



Job Posting

Horticulturist

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Location: Red Butte Garden and Arboretum, Salt Lake City, Utah

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Compensation:

\$20 - \$23/hour

Benefited Staff

Work Schedule:

Tuesday – Saturday, with a weekday evening shift from April through October.

Job Summary

Red Butte Garden is seeking a Horticulturist for our Entrance, Visitor Center, Courtyard and Four Season's Gardens. This working supervisory position is responsible for providing excellent horticultural care for the specific outdoor garden areas assigned, including the living plant collections held within. The incumbent is responsible for identifying and implementing required maintenance and preservation needs; hires, trains, supervises and evaluates the performance of staff and volunteers; assures activities do not impact Garden or private events, and coordinates special projects with appropriate personnel and departments as needed.

This working supervisory position is responsible for the management and care of an assigned area within Red Butte Garden, including the living plant collections held within. Responsible for identifying, prioritizing and implementing required maintenance needs, including the training and supervision of seasonal staff and volunteers in performing necessary maintenance.

Responsibilities

Duties include: plant installation, all aspects of landscape maintenance and preservation care for assigned areas and their living plant collections, including but not limited to weed management, pruning, pesticide applications as necessary, bed design, snow removal, decorative fountain maintenance, event support and all other duties as required to support the mission of Red Butte Garden.

Assures that maintenance activities do not impact scheduled private and/or Garden events. Hires, trains and supervises seasonal employees; provides performance feedback and discipline as necessary. Assures gardening practices are water wise and resource efficient. Ensures safe practices and safe operation of equipment.



Participates in various committees including the Design & Maintenance Committee, Collections Committees, and responds to public inquiries about plants and gardening.

Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's degree in Horticulture, Biology, or a related field, or equivalency, and two years of experience in horticulture. Strong knowledge and understanding of plant culture and best practices for ornamental and/or native plant care.

Additional license requirements as determined by the hiring department. This position is not responsible for providing patient care. Applicants must demonstrate the potential ability to perform the essential functions of the job as outlined in the position description.

Advanced degree in Horticulture, related field or equivalent plus three years of experience in horticulture with focus on ornamental plant care, specifically culinary herbs and medicinal plants;

Ability to identify major plant genera, knowledge of latin plant names, and characteristics of a wide range of ornamental plants;

Able to identify a wide variety of horticultural weeds, insects and diseases (including beneficial insects) and determine the best course of action for necessary treatment;

Preferences

A pesticide applicators license is required or the ability to obtain one within 6 months; additional certification in Vertebrate and/or Aquatic/Surface water control is preferred;

Three years experience in supervising others, including training, performance evaluation, and discipline;

A commitment to provide excellent customer service;

Demonstrated human relations skills, including effective written and oral communication skills;

Familiarity with personal computers and the Microsoft office suite.

For Complete Job Description and Additional Information

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