



The Illinois State University Horticulture Center is a living laboratory, a place to learn about plants, gardens, and their care through hands-on practice and research.

Our volunteers play an integral part in creating and maintaining the Center, and they take pride in seeing their labors bear fruit here.

# Volunteer



**“My daughter inspired me to volunteer. She always had a love for the Horticulture Center, spending hours exploring and taking in the beauty of nature, and one day as she watched volunteers help, she expressed she too wanted to help. Together, now, we are part of the community of volunteers.” - Natalie**

**“I am proud to be a volunteer. I love being able to help for it allows me to plant flowers and seeds and paint too, all of which I enjoy.” - Aubrey**



**“I love being outdoors, getting my hands dirty planting/weeding, and learning. The Horticulture Center provides the perfect mix for all three things in a beautiful setting.” - Tina**



**“As a retiree, volunteering at the ISU Horticulture Center is a very rewarding use of my time and energy. The beauty of the various gardens in full bloom, as well as birds enjoying the prairie is both breathtaking and calming. Love the center!” - Wanda**



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Share:



Time



Knowledge



Experiences



Get in Touch  
with Us!



We invite you to join our volunteers by putting your passion for plants and the outdoors to work for a great cause.

Share in the experiences at the  
**Illinois State University  
Horticulture Center.**

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Horticulture Assistants:

Volunteers assist staff in maintaining the gardens. Some duties include watering, weeding, planting, pruning, mulching and record keeping.



### Education Assistants:

Volunteers may aid in the creation and collection of educational materials for the Center. Volunteers may give tours to faculty, students, and community members. Interaction with the public would involve keeping a positive and friendly manner while sharing your knowledge of the Center's current and future plans.




### Special Events Assistants:

Volunteers assist staff with special events that may occur throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to prepare for the events as well as during and after these events.



### *The ISU Horticulture Center partners with:*

 The University of Illinois Extension  
Master Gardeners & Master Naturalists

 The Bloomington-Normal  
Garden Club

## Interested in Volunteering?

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