

## Volunteer as a Garden Guide at the IMA

For years, many garden lovers have enjoyed being volunteer *Garden Guides* at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. This is a great way to volunteer while also learning a lot more about plants and garden design.

The time commitment includes one training session a month - usually on the first Tuesday afternoon or the first Thursday at 5:30. We meet March to October....when the gardens are waking up until they go for a nap.

You would start as a "Shadow" for at least 3 tours or until you felt comfortable giving the tour on your own. We give tours of the public gardens on the IMA main campus and also of the museum's *100 Acres: Art & Nature Park*. Some guides do both tours, and some prefer to be trained for only one of them. Tours vary from guide to guide - some concentrate on history, some trees, some what's in bloom...

Currently we have about 40 guides - so each guide takes about one tour a month - maybe more if special tours have been added. Regular tours are scheduled on each Saturday in the park and gardens, each Sunday in the gardens, and the first Thursday evening of the month in the gardens. Special group tours might occur on any day of the week.

**The excellent training for all *Garden Guides* in 2016 will start with the special long Saturday morning session on March 12, beginning at 9:00 am.**

If you are interested in volunteering as an IMA *Garden Guide*, please connect Estelle Huston at [Huston5959@aol.com](mailto:Huston5959@aol.com) or 465-9836 (home).

