Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens Volunteer Info Session

Julia Wilson, Program Coordinator
A 30+ acre living laboratory, museum of trees, and place of respite

At The Ohio State University
Map of Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens
Who we are
Chadwick Arboretum Staff

Dr. Laura Deeter
Director of Chadwick Arboretum
and Faculty in Horticulture and
Crop Science

Dr. Dewey Mann
Director of Operations at
Chadwick Arboretum &
Waterman Farm

Operations and Programming Team
The Volunteers

About 150 people each year giving over 5,000 hours of their time and talent.
Why do you volunteer at Chadwick Arboretum?

Nevermind the person who wrote this.
What do volunteers do?

It’s not all weeding.
Weekly Volunteer Sessions in the Gardens from 9-11 a.m.

- **Tuesdays**: Lane Ave Gardens and Cultivar Trials
- **1st and 3rd Wednesdays**: Arboretum North
- **Thursdays**: Learning Gardens
- **Fridays**: Arboretum North
Volunteers provide garden maintenance, seasonal color changeouts, and curation of our Lane Avenue Gardens.

* Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m.*

Led by MGV Joe Stewart,
[contact email](mailto:gardenjoestew@gmail.com)
Volunteers install, maintain, and evaluate annuals and perennials from plant breeders around the world.

Volunteers also assist in hosting the annual Cultivate Reception event by AmericanHort.

Not available during regular work times? You can sign up to “Adopt a bed.”

*Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m. or anytime*

Led by Cultivar Trials Manager Anna Williamson, williamson.596@osu.edu and MGV Kathy Krantz, candkkrantz@sbcglobal.net
Learning Gardens

Volunteers maintain the herbaceous and woody collections in our highly visited Learning Gardens site that is often used for teaching and tours.

Thursdays, 9-11 a.m.

Led by MGV Chris Tilton, ctilton@columbus.rr.com
 Volunteers help with removal of invasive species, planting pollinator-friendly native plants, maintaining the 4-H Center Woodland Garden, harvesting seeds, and much more.

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 9-11 a.m.
Led by Hope Weber, jhopeweber@gmail.com

Fridays, 9 -11 a.m.
Led by MGV Lori Kingston, lk518@att.net
After selecting a garden space that you enjoy, receive training from our Horticulturist on how to maintain it. As your schedule allows, you can take care of the garden and call it your own!

Led by Pam Poeth, Horticulturist: Poeth.3@osu.edu
It’s not all weeding
Our Year at a Glance

**January:** Cultivar Trials planning

**February:** Day of Education Conference

**March:** New Volunteer Orientations begin, All-Volunteer Plant Sale Meeting

**April:** Earth Day Tree Giveaway, Plant Sale Meetings and training, Arbor Day Celebration

**May:** Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser, Cultivar Trials Planting Day

**June:** Tour Guide Trainings and tours

**July:** Cultivar Trials Showcase, Staff Appreciation Week Tour

**August:** Back 2 School Bash

**September:** Hosting tours for Classes, Volunteer Appreciation Night

**October:** ArboBlitz, Fall Foliage Open House, Plant Sale Kickoff Meeting,

**November:** PAX Poinsettia Sale Workshop & Fundraiser

**December:** Winter Solstice Labyrinth Walk
Volunteers can get involved as leaders to plan events, like our Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser, PAX Poinsettia Fundraiser, Arbor Day Celebration, and outreach events.

Email the Program Coordinator about your interests or respond to opportunities as you see them arise in the Volunteer Newsletters.
Lead Tours

Tours at Chadwick Arboretum come in all shapes and sizes! We get requests from garden groups, elementary schools, OSU staff and student groups, and classes.

Tours are scheduled and posted onto a sign-up form that you can check periodically. Sign up for the ones that interest you to lead or co-lead.

Training occurs in July, but volunteers can begin shadowing tours at any time.
How do I get started?

The Volunteer Onboarding Process
Checklist

After watching this webinar, you can head to our website to fill out the application.

In about a week, you will receive an email on how to complete these next steps.

1. Set up a 1-hour “Meet and Greet” with the Program Coordinator
   Typically, during a normal volunteer session from 9-11 a.m.

2. Sign and submit paperwork given to you
   Release of claims and photo release

3. Set up a “Hands on Connect” Account
   Volunteer platform for tracking your hours.

4. Submit your Background Check online ($25)
   If you are not current faculty, staff, student or MGV.
When the 4 steps are complete

Please take a moment to reach out to the garden leader or Program Coordinator before you come out to volunteer, letting them know you are coming. All the information covered today will be on our Current Volunteers webpage and on Hands on Connect.
Parking

It’s not as hard as it looks!
Park for Free

1. Stop at the kiosk in the Agricultural Administration parking lot, 2021 Fyffe Road.
2. Enter your license plate number
3. Enter the Chadwick Voucher

Keep your receipt for the day, but you do not need to display it. You may now park closer to the volunteer session.
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Questions?

• Type in the chat box
• Email me at Wilson.4615@osu.edu
• Call me at 614-247-6972

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