

Subject: Volunteers needed for 4th WORK DAY in the Azaleas (US National Arboretum) - Saturday Dec 6th, 2014 -SAVE THE DATE

Calling all volunteer gardeners, garden clubbers, master gardeners, and those willing and able:

I am seeking up to 25 volunteers to assist in fall clean up in the Azalea Collections at the National Arboretum for Saturday December 6th from 10am to 3pm. This is always an enjoyable day in the garden and you are guaranteed to meet some nice folks.

We'll meet in the Lobby of the National Arboretum at 9:45a.m. Please park in normal visitor's parking lots. We will have an informal lunch in the garden. If you can stay until 3, you should bring a lunch. Please bring your own gloves and water in a plastic bottle. I will have all tools, rakes, or shovels needed for the various jobs. Dress in layers, and wear appropriate shoes. Bees, poison ivy, getting poked by branches, are some of the hazards you may encounter but usually we don't. If you haven't been before, the garden is on a steep wooded slope, uneven terrain with some nominal walking to get to the work site.

Tasks will mostly have to do with dealing with our large volume of leaves, particularly with raking them into tarps which are then dragged and spread in the adjacent woodlands; or picking them out of azalea shrubs. There will be a limited amount of pruning and weeding work as well. Anything that gets pruned will be loaded into my work truck and hauled away-eventually to be chipped or ground up and recycled into compost.

For logistical reasons, I need to limit the number of registered volunteer helpers to 20-25 – so if you are planning to come, please call or email me as soon as you can (my contact info. is below). If you need to cancel, please be so kind as to let me know so that I may add another.

Please fill out and bring the attached form with you prior to working in the garden, unless you are a regular Arboretum volunteer. If you forget it, we will have extra copies at the receptionist desk. You may also email it if that works for you.

In the event of rain, sadly we will have to cancel. If we cancel, our front desk receptionist will be notified by 8:30am the morning of December 6th, so that if you are wondering, call 202-245-4523 before leaving home.

Thank you! I look forward to working with each and every one of you!

Very sincerely,

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