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?
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**: rotating locations
- **Thursdays**: Learning Gardens
- **Fridays**: Arboretum North
Volunteers provide garden maintenance, seasonal color changeouts, and curation of our Lane Avenue Gardens. Educational lunches are scheduled monthly.

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

Led by MGV Joe Stewart, gardenjoestew@gmail.com
Volunteers install, maintain, and evaluate annuals and perennials from plant breeders around the world.

Volunteers also assist in hosting the annual Cultivar Trials Showcase.

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
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
Spread your love of nature and horticulture!

Events, projects, and tours
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 Giveaways, 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
Event Planning and Outreach

Volunteers can get involved as leaders to plan events, like our Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser, PAX Poinsettia Fundraiser, Arbor Day Celebration, and outreach events like tree giveaways.

Email the Program Coordinator about your interests or respond to opportunities as you see them arise in our 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, classes, and more.

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.
Earth Day Tree and Plant Giveaways

April 22-27, 2024
Various Locations

Volunteers needed for:
• Passing out trees and perennials
• Providing plant and gardening advice
Spring Plant Sale and Auction Fundraiser

MAY 9-11, 2024
2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210

Explore 16,000 plants, bid at auctions, browse vendors, and savor food trucks. Get your tools sharpened while you shop and enjoy educational demos in our Learning Lab.

All-Volunteer Plant Sale Meeting: April 29, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center
How do I get started?

The Volunteer Onboarding Process
Steps to become a long-term volunteer

*Find these steps on our “New Volunteer Orientation” webpage

1. Set up a 1-hour “Meet and Greet” with the Program Coordinator and fill out a volunteer application. 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 Fingerprint Background Check ($35)
   If you are not current faculty, staff, student or a MGV.
Short-Term Helper

Adults serving a one-time assignment or serving a short-time assignment of approximately one week or less in consecutive days, and/or one day a month or less.

1. Receive a role/responsibility orientation
   This info session counts, plus any orientation/role description given before the event/activity.

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

3. Join our mailing list
   To stay up to date on activities happening, in case you decide to become a long-term volunteer:
   go.osu.edu/ChadwickVolEmails
When the all steps are complete

Please take a moment to reach out to us before you come out to volunteer to let us know you are coming for the first time.
Parking
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.
Map of Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens
Questions?

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

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