

ALBANY UU SERVICE OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Service Opportunity Name/Title: Garden Team Volunteer

Service Opportunity Brief Description: Join the group that volunteers to maintain the gardens surrounding AlbanyUU during the growing season. Volunteers can also elect to help with the spring and/or fall cleanup.

Service Opportunity Detailed Description:

Maintaining the green space around AlbanyUU in an attractive manner helps to make our Society an inviting space not only to members and friends but also to neighbors and passersby. Volunteers can either participate in group spring and/or fall garden cleanups; or, at their own convenience, during the week(s) in the summer. Volunteers signup for summer maintenance via the Garden "Volunteer Spot" on the AlbanyUU web site (www.albanyuu.org) and via email to the Garden Coordinator for the spring and fall cleanups.

For summer maintenance, the goal is to have two gardeners sign up for each week during the growing season, meaning you can garden with a friend or make a new friend by working side by side, or if you prefer, spend silent alone time pulling weeds! Volunteers pick the week(s) they would like to garden via the garden sign up and then can garden any day and time that week that is convenient. The Summer Garden Coordinator monitors signups and will send an email to gardeners if special conditions exist. There are no meetings to attend, we just focus our efforts on maintaining our green space in an attractive manner. Children are welcome to work alongside an adult gardener.

Length of Service Commitment: One spring and summer, April-September

This opportunity will enable you to contribute to ensuring AlbanyUU remains a visually welcoming place in the city of Albany, and get to know the members of the AlbanyUU community that enjoy working outdoors and tending to green space, maintaining a continuation of bloom around our buildings. Plants contribute positively to our environment and many of those that surround FUUSA are native species. You will end up learning more about gardening, a skill you can apply at home or other similar places while you get healthy exercise.

Skills Needed: Email and limited web skills. Gardening ability, or an interest in learning.

Training, assistance, and safety requirements: Gardening instructions are sent to all gardeners, access is provided to a padlocked shed on West Street that houses garden tools, an experienced gardener is always willing to work alongside a new gardener.

Number of positions available: many

Key words: outdoor activities