

## ***Historic Rosedale Foundation Garden Assistant***

Historic Rosedale, a historic site centered on an 1815 house, located on N. Tryon Street in Charlotte, NC, has openings for an individual to assist with the care of our 9 acres of gardens, grounds, and big tree museum. This position will start immediately and offer a flexible schedule Monday through Friday, up to 15 hours a week. Training will be provided. Part time hours with a starting salary of \$13.00 an hour with possibility of increase after a two month review.

### **About the Historic Rosedale Foundation and Historic Rosedale:**

Historic Rosedale has been open to the public as a house museum since the early 1990s. It is the vision of the Historic Rosedale Foundation to inspire visitors to our site to think deeply about the history of Charlotte, North Carolina, and the United States. This will occur through the interpretation of three important themes; the ancestral families who owned the house and surrounding property, the enslaved and freed African Americans who worked and lived on the land through many generations, and the unique architectural features, decorative arts, and natural landscapes that are showcased in the 1815 historic house and its nine acres of gardens and grounds.

Through this ever-evolving interpretation, we hope to present a complete picture. Presentation will include not only our past – the stories of all the individuals and families who may have lived and worked here - but how this past relates to our current society. Crucial to this vision is the interpretation of the enslaved population and their descendants in an equitable, truthful and compassionate manner. The picture of Historic Rosedale becomes complete with the preservation of the 1815 home, the oldest wood frame house in the city, as a unique opportunity to illustrate the craftsmanship of an earlier time.

The Historic Rosedale Foundation is charged with protecting a landmark and a complicated history. It is our long-term responsibility to share such a multi-faceted legacy with the community and visitors to create a sense of belonging and unity. We welcome that responsibility and aim to serve as a resource for expanding education on the importance of historic preservation and the ongoing impact that the institution of slavery has had upon our modern history.

### **Garden Assistant Job Details:**

- Able to interface with the public at a professional level while working on grounds.
- Basic gardening knowledge and feel for Carolina landscapes.
- Familiarity with perennials and regional weeds
- Capable in using power tools: grass trimmers, hedge trimmers, herbicide sprayer, lawn mowers.
- Weeding, planting, trimming of a variety of plants and trees as directed.
- Flexible hours, Monday – Friday between 9:00 and 3:00
- Sensitive to preservation of heirloom plants and landscape design.
- Previous experience with conservation, public gardens, or landscaping helpful.
- Additional responsibilities may be available: For example, assist with special events and programs, design of new gardens, spaces, planting, etc.

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