards.

♥♥ Sign up for the Chicago Botanic Garden's e-newsletter and blog and keep up on great happenings at the Garden. To sign up, visit the website at [www.chicagobotanic.org/enews](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/enews) and <http://my.chicagobotanic.org/>

♥♥ Celebrate Chinese New Year at the Chicago Botanic Garden on Saturday, February 21 with free drop-in activities from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and shadow puppet performances at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. For additional details visit [http://www.chicagobotanic.org/chinese\\_new\\_year](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/chinese_new_year).

♥♥ To nominate an extraordinary volunteer for Volunteer of the Year, please contact **Judy Cashen** at (847) 835-6800 or [jcashen@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:jcashen@chicagobotanic.org).

♥♥ Missed an issue of the *Grounds Cover* newsletter? You can view the latest issue of *Grounds Cover* in PDF format on the Garden website at [www.chicagobotanic.org/volunteer/newsletter](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/volunteer/newsletter).

## Calendar of Garden Events and Volunteer Activities

February 2015		
Sat.	14	The Orchid Show, open daily from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. through March 15, ticket fee applies
Sun.	22	Forgotten Tastes: Our Apple Heritage, lecture by Dan Bussey Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium, 2 – 3 p.m. Seed Swap, Regenstein Center Pullman Room, 3 – 5 p.m., please register in advance
Wed.	25	The Orchid Show Members' Night, 5 – 7:30 p.m., ticket fee applies
March 2015		
<b>Sun. &amp; Mon.</b>	<b>1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Spring Volunteer Opportunity Fair, Regenstein Center Linnaeus Room, 1 – 3 p.m.</b>
Thurs.	12	Evening with Orchids, 6 – 8 p.m., admission fee applies
Sat. – Sun.	14 - 22	Chicago Flower and Garden Show, Chicago Navy Pier
Thurs. – Sat.	19 – 21	The Orchid Show Post Sale, 10 a.m. -2 p.m., Regenstein Center, while supplies last
Sat. & Sun.	21 & 22	Malott Japanese Garden Spring Weekend, Regenstein Center, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Volunteer Safety &amp; Security Meeting, Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium, 1 p.m., RSVP to (847) 835-8392 or <a href="mailto:volunteer@chicagobotanic.org">volunteer@chicagobotanic.org</a></b>
Coming April 2015		
Thurs. – Sun.	16 - 19	Antiques, Garden & Design Show, Preview Night, Thursday, 6 - 10 p.m.; Show, Friday - Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., tickets available online or in the Visitor Center beginning February 6
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Volunteer State of the Garden Address with Sophia Shaw, Garden President &amp; CEO Regenstein Center Alsdorf Auditorium, 1 p.m.</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>June 10</b>	<b>SAVE THE DATE: Annual Volunteer Awards Recognition &amp; Reception McGinley Pavilion, 1:30 p.m.</b>

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