



**Flower Garden Seva: we are looking for professional gardeners, or people with garden experience, for different Seva projects in our flower gardens.**

You can apply for a stay between one and three-month duration. Bhakti Marga will pay for your accommodation and food.

**General Information:**

All our summer flowers are used for worship, pujas or garlands. Due to the rocky soil, each garden task requires heavy work. Dry summers and a lack of water can mean long working hours, like early morning and late watering, which requires carrying the water by hand to the plants. Extensive, large flower beds need to be weeded regularly. This requires a solid knowledge of perennial plants. Therefore, you must be able to recognize perennials from weeds - even at an early stage of growth.

There are different tasks for different seasons:

**March - April (one man)**

**Replanting our rose garden:**

We have a wonderful collection of roses, which needs to be re-planted in a better place in order to flower more profoundly.

**April - November**

**Weeding:**

It might sound simple - but a good plant knowledge is necessary. Our flower beds are kept in a natural style. Therefore you must know, which plants should stay and which plants need to go.

**Watering:**

Due to the weather, we might have to water the plants early in the morning (until 8 am) or late in the evening (after 8 pm). Most of it will have to be done by hand.

**End of May / Beginning of June**

**Planting of summer plants:**

Hundreds of summer flowers need to be put into the right place. For this, the soil needs to be prepared (tilling and levelling out). Sloped fields need to be terraced.

Planting at the correct depth is essential, and regular watering will be done by hand.

**October (one man)**

**Dahlias:**

Dahlias are not hardy plants. They need to be dug out in October and stored in our earth cellar. They are old plants, which means they are quite big and heavy, and require effort to get out of the stony field.

**October - November (two men)**

**Soil preparation:**

In order to improve our poor soil, we need to distribute manure, compost and leaves on the fields and flower beds. The soil also needs to be tilled.



### **Cutting of shrubs and hedges:** (women or men)

Parts of our shrubs and hedges need to be trimmed back. We will use electrical hedge clippers for that.

### **Flower beds:**

In order to minimize the growth of weeds, we apply wood chips on all flower beds.

## **Special Garden Projects**

### **Entrance:**

We would like to create a new entrance for Shree Peetha Nilaya. The small slope to the left, as you enter, will be framed with a dry rock wall, which will be filled in with good soil. This will enable us to create a nice flower bed. A small set of stairs, three to four steps, will lead to the top of the slope, that will be terraced in order to support two benches, so people can enjoy the wonderful view of the landscape.

For this project, we need a person who knows how to build a dry stone wall. It will be approximately 50 cm wide and up to 1 meter high. We will use stones from a nearby quarry. The steps will also be made out of these natural stones. The terrace will be very simple flagstone just to support the benches.

### **Japanese Garden Pond:**

Close to the upper apartments, we will build a Japanese garden pond. It will have two square basins, with a small water cascade running from the upper basin to the lower one. The ponds will be bordered by a small brick wall, made from natural slate stone from the top of the ashram. In the middle of the upper basin, we will place a Shiva Lingam with a small water fountain running over it. A Japanese maple tree placed at one end will be a wonderful colour contrast in Autumn. Irises will blossom during early summer.

We need a skilled person, who knows how to make a pond: working with membranes, installing a water pump and building a small brick wall.

If you would like to apply for any one of the above projects, please send a short CV to [hr@bhaktimarga.org](mailto:hr@bhaktimarga.org) that includes the following:

- Name and spiritual name
- Home address
- Email
- Date of birth
- Education, job experience and skills
- A current picture
- Short motivation about why you would like to come to SPN to do Seva
- The year you meet Sri Swami Vishwananda and how you come in contact with Bhakti Marga?
- Any previous experience you have with Seva at SPN or for Bhakti Marga in your country.