

Land & Garden Preserve
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Position: Seasonal Groundskeeper

Location: Seal Harbor in the Town of Mount Desert, Maine

Scope of Work: The Seasonal Groundskeeper assists the Lead Groundskeeper with the landscape maintenance at the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden (Abby Garden) and the McAlpin Farm properties. This position may also assist as needed with other projects throughout the Preserve. This position reports to the Lead Groundskeeper. This is a three-month seasonal position, maximum of 40 hours per week, non-exempt (hourly) position. Weekend and evening hours may be required during the nine-weeks that the Abby Garden is open.

The Land & Garden Preserve is a nonprofit organization located in Seal Harbor and Northeast Harbor, Maine. The mission of the Preserve is to share the beauty of historic lands and gardens on Mount Desert Island. The Preserve manages the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden, Asticou Azalea Garden, and Thuya Garden, as well as Little Long Pond and over 1,600 acres of natural lands.

Essential Job Functions:

- Assist with caring for the woods and grounds including, but not limited to, clearing deadwood, weeding, pruning, blowing and grooming moss.
- Help to maintain gravel roads and paths: rake garden paths and drag roads weekly.
- Assist with lawn care: mowing and trimming, including edging of turf.
- Assist with the maintenance of water features.
- Interact with all guests (co-workers, board directors, Preserve members, visitors) in a friendly and helpful manner, assist with public visitor days and garden events, direct traffic, answer questions, and ensure security.
- Safely operate light equipment such as trucks, mowers, power tools, hand saws, blowers, and Gator.
- Perform routine maintenance and clean equipment.
- Work and communicate effectively with a team of professionals.
- Use best management practices and adhere to OSHA safety standards.
- Assist with other assigned duties as needed and requested.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Valid driver's license
- Willingness to learn landscape maintenance practices
- An interest in learning to use gardening equipment and tools, particularly a backpack leaf blower
- Ability to follow safety requirements and adhere to OSHA standards
- Ability to work an 8-hour day, outside under physically demanding conditions in various weather conditions
- Ability to bend, lift and move plant flats, branches, stone; and to operate equipment such as backpack leaf blowers, tillers, and mowers for extended periods of time

Compensation: Available upon request.

Application Deadline: Open until position is filled.

To apply please send a cover letter and resume, care of Cassie Banning, to

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