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OREGON GARDEN VOLUNTEERS REAP WHAT THEY SOW

New Membership Program Offers Expanded Benefits and Rewards Volunteers

Silverton, OR—Volunteers at The Oregon Garden now reap what they sow under a new and improved membership program that rewards volunteers for each hour they donate. Indeed, in addition to expanded benefits for all members, the new program offers the opportunity to offset membership fees with volunteer work.

“Volunteerism and memberships are both vital to The Oregon Garden, so we were inspired to tie them together with this new program,” said General Manager April Purdy. “You do not have to be a volunteer to become a member and enjoy the new benefits. However, those who do volunteer will now earn credit toward their own memberships.”

The new program offers tiered membership levels. Each member receives numerous benefits, including a quarterly newsletter; exclusive discounts at participating local merchants; reciprocal admission to participating gardens; and a 10 percent discount off the lowest published rate at all Moonstone Hotels.

From there, each of the six membership tiers offers additional rewards, including day passes, concert tickets, magazine subscriptions, holiday party tickets, complimentary lodging and more.

Memberships play a significant role in the development of The Oregon Garden, helping fund programs and improvements that serve the goal of being a world-class botanical garden for all to enjoy. Similarly, volunteers provide crucial support that helps sustain daily operations.

“Volunteers have an enormous impact on how the garden looks and functions,” Purdy said. “They do an amazing job with everything from horticulture to administrative projects, and they feel like part of our staff family. It is only fitting that their efforts are rewarded with membership benefits.”

The Oregon Garden is always on the lookout for additional volunteers. Please call (503) 874-8100 or visit www.OregonGarden.org to become a member or a volunteer at The Oregon Garden.

NEW OREGON GARDEN MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM DETAILS

All members receive a membership card; quarterly newsletter; 10 percent discounts on gift shop merchandise and garden café food and beverages; exclusive discounts at participating local merchants; 10 percent off the next year's membership; reciprocal admission to participating gardens; a \$5 gift certificate for referring a new member; and 10 percent discounts on the lowest published rate at all Moonstone Hotels in Oregon and California.

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Memberships are offered in six tiers, which include the following additional benefits:

IRIS LEVEL: \$75 or 25 volunteer hours earn a one-year membership; 10 percent off on concerts and workshops; 5% off on travel garden tours; and one ticket to annual holiday party

TRILLIUM LEVEL: \$100 or 50 volunteer hours earn all Iris-level rewards for two people

ROSE LEVEL: \$115 or 75 volunteer hours earn Trillium-level rewards with the addition of a one-year membership for four children; and 10 percent off six tickets to concerts or events

RHODODENDRON LEVEL: \$250 or 100 volunteer hours earn Rose-level rewards plus one guest per visit; four adult day passes; a one-year subscription to Fine Gardening magazine; two complimentary mid-week room nights at Moonstone Hotels; and four tickets to the annual membership holiday party

CONIFER LEVEL: \$500 or 150 volunteer hours earn Rhododendron-level rewards plus one additional guest per visit; 6 additional day passes (total of 10); two additional complimentary mid-week room nights (total of four); and 10 percent off for two people on travel garden tours

OAK LEVEL: \$1,000 or 250 volunteer hours earn Conifer-level rewards plus one private garden tour; two additional complimentary mid-week room nights (total of six); four complimentary tickets to concerts and events; and a commemorative gift

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May through September, The Oregon Garden is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. General admission is \$10 for adults and includes all-day use of the park tram. Admission for adults ages 60 and older is \$9. Admission for students ages eight to 17 is \$8. Children ages seven and under are admitted for free. **October through April**, The Oregon Garden is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission is \$5 for adults and the tram is closed. Admission for senior citizens and students is \$4. Children are admitted for free. Visit www.oregongarden.org for more information.