

Seasonal Gardener(s) Needed

A private foundation and garden in lower Fairfield County, Ct is seeking gardening assistance for the upcoming 2017 Season.

The property is approximately 15 acres, with walking paths throughout, leading to varied garden habitats, including a meadow, Asian themed stroll garden, orchard, Limonaia, Vegetable Potager, greenhouses, ponds chicken coop, woodland areas, shrub and perennial borders.

The garden is open to limited public and private groups by appointment, as well as Garden Conservancy open days.

Occasionally, classes are held here through local garden organizations, focusing on differing aspects of horticulture, and a small local community supported agriculture program meets weekly for their vegetable pickup.

We are looking for a highly motivated person to be fully invested in assisting us with maintenance from April through October, approximately forty hours a week, Monday through Friday. There may be some weekend hours involved.

Maintenance of garden beds, paths, gates and keeping water features clean and in good working order is our utmost priority while creating a unique garden experience for the owners and visitors to the garden.

Duties include:

Weeding
Deadheading and Dividing
Watering and feeding containers
Assisting in the greenhouse, vegetable garden and perennial borders
Planting and staking
Assisting full time staff with maintenance of water features
Light pruning
Harvesting and distribution of vegetables to CSA
Harvesting fruit
Assisting with small poultry flock

Qualifications:

At least two years of experience in the field, or a combination of schooling and experience.
Able to execute tasks independently and willing to challenge yourself
Some knowledge of plant and weed identification

Strong back and willing to work kneeling or standing position for periods of time doing mundane tasks

Able to work in tandem with others cohesively while accomplishing tasks quickly and efficiently.

If you are interested, please send a brief cover letter and resume'. Salary is commensurate with experience, beginning at 15/hr.

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