



Norman Bird Sanctuary

2017 Garden Coordinator Job Description

General Description

The Good Garden at Norman Bird Sanctuary is our organically maintained vegetable, herb and flower garden, hoop house for year round planting and a composting area. We use the garden to help people from all walks of life experience nature, learn about gardening and see firsthand where their food comes from. As an extension of the NBS Education Department, the Good Garden Coordinator will oversee the garden area, engage the public and help educate the visitors to Norman Bird Sanctuary as well as work with volunteers to create a thriving and healthy garden of varied plants.

Responsibilities

- Coordinate and supervise garden volunteers and interns including under age 18 volunteers
- Engage with Education programs such as NBS summer camp or field trip groups
- Plant the medium sized herb, vegetable and flower garden
- Plant small hoop house
- Maintain composting activities
- Manage overall plant health and soil nutrition
- Utilize sustainable and organic gardening practices
- Collaborate with the Education Director to identify opportunities for programming and interpretation for the garden area

Qualifications

- Minimum of four years of professional gardening experience.
- Minimum of two years of experience in a management position.
- Demonstrated knowledge of plants.
- A creative & collaborative thinker who can bring ideas and enthusiasm to the Good Garden area.
- Comfortable being accessible to the public and speaking to groups and children.
- Able to lift 25 pounds or more.

To apply, send a cover letter and resume to Natasha Harrison, Executive Director.

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