

# COMMITMENT AS A VOLUNTEER GARDENER AT THE MILDRED E. MATHIAS BOTANICAL GARDEN/UCLA

**OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Open enrollment for volunteer gardeners, students and non-students will be held the first two weeks of each school quarter – Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer

<b>VOLUNTEER DAYS:</b> Tuesday 8:30 am to 11:30 pm	Tuesday 1 to 4 pm
Friday 8:30 am to 11:30 am	Friday 1 to 4pm
Saturday 10 am to 1 pm	Sunday 10 am to 1 pm

**TIME COMMITMENT:** 3 hours or more once a week on a regular basis, in accordance with your scheduled hours. PLEASE BE ON TIME at the Garden Office ready to start work at the time scheduled for your shift.

**ORIENTATION:** It will include how and where to sign in, where tools are kept, how to clean tools, where to store your belongings.

**KEEP US INFORMED:** If you are ill or otherwise unable to be at your scheduled shift, please call (310-825-1260) or email us. We do not want to lose time waiting for you, looking for you, or scheduling you for certain tasks when you are not able to be at your shift.

**BE PREPARED:** You may wish to bring a hat, sunblock or water. Dress appropriately – wear sturdy shoes

**GARDEN PRACTICES:** Pruning, trimming, removals must be done only when so instructed. Work with staff assigned. Staff will assist with training and knowledge and answer any questions you may have. They will demonstrate appropriate use of tools and equipment.

**BECOME INVOLVED:** Join us in fulfilling the mission of the Volunteer Gardener Program. “To maintain, develop and propagate the garden and its plant collection; to utilize green gardening practices; to provide volunteers from the University and local communities with educational and gardening opportunities and experiences; and to enhance the garden and all of its aspects and activities.”

**COMMUNICATE WITH US:** Let us know what plants or projects you most enjoy or wish to learn more about; give us your feedback and your ideas for improving the volunteer program.

**PROGRAM BENEFITS:** You will gain hands-on gardening skills, make new friends, get exercise, and spend time getting to know the plants and beautiful places in the garden. The program includes extracurricular activities – our annual holiday party and events throughout the year.