

# **Julia Norton**

Office Services Coordinator St. Louis County Parks and Recreation

Without Julia, there would be no Laumeier Sculpture Park! She is an integral part of both the LSP and St. Louis County Park team. Always professional, accurate and hard working. And pleasant to be around, too!.

-Maggie Miller St. Louis County Parks and Recreation



#### ABOUT JULIA

Hometown: St. Louis, MO

#### **Current Position and Duties?**

I've had the opportunity to seek new ways to contribute to St. Louis County Parks and Laumeier -- in areas that suit my abilities and interests. As Laumeier's front-line point of contact in the administration office, I noticed an unmet need for a central hub for volunteer inquiries. Since then, I've had the opportunity to hone my skills as a volunteer administrator -- it is the part of my job that is most gratifying. My other duties run the gamut from helping customers reserve our picnic shelters, to monitoring our site's budget and sculpture inventory, to procuring plant material and laying-out garden projects for weekly volunteers.

### How long have you been working in parks and recreation?

This is my 26th year working with St. Louis County Parks, specifically at Laumeier Sculpture Park.

#### What are your interests or hobbies?

Working to create a comfortable and beautiful environment brings me the most happiness! I'm so fortunate to have outlets for my hobbies at home (gardening, house projects, cooking) and at Laumeier (managing and working with volunteer gardeners.)

### How did you end up working in parks and recreation?

With my degree in art history from the University of Missouri, I went to work at an art museum that just happened to be a park!

### What do you love about working in parks and recreation?

Parks are beloved and significant places in the lives of our communities. I love playing a small part in connecting people with parks and being a steward of these incredible assets.

## What advice do you have for future parks and recreation professionals?

Committing yourself to public service will bring you a rewarding career with ample opportunities to impact your community in a positive way.