

**What is a Volunteer Gardener?** Volunteer Gardeners aid in the maintenance of the outdoor Victorian Garden at Daly House Museum so we can inspire and delight visitors with quality plants in a well-designed and maintained garden.

**What’s in it for you?**

- Becoming part of a small, friendly, and dedicated team
- Making new friends
- Learning horticultural practices on a wide range of plants in the annual and perennial flower displays
- Learning the history of Daly House Museum, Victorian Gardens, the City of Brandon and surrounding area.

**What’s Involved?**

Working with the Curator and other garden volunteers to maintain annual and perennial flower displays directly surrounding the Daly House Museum.

**Required Skills/ Tasks:** Planting annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees. Watering, deadheading, potting hanging baskets and dahlia bulbs, weeding/mulching, pruning, able-bodied, and willing to learn, willing to take guidance, enjoy being outdoors, basic gardening knowledge. The occasional customer service tasks including providing a courteous, comprehensive and efficient information service to garden visitors.

**Time Commitment and Schedule Details:** Tuesday evenings and/or Friday afternoons, 2-4 hours per week, flexible

**Additional Information:** Being flexible and able to work in various locations throughout the garden. Supplies such as hand pruners, buckets, and kneeling pads are provided. Volunteers are welcome to bring their own hand pruner, gloves, and kneeling pads. Please wear comfortable clothing, and footwear, and bring a rain jacket, hat, and water bottle.

**Work Environment:**

X	Outdoors	X	Lifting
X	Digging	X	Working
X	Standing	X	Working as part of a team
X	Kneeling	X	Greeting Visitors (as needed)

**Training/Orientation:** Orientation to Daly House and the garden will be provided. Training will be provided via induction and on the job.

**About this Position Description:** This position description is intended to provide an overall view of the role and may change from time to time.

**How to Apply for this Opportunity**

If you are currently a Daly House Volunteer and would like to apply for this opportunity, please contact the curator and set up an interview.

### **Contact Information**

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To become a Daly House Garden Volunteer, you need to complete the Daly House Volunteer Application Form and attend a New Volunteer Welcome. To get started please call Daly House at 204-727-1722 Tuesday to Saturday 10 AM – 4PM. Or visit our website at [www.dalyhousemuseum.ca](http://www.dalyhousemuseum.ca) and click on the Get Involved tab.

### **About Daly House Museum**

Built in 1882, the Daly House is a small Victorian Mansion nestled in the heart of Brandon. Originally the home of two of Brandon's prominent families – the Dalys and the Coldwells – it is now the only pre-1900 structure remaining on 18th Street, a municipal heritage site, and a fine example of Italianate architecture. This unique museum with its antique furnishings and displays such as Mutter Brother's Grocery store transports you back in time to the 19th century the second you step through the doors.

The house was originally owned by Thomas Mane Daly, Brandon's first lawyer and mayor, Manitoba's first Federal Cabinet Minister, and Canada's first juvenile court judge. In 1898 Daly's law partner George Robson Coldwell purchased the house. The Coldwell family resided in the house until the 1930s. At that time, it was turned into a children's shelter known as the Maples. Forty years later it became Daly House Museum. The museum is operated by the Brandon Museum Inc. - a non-profit and registered charitable organizations and community volunteers.

### **About the Victorian Garden**

The Daly House Victorian Garden is a recent addition to the Daly House property. It was only made possible due to generous donations from the community, volunteers and financial support from the Province of Manitoba. In the ten years since its construction it has been tended by volunteers from the Westman Gardeners Club and other community members. The garden is available for the community's use all year round. It is also available for rental for private events including weddings. Contact the museum office for more information on availability and fees for private bookings.