

Herb Shop Volunteer Role Profile

What is a Herb Shop volunteer?

The Herb Shop Volunteers are the friendly faces that work in our small Herb Shop on the Terrace. From the shop, they enjoy lovely views of the Limpley Stoke Valley, sell gifts, potted herbs, and handmade Tussie Mussies. A Tussie Mussie is a small arrangement made of herbs and flowers which Colonial women would carry to church or to town to protect against ailments, and as a fragrant bouquet. Over the years, Tussie Mussies have also been used to send messages using the symbolism of each flower.

What's in it for You?

- Enjoy the afternoon in a beautiful setting overlooking the Limpley Stoke Valley
- Make new friends and meet like-minded people
- Complimentary tickets to bring friends and family to the Museum
- Work in a lovely little shop and chat to visitors.

What is involved?

- Prepare the Tussie Mussies:
 - Walk through the garden to the picking area to collect flowers
 - Pick and prepare the herbs and flowers to be used in Tussie Mussies
 - Arrange and tie the beautiful Tussie Mussies outside on the Terrace.
- Water the potted herbs as necessary
- Keep the shop tidy
- Take cash sales and reconcile the cash box at the end of each day
- Follow the American Museum's Health and Safety Policy
- Be a friendly face for the visitors to the Museum and Gardens and answer any questions.

This role will suit people who...

Enjoy being outdoors and talking to visitors. It is ideal for someone who enjoys arranging flowers and working in a small gift shop.

Extra Information

Time Commitment: 2 afternoons (12–5pm) each month from April through October.

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What you need to wear/bring

Packed Lunch (drinks and cookies are provided)

Gloves for working with the flowers

Comfortable shoes for walking

Warm clothes for working outdoors

Training/Resources

You will be trained in how to prepare a Tussie Mussie and given instruction about the history of their uses. The Museum has various talks for volunteers on different topics which you are invited to attend.

Expenses

Travel costs between home and the American Museum will be paid (maximum of £9 per session)

Website americanmuseum.org

About the Herb Shop

The Herb Shop was opened with an endowment from Mrs William K Laughlin. There have been Tussie Mussies sold in the Herb Shop for more than 20 years. Although the shop is small it is a valued part of the American Museum and work of the volunteers in the shop is greatly appreciated.

This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or a contract of employment.