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LENDONWOOD SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP KEEP GARDEN BEAUTIFUL

Volunteers are asked to lend a hand, green thumbs not required, to help keep Lendonwood Gardens one of the most beautiful places to visit in the Grand Lake area. The non-profit public botanical garden relies heavily on contributions and volunteer gardening assistance to maintain its year-round appeal to visitors.

Starting April 9, Lendonwood will hold two gardening sessions each week on Wednesdays and Thursdays, according to Linda Moore of Grove, a Master Gardener and coordinator of the volunteer effort. The gardening sessions run from 9 a.m. to noon, although help of any time-period is welcomed.

“For the first time this year, we decided to offer two opportunities each week so that volunteers could pick which day works better for them,” Moore said. “Also, if we get rained out one day, hopefully the other will be nice.”

Moore noted that extensive gardening expertise is not necessary to make an important difference in the life of the garden. “Often, we simply need people willing to plant bulbs, weed beds, clean debris or generally straighten up the garden. Volunteering at Lendonwood is a great way to make new friends and enjoy the outdoors in a beautiful setting. In addition, we all learn a lot about gardening and what plants flourish in our area.”

Cindy Reynolds, president of Lendonwood's Board of Directors, said, "Lendonwood depends on the work of volunteers, whose contributions of time and effort make a huge difference in the garden."

Reynolds said that the April 9 and April 10 work days are especially important, because the American Rhododendron Society plans a tour of the garden on April 18. The society is holding its annual convention in Tulsa this year and a tour of Lendonwood and three home gardens is included on the meeting schedule.

"We are delighted to welcome such a knowledgeable group of gardeners to view our wonderful collection of rhododendrons and azaleas," Reynolds said. "Like any home gardener, we want Lendonwood to look its best for visitors."

Interested persons may simply appear on designated work mornings to volunteer their time. Volunteers should bring gloves and hand tools for work in the garden, Moore said. On some days sun-screen and bug spray may be advisable.

For more information about volunteering at Lendonwood, contact Linda Moore at 787-5366 or Cindy Reynolds at 787-6065.

More than 1,200 types of plants fill the public garden located at 1308 West 13th Street (Har-Ber Road) in Grove. Highlights include large, colorful collections of rhododendrons, dogwoods, daylilies, Japanese maples, hostas and many more.

Lendonwood also is home to the Angel of Hope statue garden, a serene memorial to lost loved ones. In addition, a large Japanese pavilion overlooks a scenic pond filled with koi.