

Job title: Gardener

Job location: Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Job type: Part time – 10 hours per week

Compensation: salary based on knowledge and experience

Job Description:

This position requires initiative and knowledge to maintain and conserve gardens at historic site. The person chosen will perform a wide range of landscape maintenance duties including plant selection, planting, irrigation, mulching, weeding, pest control, pruning, tree care, and turf care. This is a part-time position at 10 hours per week. Salary based on knowledge and experience.

Qualifications:

Able to work independently.

Work with garden volunteers.

Work within guidelines of Garden Club of Virginia.

Certified pesticide applicator preferred.

Prefer graduate with Associates of Bachelor's degree in Horticulture or related fields.

Minimum of 3 years experience.

Must be able to move or lift up to 50 pounds and carry it a reasonable distance.

Knowledge of tools, materials and practices involved in grounds maintenance.

Job Elements: Technical Practices- Ability to plan, lead and implement landscape projects

- o Assesses and monitors landscape conditions
- o Reads and implements landscape design/construction plans, drawings and specifications
- o Develops and implements landscape maintenance schedules, plans and techniques
- o Records and documents landscape maintenance accomplishments
- o Develops and maintains landscape maintenance budget information
- o Applies standard landscape maintenance and gardening practices to protect, retain and preserve historic features and cultural landscape character.
- o Supervise seasonal and volunteer staff (Master Gardeners) to accomplish maintenance goals
- o Provide support for MWH special events

Knowledge of standard horticultural practices including:

- o Prunes hedges, shrubs, vines, groundcovers and trees
- o Identifies need for and applies fertilizers and soil amendments
- o Figures quantities of plants needed for specific landscape area
- o Determines quantities of seeds for specific landscape area
- o Plants and transplants trees, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, annuals and perennials
- o Identifies and treats plant diseases, insects and pests
- o Decides how and when to rejuvenate aged shrubs and plants
- o Propagates and divides trees, shrubs, vines, groundcovers and herbaceous plants
- o Installs and renovates lawns and groundcovers
- o Controls and adjusts landscape irrigation and watering systems
- o Conducts field inspections to determine landscape maintenance and gardening needs
- o Removal of trash and debris from landscape areas

This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only duties to be performed by the employee in this position. Employees may be required to follow other job-related instructions and to perform other job-related duties as requested.

Please mail resume to Mary Washington House, 1200 Charles Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401; or fax to 540-373-1569. Applications accepted through February 15, 2010. Position to start in March 2010.

Places to run ad: Professional grounds management society, APGA (American Public Gardens Association), VAM, J. Sargent Reynolds horticulture program, NOVA in Loudoun County, GCC. Virginia association I will have to look up.