



Hosta Hillside Volunteer Program

Position: Hosta Hillside Volunteer

Who: Hidden Lake Gardens Staff and Volunteers

Location: Hosta Hillside and the Benedict Hosta Collection at Hidden Lake Gardens.

Schedule:

- **Days:** Tuesday mornings
- **Hours:** 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
- **Seasonal:** April and continuing through October.

Purpose:

The role of the Hidden Lake Gardens Hosta Hillside Volunteer is to maintain the beauty and health of Hosta Hillside and its collection. Volunteers will work to ensure that the garden remains in top condition, supporting Hidden Lake Gardens and the Michigan Hosta Society (MHS) in meeting the Hosta Reference Garden standards set by the American Hosta Society (AHS). This role is crucial to preserving the garden's excellence and contributing to its recognition as a premier Hosta Reference Garden.

Responsibilities:

- **Garden Maintenance:**
 - Maintaining the garden through tasks such as weeding, deadheading, mulching, watering, transplanting, path raking, terrace sweeping, edging beds, realigning small stone bed borders, and light pruning.
 - Straightening plant labels, markers, and signs, clearing water stream and pond, removing invasive and unwanted plants.
- **Communication:**
 - Maintain regular communication with the Managing Director, Head Gardener, and Visitor Services Coordinator to keep them updated on scheduling and addressing any issues or concerns.

Work Environment:

- This is an outdoor environment and is subject to changing weather conditions, as well as insects and wildlife.
- Volunteers should dress appropriately for the weather and take measures to protect themselves from these elements.
- All necessary tools to assist will be provided.

Dress Code:

- Volunteers must wear Hidden Lake Gardens apparel to ensure they are easily identified as authorized personnel when working on the grounds.