**Volunteer for Mounting**

**Of Plant Specimens**

Plant specimens are pressed and dried as vouchers for the occurrence of particular species at particular locations, and also for study. They must then be mounted on sheets of special paper/cardboard by pasting, for permanent preservation.

No special knowledge of plants is needed for this job; your supervisor will provide the necessary orientation and training. If you like to do collages and that kind of thing and are comfortable working alone, this job may be for you. Dried specimens are fragile and can easily break, so care must be taken in handling. Some artistic sensitivity is a plus, since a specimen pleasingly arranged on the page is pleasant to look at, although the main goal is to prepare the specimens for permanent use and storage.

You will be working in the Division of Natural Resources Management at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island (near the Verrazano Bridge). Given the exorbitant toll fees, residence on Staten Island would be convenient, although the S53 bus leaves from the 86th St. R-train stop in Brooklyn and transfers to the S51, which brings you to the door of our building. One can also cross from Manhattan on the ferry, and then take the S51 from the St. George terminal in SI directly to our building.

Hours are flexible, upon completion of training. You will work on a pile of unmounted specimens and will not need daily instruction. However, a minimum of 12 hours per week is expected.

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