

Volunteer Vibes - *Volunteers play many crucial roles at the Preserve. They maintain trails, welcome visitors, conduct research, educate youth groups, support special events, beautify our gardens, capture breathtaking photography, and much more, contributing their time, talents, and thousands of volunteer hours annually. We will be regularly featuring our volunteers in Talus Talk so that we can all learn who they are and why they do what they do for the Preserve. Let's meet our volunteers!*

Georgiana Fisher

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Jamaica, Queens, New York and lived next door to my grandmother who had a postage stamp backyard. I was always fascinated by the plants blooming there in the spring and summer – climbing rosebush, pear tree, peach tree, sweet peas, mint. It was such fun to cut a bouquet of roses.

What is your volunteer role(s) here at Mohonk Preserve?

Years prior to relocating in Highland, NY, my husband and I would travel on the weekends to hike or ski tour on these beautiful lands. Just simply fell in love with the Preserve.

Why did you decide to volunteer your time and talents at Mohonk Preserve?

When my husband and I moved to Highland, NY 18 years ago, I decided to join the gardening group at the preserve. After two years as a volunteer, I was asked if I might be interested in becoming the Gardening Coordinator since the present coordinators were leaving. I agreed and enrolled in the Ulster County Master Gardeners Course to enhance mostly everything I didn't know about gardening.

What is a volunteer accomplishment you are really proud of?

I am so proud of the work our gardening group has accomplished around the Visitors Center transforming what was once overgrown bushes and hard rocky soil into an enhancement of plants. Many nice friendships have formed, and this group seems to enjoy working together and working the land.

Where is your favorite place/trail on the Preserve and why is it your favorite?

My favorite trail is The Lost City. When you reach your destination, the views are the best!



Georgiana tending to the Visitor Center gardens. Photo by Marc Fisher