

GARDEN APPRENTICE PROGRAM



ABOUT WYCKOFF FARMHOUSE MUSEUM: The Wyckoff Farmhouse (Wyckoff House Museum) is New York City's oldest house, dating back to c. 1652. This remarkable historic structure sits on the 1.25 acre Fidler-Wyckoff park, a New York City Parks site. Designated as the city's first landmark and a National historic landmark, the museum welcomes thousands of visitors each year for school field trips, family days, garden workshops, tours, and community events.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Garden Apprentice Program (GAP) provides first-hand experience cultivating organic vegetables, herbs, flowers, and perennials on our 1.25 acre site. The garden includes 16 raised beds for seasonal vegetables and medicinal herbs, as well as fruit and nut trees, wildflowers, roses, and native plants. You will learn alongside a qualified gardener/urban farmer, fellow apprentices, and community volunteers of all ages.

Responsibilities include: soil cultivation, weeding, pruning, watering, mulching, composting, cover cropping, harvesting, managing farm tools, engaging with community volunteer and on-site visitors, leading open-garden volunteer days. Apprentices will be expected to do occasional "homework" including background reading about gardening and to participate in off-site training and educational opportunities at other gardens and farms around NYC. Preference given to candidates who can commit to the natural growing season: May-November.

Key Apprentice Activities—

- Assisting farmer with responsibilities listed above
- Engaging community volunteers in basic garden tasks and interacting with on-site visitors
- Contributing to garden blog with photos and weekly lessons from the field
- Hosting open-community volunteer days during your garden shifts
- Manage & organize garden tools for volunteers
- Assisting with Special garden events including: pop-up Farmers Market and Community Seed Swap

QUALIFICATIONS:

- You love plants, animals, and people and are eager to learn about how to grow food, herbs, flowers; you are interested in regenerative agriculture, urban sustainability, holistic wellness, farming
- You love to talk about plants/gardening/farming/local food/holistic wellness with your local community and anyone who asks
- You are self-directed and able to complete projects independently and without supervision
- You have a sense of humor and love to learn and share knowledge
- You have experience/interest in community organizing and leadership or education, especially with children and teens
- You want a job outside, are comfortable with physical manual labor, and have physical ability to lift up to 40-lbs
- You have High School Diploma or equivalent

SCHEDULE: Flexible hours. Minimum commitment of 10 weeks at 2 days/week between May and August. Some Saturday availability required. Preference given to candidates who can work through November 2016.

SALARY: This is an unpaid position. Benefits include taking home a share of all food, flowers, herbs, MTA reimbursement, membership to NYC Parks & Recreation fitness center and option to participate in citywide NYC Parks Intern programming.

TO APPLY: Send resume and e-mail expressing your interest to jobs@wyckoffmuseum.org.
Preference given to applications received before April 15, 2016.