

## **Become a Tower Hill Botanic Garden Docent**

A docent is a volunteer who is specially trained to lead educational garden tours for Tower Hill visitors. If you have an interest in gardens and plants, you can train to become a docent. We will supply all of the information you need including sample tours. You will have the opportunity to shadow other docents until you feel ready to lead your own tour.

### **Who should apply?**

Becoming a docent is an exciting learning experience and a great way to meet new people and learn more about Tower Hill. If you enjoy gardening, working with people, teaching, plants or nature you should consider becoming a Tower Hill docent.

### **Training**

There are four mandatory general docent tour training sessions beginning in March as well as specially themed training sessions throughout the year.

You must attend all four mandatory docent training sessions in March & April to become a docent. We offer weekday and Saturday training dates.

### **Benefits**

Active docents will receive an invitation to the volunteer appreciation event, complimentary admission to specific educational lectures on a space available basis, access to exclusive docent resources in the Tower Hill Library, invites to tours at other non-profits such as deCordova Museum and Berkshire Botanic Garden and an invitation to the Annual Docent Thank You event. When you have completed 50 volunteer hours, including docent training you will receive a complimentary Individual Tower Hill membership,

### **Time Commitment**

Docents lead both drop-in and group tours. Drop in tours take place Saturdays & Sundays from 2-2:45pm and are included with admission. Group tours last 45 minutes to an hour and are available for a fee to groups by request during regular Garden hours.

### **How to Apply**

For more information please contact Suzanne Hauerstein, Coordinator of Volunteer & Intern Services for more information by email [shauerstein@towerhillbg.org](mailto:shauerstein@towerhillbg.org) or by phone (508)869-6111 x175.