

GARDEN GUIDES AT WAVE HILL

Job Description

Volunteer Garden Guides lead personalized walks and tours for visitors highlighting garden areas, history, and the artistry of the Wave Hill gardens. In this active and visible role, Guides enhance the appreciation and enjoyment of the gardens for visitors by sharing information as well as their own stories or experiences. Walks and Tours are split into groups of 8 to 12 people with each guide touring a group for about one hour. Tours are scheduled on Sundays year-round and Tuesday-Sunday from spring through fall. New guides work with a mentor until they are ready to give tours on their own.

Qualifications

- Desire to learn more about the history, plant collections, exhibitions, and programs at Wave Hill and an eagerness to share this knowledge with others
- An interest in gardens and a general knowledge of botanical names
- Familiarity with the gardens of Wave Hill preferred but not required
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to interact with people of all ages and backgrounds
- Courteous, respectful and patient with visitors and staff
- Punctual, dependable and enthusiastic!
- Ability to walk outdoors in all types of weather and lead tours up to 90 minutes in length
- Willingness to correspond using email

Time Commitment

- Guides are required to lead at least 10 tours per year
- Must be able to lead weekend and weekday tours
- Attendance at initial training/orientation in April (three Thursday mornings)
- Attendance at monthly meetings/continuing training required; meetings take place on the first Thursday of each month from 9:30AM–Noon
- Commit to arriving at least 15 minutes prior to a scheduled tour

Benefits

- Special access to the plant collections, programs and staff as well as opportunities to socialize with fellow garden enthusiasts
- Invitations to special events and field trips
- Personal tours with staff horticulturists, interpreters and arts curators
- 10% discount in the Café and 20% in the Shop at Wave Hill
- Benefits card earned after 30 hours volunteered

To Apply:

- Complete the Volunteer Application form and return it to ruthw@wavehill.org. You will be contacted shortly to schedule a follow-up interview.