

Volunteer Description

Garden Scout

Role: Look for interesting gardens, suggest hosting an Open Garden to the gardener, leave Society contact information

Reports to: Volunteer Coordinator

Skills:

- gentle persuasion
- comfortable meeting new people
- keen interest in many types of garden styles

Time Commitment: Casual, 1 to 4 hours a month.

Responsibilities:

- in the area of the city you are comfortable touring, seek out interesting gardens
- talk with gardener about their garden and suggest being an open garden host
- leave a card (provided by the Society) with Society contact information for the gardener to allow them to follow-up on the invitation, if they so choose
- keep track of addresses (and names if possible) of gardens visited and provide the list to the Society (Unless you are invited to come back, only one visit should be made)

Training:

- the volunteer coordinator will provide suggestions on how to approach potential hosts

Rewards:

- networking with other gardeners
- opportunity to visit beautiful and interesting Calgary gardens

When looking for gardens consider those that feature:

- an array of plants
- perennials
- water-wise elements
- an array of plants
- vegetables
- shrubs and trees
- hardscaping
- vegetables

The garden should be able to hold a visitor's interest for a 15 minute visit. If the garden is small, determine if there are several gardens nearby that could be visited during one stop. Often, 20 people may be in the garden at any one time.