



GREENWOOD GARDENS
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JOB DESCRIPTION

SEASONAL GARDENER

Greenwood Gardens, a nonprofit public garden and historic site, is seeking a Seasonal Gardener.

OVERVIEW

Greenwood Gardens is an historically significant 28-acre public garden and former private estate whose mission is to connect people with nature in a historic garden oasis. Incorporated as a non-profit and open to the public for free-roam visitation since 2013, Greenwood continues in its efforts to preserve and enhance its gardens, architecture, and landscape for the education and enjoyment of the public, guided by a seven-year Strategic Plan. Its terraced gardens, meadows, woodlands, grottoes, and teahouses were designed in the early twentieth century by William W. Renwick. A time capsule of New Jersey's gracious past and a haven of tranquility in the busy New York metropolitan area, the site's original sweeping vistas have been preserved and extended on all sides by designated parkland.

The Seasonal Gardener will report to the Head of Horticulture and be an integral part of the Horticulture team. The Seasonal Gardener will participate in establishment and maintenance of new perennial and shrub borders, rain garden and other newly planted areas undergoing restoration. The Seasonal Gardener will be expected to work with volunteers and help with occasional events. Greenwood is a small organization – a positive attitude and good work ethic is essential.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Perform horticultural tasks such as planting, weeding, mulching, pruning, and watering of display beds. The Seasonal Gardener will have responsibility of individual garden areas and will be expected to maintain garden areas to a high standard.
- Ability to prune shrubs and small trees and to shear hedges.
- Ability to operate power equipment such as weed trimmers and blowers.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- The ideal candidate should be able to perform at the highest standards of garden maintenance and be able to demonstrate an understanding of the aesthetic presentation of plants and garden design.
- Experience performing garden work in a public garden or other fine gardening work.
- Formal horticultural training preferred.
- Familiarity with local and ornamental plant species and keen plant identification skills preferred.

- Ability to properly use shovels, rakes, digging forks, weed wrenches, hand shears and loppers to complete assigned tasks.
- Ability to follow instructions and to take initiative; ability to work independently as well as part of a team.
- Experience operating power equipment such as power garden vehicles, lawn mowers, weed trimers and blowers a plus.
- Must be physically fit and able to lift at least 50lbs.
- Must possess a valid driver's license.

HOURS AND COMPENSATION

Compensation: Salary \$24 per hour. 37.5 hours per week. April/May – September. Start and end dates flexible. Possibility for permanent employment.

TO APPLY

Send a short statement outlining professional experience and objectives and a resume to: sonia@greenwoodgardens.org with the header 'Seasonal Gardener'.