

## Volunteer Application

Please return to 151 Charlotte Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you 18 years of age or older; if not, state your age. \_\_\_\_\_

Availability: Please list most regular availability for scheduling purposes.

Shifts are 3 to 4 hours / monthly scheduling available

Shift	S	M	T	W	TH	F	SA
Am:							
Pm:							

What additional skills/experience do you feel you can share at Sonnenberg that you would like to offer?

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Please visit [www.sonnenberg.org](http://www.sonnenberg.org) to view a short video on volunteerism.

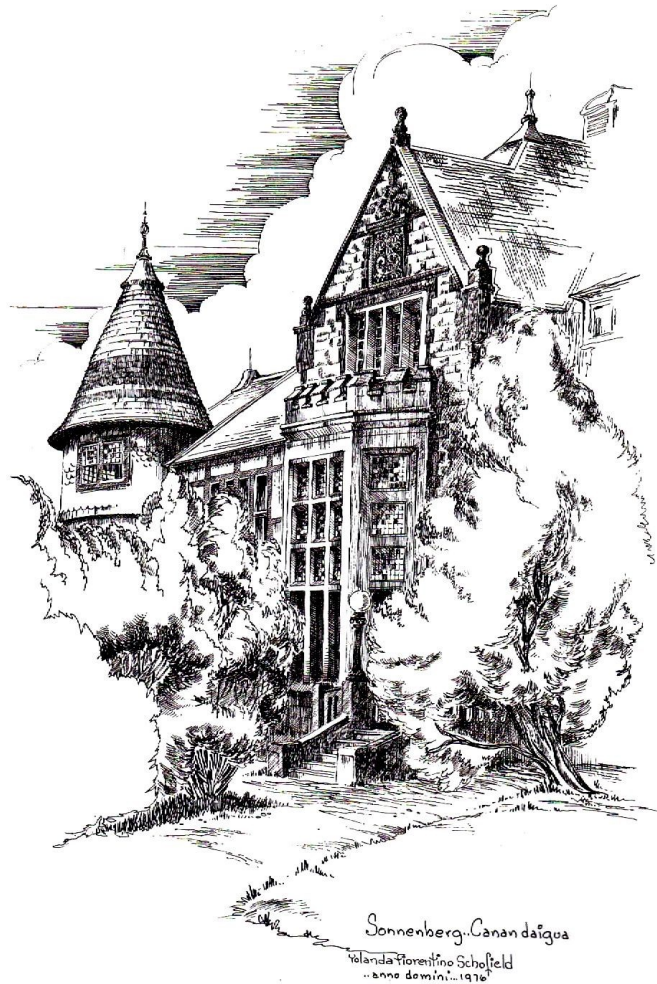
For Volunteer opportunities email:

[volunteers@sonnenberg.org](mailto:volunteers@sonnenberg.org)

<http://www.sonnenberg.org/volunteer/>



## So Many Ways To Give As A Volunteer



Sonnenberg, Canandaigua  
 Yolanda Fiorentino Scholfeld  
 ..anno domini...1976

## Some SONNENBERG MEMBERSHIP Benefits

Admission discount at over 270 public gardens

- ◇ Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- ◇ Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens
- ◇ Cornell Plantations.

10% Discount on Sonnenberg Gift shop and Wine Center Purchases



**Stroll the gardens with a group of guests—  
 As a trained Walking Guide**

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585.394.4922

# Sonnenberg Garden Volunteer Opportunities

## Mission Statement

Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion preserves and interprets the living collection of nine historic gardens and promotes the life, times and legacy of Canandaigua's Thompson Family Estate.

As a Non-Profit, Sonnenberg operates in cooperation with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. As caretakers for property owned by the State of New York, it is up to the non-profit to generate the income needed to keep our gates open to the public. Our operating costs are covered solely through seasonal admissions and special events, the retail goods offered at our wine center and gift shop, and the support of our members and donors.



Volunteers receive a Membership Discount. However it is not a requirement to volunteer.

## Volunteer Options

### Training for all new volunteers

### Year Round Volunteer Opportunities

#### ADMISSIONS

Collecting admission fees, handing out guide maps, selling membership. Prior computer and cash register experience helpful, but not necessary. 3 and 4 hrs. shifts, weekly and monthly schedule

#### BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE

The physical maintenance and restoration of the estate is an on-going process, skilled and those willing to learn welcome.

#### DOCENT

As our guests enter the Mansion, you will provide a guided tour through the Thompson's summer home. No prior formal training or experience is needed. A History Training Manual is provided 3 and 4 hrs. shifts, weekly and monthly schedule

#### GARDEN TEAM

Garden volunteers help with the maintenance and care of our Nine Historic Gardens.

#### MERRY MAIDS

If you're an expert with a dust mop, broom or wash cloth and make it your personal mission to wage war against dust, window streaks or wax build-up, we would love to welcome you to the team.

#### OFFICE ASSISTANTS

Help office staff with projects, answering phones, paper work, filing and general office tasks. Computer knowledge helpful.

#### TRAM DRIVERS

Drive trams to transport guests around the park and assist individuals who may have trouble walking. 3 and 4 hrs. shifts, weekly and monthly schedule

## Seasonal and Special Events Opportunities

#### FLORAL DESIGN

Cutting flowers from the gardens and creating lovely floral arrangements for the estate.

#### GROUNDS

Our nearly 50 acres of lawns need trimming on a weekly basis, so if mowing is one of your favorite pastimes, we've got a lawn tractor for you!

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#### TASTING ROOM

Serving wine in the tasting room, or helping guest in the Gift shop. Prior computer and cash register experience helpful, but not necessary. 3 and 4 hrs. shifts, weekly and monthly schedule

#### WALKING & BUS GUIDES

During the spring, summer, and early fall we rely on volunteer tour guides to help interpret Sonnenberg's history. A History Training Manual is provided

#### WEDDING BELLS

Greet wedding guests as they arrive for weddings

#### WEDDING TRAM DRIVERS

Most of these events are on the weekends, Fri., Sat., and some Sundays. Some are 2 hour shifts. When there is a wedding and reception on the grounds it can be up to 6 hours for Tram drivers.

*\*\*However, 6 hours shifts could be split into 2 three hour shifts\*\**

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Spring 5K Run <input type="checkbox"/>	SBG Golf Tournament <input type="checkbox"/>
Mother's Tea <input type="checkbox"/>	Family Fun Day <input type="checkbox"/>
Roses & Rosés <input type="checkbox"/>	Mansion Mysteries <input type="checkbox"/>
Father's Day Car Show <input type="checkbox"/>	Haunted Garden Stroll <input type="checkbox"/>
Moonlight Strolls <input type="checkbox"/>	Holiday Home Tour <input type="checkbox"/>
Ladies Golf Tournament <input type="checkbox"/>	**Every Other Year**
August Teas <input type="checkbox"/>	Harvest Progressive Dinner <input type="checkbox"/>
Arts at The Gardens <input type="checkbox"/>	**Every Other Year**
	Thompson Gala <input type="checkbox"/>