

**University of Illinois Extension  
Master Gardener Volunteer  
Job description**

**Position Title: Garden Docent**

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**General Description of the Position: To provide educational information to visitors of the Sustainable Vegetable Garden located at the Smart Home: Green and Wired exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry.**

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- **Recognize and identify the vegetable, herb and flowering plants growing in the garden and the containers**
- **Know the cultural requirements of the plants**
- **Recognize common insect and disease pests of garden plants**
- **Identify yourself as a U of I Extension Master Gardener**
- **Educate/ENGAGE visitors on vegetable/herb gardening, composting and container gardening (EarthBoxes too)**
- **Keep demographic record of visitors that you engage.**
- **Follow the University of Illinois Extension recommended Dress Code**
- **Attend MSI Volunteer Training and complete background screening forms for both University of Illinois Extension and MSI at prior to volunteering**

**Recommended Skills and Abilities:**

- **Ability to speak to groups**
- **Current knowledge of vegetables, herbs, edible and non-edible flowers**
- **Current knowledge and willingness to discuss environmentally friendly techniques, such as composting**
- **Knowledge of gardening in containers/earthboxes**
- **Knowledge of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) methods**
- **Ability to represent the University in this highly public environment**

**Training/Resources Provided:**

- **Training provided on identifying all garden plants and their cultural requirements**
- **Script with key talking points**

**Time required: Forty hours**

**Timeframe/Key Dates: May-November**

