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VOLUNTEERING IN THE KAUL WILD FLOWER GARDEN

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Many of you have already visited the Kaul Wild Flower Garden (KWFG) at Birmingham Botanical Gardens; indeed - some of you have volunteered there before with my predecessor, Patrick Daniel.

Now that I have begun to know the KWFG and settled in to my new position as its Curator, I have set-up a regular schedule of volunteer sessions. Beginning Thursday, June 10, we will meet on the second and fourth Thursday mornings of each month, as well as the third Saturday morning of each month. Our sessions will run from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Some words about volunteering with me: I LOVE volunteers and I know very well that they are the backbone of most non-profit organizations. Having been a volunteer for many years in a wide variety of situations, I possess a good feel for what comprises a good volunteer experience.

I thoroughly enjoy sharing my passion for, and knowledge of, horticulture. In addition to the frequent plant stories and bits of information I share, I normally use our break (midway through our session) to give a mini-tutorial on some plant related topic.

When spending time with me in the garden, you can count on learning about such topics as pruning, propagation, plant history and folklore, design, botany and the use of botanical names, as well as a plethora of other topics.

There are so many benefits to volunteering in the garden, among them physical activity in a stunningly beautiful setting; the opportunity to meet and work alongside other interesting people; and working with someone that tremendously values and enjoys working with volunteers!

I do ask that whenever you plan on joining us, you let me know; this helps me in planning the day's activities. E-mail is always best, but my office number is 414.3985. We will begin each session at 8 a.m. sharp and meet at the KWFG gazebo.

I hope you will be a part of our group!

Upcoming Volunteer Sessions (I know you will want to attach this to your refrigerator door!)

Thursday, June 10

Saturday, June 19

Thursday, June 24

Thursday, July 8

Saturday, July 17

Thursday, July 22