

GARDEN APPRENTICE INTERNSHIP

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 position provides first-hand experience cultivating vegetables, herbs, and native plants and flowers on some of Brooklyn's last remaining farmland. You will work alongside a qualified gardener/urban farmer who will train you in all tasks. Responsibilities include helping with soil cultivation, wild plant management (aka weeding), watering, mulching, composting, cover cropping, harvesting vegetables and roots, organizing farm tools, helping manage teen-volunteers and other visitors in the garden. Hours and schedule are flexible, but we expect a commitment of an average of 5-10 hours per week, September through Thanksgiving (10 weeks). Candidates who want to come back next Spring and Summer (2016) preferred.

Key Intern Activities—

- Assisting farmer with plant and soil cultivation
- Assisting with pop-up Farmers Market and community Seed Swap on September 26
- Assist with herb harvest, drying, storage
- Manage & organize garden tools
- Fall vegetable and wild-flower planting
- Composting
- Ornamental landscaping
- Help coordinate and run weekly and seasonal volunteer days, including helping to train and oversee garden volunteers

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Lifelong lover of plants and animals, eager to learn about how to grow food, herbs, flowers, and healthy soil, and excited to share this knowledge with Wyckoff Farm visitors
- Self-directed, able to complete projects independently, comfortable with physical manual labor, bringing a sense of humor and humble respect for our ecology
- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Physical ability to lift up to 40-lbs

SCHEDULE: Flexible hours, 10 week commitment of 5-10 hours/week between September and late November; Option to return in Spring 2016.

SALARY: This is an unpaid position. Benefits include 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 September 1, 2015.**