



Volunteer Training Program Dates and Descriptions

All volunteers wishing to work at Cape Fear Botanical Garden must attend a volunteer training program. These training programs include education, horticulture, administration, events, and visitor services. Attendance will enable volunteers to learn new techniques and information, feel better prepared to volunteer, allow everyone to socialize and meet with the department staff.

July 28th: 6pm-7pm

Handy Hands: Build Team Training for *Nature Connects*® Art with LEGO® Bricks exhibit

The Garden is presenting the award winning, record breaking *Nature Connects*® Art with LEGO® Bricks opening on September 30, 2016, and we need your help. The Garden is recruiting volunteers to work as “Handy Hands” to help build, grade, paint, and prepare the Garden for this massive exhibit. All volunteers must attend a training on July 28th to receive instructions then sign-up for specific dates and/or projects. All those attending the training will receive free admission to “Thursday After Hours” on July 28th to enjoy music, games, and the evening beauty of the Garden. Food will be available for purchase. In addition, all volunteers who volunteer a minimum of 20 hours on the project will earn a **FREE family pass** (admission for two adults and their children) to come and enjoy the exhibit that they helped prepare the Garden for installation. As a bonus, you will be automatically enrolled in the volunteer appreciation program and can find other opportunities to share your talents while meeting amazing fellow volunteers. We provide all the materials and training, *we just need you!*

August 4th: 6pm-7pm

Basics of Horticulture - The Garden Awaits

The Garden is the premier location in the Fayetteville area offering over 80 acres of beautiful natural forests, cultivated gardens, flowers, plants, and foliage. The pristine beauty and awe-inspiring scenery is maintained through tireless work by our Horticulture staff and volunteers. Whether you are well versed in propagation or can't tell the difference between a peony and a petunia, *Basics of Horticulture* is the class for you. Adriana Quiñones, Director of Horticulture, will teach horticulture volunteers on the “need to know” which includes where tools are located, what to expect when you're in the Garden, and much more. She will lead volunteers through basic instruction on horticulture techniques used in the garden.

August 11th: 6pm-7pm

First Impressions- Visitor Services and the Historical Heritage Garden Complex

The Garden's mission is to connect people with nature. We love our community members and the visitors who walk through our doors. Our First Impressions volunteers are the faces of the Garden – the first and last faces that visitors see as they arrive and depart. Additionally, our First Impressions volunteers are docents who open the historic Heritage Garden Complex buildings and lead tours. If you love people, are outgoing, and look forward to talking to guests, First Impressions is the volunteer opportunity for you. At First Impressions training, our volunteers will learn how to greet visitors, take admissions, explain different areas of the Garden, promote upcoming events, answer questions, open the Heritage Garden, and lead a tour.

September 8th: 6-7:30 PM**Education Docent, Garden Tours and Teaching**

Are you passionate about the outdoors? Do you enjoy teaching others about nature, plants, animals, and bugs? Becoming an education docent is a terrific opportunity for you to provide visitors with accurate information and make their experience memorable. Learn how to lead groups on hikes through the Garden and our natural North Carolina forest while working with our Environmental Education staff. As an education docent you will grow your knowledge of the outdoors, teach children and adults, assist with hands-on with activities, crafts and workshops, and share the joy of exploring nature.

September 29th: 6-7:30 PM**Nature Connects[®] Tour Training**

From September 30, 2016 through January 8, 2017, Cape Fear Botanical Garden will present Nature Connects[®] Art with LEGO[®] Bricks. This award winning, larger than life exhibit will be displayed throughout the Garden, and we need volunteers to lead specialized tours. You will guide visitors on an exploration of our beautiful gardens while tracking down the amazing sculptures created by artist Sean Kinney with over 500,000 colorful LEGO[®] bricks. Come learn about Nature Connects[®] and become prepared to share a stimulating experience with our visitors while showing your enthusiasm for art and nature.

Sign up for a Training

To sign up for your volunteer training or if you have any questions, please email Brianne McMahon: bcmahon@capefearbg.org .