



**Parkview Neighbourhood Garden is seeking volunteer artists** to participate in or lead innovative art projects for the Willowdale community. Our garden operates from May to October each year.

We are located at 44 Parkview Ave., North York. Close to Yonge Street and Empress Avenue.

The goal of the garden's art program is to bring more community members into the garden, to make the garden a relaxing space for gardeners and non-gardeners alike, and provide practical experience for budding artists. Volunteers can participate in art projects guided by others, or submit project proposals to the leadership team. An example of a project guided by a 2015 Season Volunteer Artist Lead is our Children's Rock Garden.

We are an organic market garden, volunteer-run and operated, guided by a leadership team. We garden and make decisions as a group; we do not have individual allotments. We aim to provide an enjoyable, safe place to grow crops, to teach and learn the techniques of successful sustainable gardening, and to gather as friends. We sell our produce to the community from a cart in the garden, donate a portion of the revenue to charity and use the remainder to buy seeds and supplies. We also donate produce to the local food bank and to shut-ins.

For more information on the garden, please visit: <http://parkviewneighbourhoodgarden.org/>

Our ideal volunteer:

- Enjoys working and creating outdoors.
- Understands and appreciates functional art pieces- in this case, pieces that can enhance organic gardening methods while providing enhancing overall landscape aesthetics.
- Is able to work with a team or independently.
- Will notify the Volunteer Coordinator if he/she requires volunteer service hours for school.

Volunteering benefits:

- The opportunity to have artwork on public display in a high-traffic local location and be recognized by name as the lead artist or a contributing artist.
- Meeting others in the community and making new connections.
- Volunteer service hours.
- An opportunity to learn about sustainable gardening methods.
- Opportunities to be featured on Parkview Neighbourhood Garden's webpage and social media.

**TO APPLY as a participant: Please email [pngvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:pngvolunteers@gmail.com) with a resume and a brief summary of why you want to be a Volunteer Artist with us! Please include your availability during school summer holidays to the best of your knowledge.**

**TO SUBMIT a project idea as the project lead: Please email [pngvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:pngvolunteers@gmail.com) with:**

- A resume
- Photos and/or descriptions of previous creations (if available)
- A brief description of your plans, preferably accompanied by a sketch
- An explanation of how your project fits with the garden's mission
- A list of materials required to complete the project (start to finish)
- A budget for required materials (if you cannot find an exact quote for specific items, please estimate); the garden may provide full reimbursement for materials if your budget fits with our organizational budget
- An estimate of time required to complete the project and timelines for major milestones
- An estimate of indoor or outdoor space required to store the project onsite in square feet; the garden has 24/7 access to an unheated, uninsulated toolshed, but space is limited due to tool storage
- An estimate of volunteer assistance required (i.e. any volunteer time/ skills required besides your own)
- Your availability during school summer holidays to the best of your knowledge