



Dow Gardens Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Dow Gardens. Over 100 people volunteer at the Dow Gardens making our programming possible. We hope you are able to join the Dow Gardens volunteer team! Please contact Elizabeth Lumbert at 631-2677 ext. 310 or send a note to lumbert@dowgardens.org for more information about the following opportunities.



“Calls for Volunteers” are first sent out via our Dow Gardens e-newsletter. When registering for the e-newsletter on the dowgardens.org website, please select “volunteer opportunities” when prompted.

Gardening Volunteers -Growing Season

Work side by side once a week during the growing season with a Dow Gardens employee. Areas available: Rose Garden, Garden behind the H.H. Dow Home, Butterfly Garden, Grand Entrance Area, Children’s Garden, and Whiting Forest.



Garden Tour Guides -All Year

Lead interpretive tours of the Gardens and/or Whiting Forest and act as a Garden Ambassador.



Butterflies in Bloom Tour Guides -March/April

Lead tours to see the butterflies for area school children. Tours are designed to be fun, educational and easy to lead. Programs are just one hour long. Volunteer for one class or many. Three different age appropriate programs are available.

Butterflies in Bloom Chrysalis Pinning Assistants -Late February to Mid-April

Help unpack shipments of chrysalids. Pin through the silk and place chrysalids in the emergence case. You will be working with the Dow Gardens entomologist. Pinners are needed from late February through mid-April. Good hand to eye coordination is necessary.



Butterfly Caregivers -March/April

Tend the emergence case, release butterflies, feed the butterflies, keep the humidity level high in the Conservatory, welcome visitors. Weekday as well as weekend positions are available.

Butterflies in Bloom Weekend Barn Hosts -March/April

Assist the children with crafts and stock the craft tables. Weekend hours only.

Halloween Hike Volunteers -October

A themed trick-or-treat hike occurs in October at Whiting Forest. Volunteers are needed to tend the luminaries as well as play an acting role and hand out candy. These are evening programs.

Christmas Walk Volunteers -December

Greet people at the Conservatory, Light Candles, Escort choirs and musicians. Volunteer choirs and musical groups are also needed -all skill levels are welcome.

