

Call for Volunteers: Plant Sale & EcoMarket



The **rare** Charitable Research Reserve is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support **rare's** 6th annual **Spring Plant Sale & EcoMarket**. This is a fundraising event for the Food Bank Garden project at **rare**. Our goal is to be a community source of organic seedlings while supporting local artisans and inclusive organizations.

Details

- **Set-up day:** Thursday, May 9th, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Event day:** Saturday, May 11th, 2024
 - **Set-up:** 6:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.
 - **Event:** 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - **Tear-down:** 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- **Location:** [ECO Centre \(768 Blair Rd, Cambridge\)](#), Haldimand Tract*

** The Haldimand Tract spans six miles on both sides of the Grand River, from source to mouth. We are grateful to the original stewards of the rare sites, and we thank them and honour their love and respect for the land as we gather and create community, chi-miigwech, Mississaugas of the Credit and to the Onkwehon:we Peoples of Six Nations of the Grand River, nia:wen.*

Roles & Responsibilities

Plant Sale Associate:

- Customer service: checking in with shoppers, providing directions, restocking materials, cleaning, clearing trays, and answering questions (cheat sheets will be provided).
- Assist customers by carrying items to cars.

Transportation Support:

- Shuttle driver: drive EcoMarket vendors between Lamb's Inn and ECO Centre during set-up and tear-down (must have a valid G license and a multi-passenger vehicle).
- Parking attendant: direct traffic through the parking lot and ensure all vehicles are parked appropriately.
- Attendee tracker/counter: monitor traffic coming into and going out of the facility.

rare Ambassador & Fundraiser:

- Assist with EcoMarket logistics and **rare** booth.
- Solicit donations on behalf of **rare**.
- Manage raffle by selling tickets and organizing the draw.
- Assist EcoMarket vendors with set-up and tear-down as needed.
- Secure vendor merchandise while covering breaks.
- Collect donations from vendors at the end of the day.

Special interest:

- Photographer/videographer

- Musician
- Audio-visual aide

Set-up and tear-down:

- Thursday, May 9th, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - Transport plants from Springbank Garden Greenhouse to ECO Centre/Slit Barn
- Saturday, May 11th, 2024
 - Set-up: 6:00 to 7:45 a.m.
 - Tear-down: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Requirements

- Must have access to transportation.
- Appropriate closed-toed footwear.
- Attend one orientation session on either date:
 - Tuesday, April 30th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 - Thursday, May 2nd from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Time Commitment

The **time commitment is flexible** with a maximum commitment of approximately 10-15 hours and a minimum commitment of 5 hours which would include orientation and event day:

Important Dates:

- **Orientation:** Tuesday, April 30th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. OR Thursday, May 2nd from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- **Set-up:** Thursday, May 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Event day:** Saturday, May 11th from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to Sara Clark, *Events & Development Coordinator*, at Sara.Clark@raresites.org.