

Who's Who in Horticulture, 2024



Jessica Bonilla
Director

Ultimately responsible for department staff, gardens, greenhouse, and special projects; facilitates communication between department and management team/board, co-seasonal display designer, presenter



Drew Asbury
Horticulturist &
Volunteer Manager

Oversees: the cutting garden, greenhouse operations and the horticulture volunteer program; co-seasonal display designer; woodland stewardship lead, presenter



Ami Wilber
Floral and Event Decor
Designer

Oversees: weekly floral arrangements and cutting garden harvesting; works cross-departmentally on event aesthetics; provides virtual and in-person programming, designs and leads the installation of the holiday display, presenter



Marshall Paquin
Senior Garden Section
Manager

Oversees: the putting green, Friendship Walk, along Linnean Ave, Upper and Lower Drives, chauffeur's house beds, and the visitor center garden including the seasonal displays; Hillwood's turf and tree specialist (ISA certified arborist)



Michael Rollinson
Garden Section
Manager

Oversees: the Japanese-style garden, vista terrace and lawn bed areas, dacha beds, and Adirondack gardens; manages morning opening clean up



Kevin Beamer
Garden Section
Manager

Oversees: Lunar Lawn beds and south portico, Administration building and Butler's House gardens, café seasonal display, Dina Merrill beds, Horticulture office beds, Steward's House gardens and plantings around the director's house; Oversees irrigation system

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Sarah Bass
Garden Section
Manager

Oversees: the rose garden, French parterre, motor court, porte cochere, secret garden area and gold fountain



Matt Boyle
Garden Section
Manager

Oversees: the Collections and Research Center native garden, woodlands and worm composting; soil and plant health consultant, outdoor support volunteer leader, holiday décor/workshop support



Jarett Currin
Grower

Oversees: the ordering and production of all seasonal display plants, cutting garden additions and greenhouse cut flower crops including specialty mums



Andrew Bedenbaugh
Orchid and Tropical
Specialist

Oversees: the orchid and tropical plant collection and the indoor plants in the visitor center and café courtyard; provides orchid month programming



May Aldana
Gardener

Supports
department



Matthew Leach
Gardener

Supports
department

Seasonal Staff & Volunteers

There are two more Gardener positions to be filled. At times, we also bring on seasonal help and interns.

Volunteers currently help in seven different roles:

- Outdoor garden volunteer
- Cutting garden volunteer
- Woodland stewardship
- Orchid collection volunteer
- Greenhouse volunteer
- Floral design volunteer
- Birder volunteer