



## **Artists in the Garden Volunteer Artist Opportunity | Summer 2026**

The Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden is seeking artists to participate in Artists in the Garden, a unique volunteer opportunity that blends art, nature, and community engagement in one of Iowa's most inspiring settings.

Volunteer artists create original artwork throughout the Botanical Garden while inviting guests to observe and engage with the artistic process in a casual and welcoming environment. Artists may work in a variety of mediums inspired by the Botanical Garden's collections, landscapes, seasonal displays, architecture, and programs.

Volunteer opportunities take place during:

- Music in the Garden summer concert series on Thursday evenings
- Extended Summer Evenings on select Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the summer

Volunteer artists receive:

- Complimentary Botanical Garden admission while volunteering
- Complimentary admission to Music in the Garden performances during volunteer shifts
- Opportunities to engage with guests and fellow artists
- Visibility through potential exhibition and Botanical Artisan Guild opportunities
- The chance to create artwork in a vibrant botanical setting unlike any other in Iowa

Artists are encouraged to share their artistic practice through conversation with guests and may provide business cards, portfolio links, social media information, or QR codes directing visitors to their work.

Participating artists will donate at least one original botanical-themed artwork created in connection with the program. Donated works may support Botanical Garden exhibitions, fundraising initiatives, retail opportunities, and community engagement efforts. Participating artists may also have the opportunity to submit artwork for a future curated exhibition in the Evergreen Gallery.

We're looking for artists who:

- Enjoy engaging with the public in a friendly and welcoming way
- Appreciate nature, creativity, and community
- Can work independently in public garden spaces
- Want to share their artistic process with visitors of all ages

Artists provide their own materials and equipment and should be comfortable working in both indoor and outdoor environments throughout the summer season.

### **Interested in Participating?**

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