

HEAD GARDENER – HISTORIC ROSEDALE

3427 N Tryon Street Charlotte NC 28206

Hourly Wage: \$18.00 – 20 hours a week, flexible hours

Historic Rosedale is seeking a devoted senior level gardener. The Head Gardener is responsible for the overall direction and maintenance of the cultivated gardens on a nine-acre property that surrounds the 1815 historic house in Charlotte, NC known as Rosedale. Knowledge of native plants and invasive weeds is a must, along with a sensitivity to heirloom plants that focus on the family history of the land from 1815 up to the 1980s. Giving direction to other gardeners and volunteers, as well as working with a team is vital to the position. Upholding a beautiful presentation of the grounds to the public is paramount.

The Head Gardener shall develop, periodically revise and implement the five-year plan for the gardens with the goal of creating and maintaining aesthetically pleasing gardens that reflect the historical practices of former owners of Rosedale during the 1815 – 1832 (Archibald Frew's time-period), 1870's – 1919 (Baxter Caldwell's time-period) (1914 – 1958 Craig and Louise Heagy Davidson's time-period).

Observation and support of Historic Rosedale Foundation's site mission: to educate, to preserve and to continue to build a more diverse and inclusive platform for interpretation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Plant, transplant, divide, fertilize, water, prune and weed flower beds

Mulch, edge, and weed gardens.

Prune and trim tree and bushes, both woody and herbaceous

Maintain garden equipment

Monitor and maintain garden beds

Deal with pest problems that could damage plants

Keep beds watered

Work with other personnel

Pick up and disposes of litter

Operate a motor vehicle to transport material as appropriate for the position

Use a riding lawn mower and push mower

Reports to President of the Board

Prepare Quarterly Reports to the Board of Director

Recruit and train volunteers

Keeping paths cleared of weeds

Give garden tours

REQUIRMENTS AND SKILLS

Experience as a gardener

Familiarity with landscape design

Knowledge of regional plant life

Knowledge of local pests and pest elimination

Knowledge of synthetic and natural fertilizers

Ability to use hand and power tools applicable to the trade

The ability to lift heavy objects

The ability to remain on your feet for long periods of time

The ability to work in hot and cold conditions

Ability to read, understand, follow and enforce safety procedures

The love of the outdoors and plant life

Working some weekends

Spraying weed killer

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

This job position requires stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, pushing, pulling, lifting and repetitive motion. The Head Gardener reports to the Head Staff but operates under minimal day to day supervision.

QUALIFICATIONS

5-to-10-years gardening experience either employed or home gardening

Please send resume or written description of experience to Elizabeth Myers at gardens@historicrosedale.org No phone calls please.

This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of job-related responsibilities, duties and skills or working conditions. Other duties may be assigned due to the limited capacity of staff.