

Seasonal Gardener

The Battery is one of New York City's oldest public open spaces, located at the tip of Manhattan overlooking New York Harbor. The Battery Conservancy was created in 1994 to rebuild the Battery and Castle Clinton National Monument, in partnership with city, state, federal agencies, and private donors. The park features extensive perennial gardens designed by the Battery's master horticultural planner Piet Oudolf, encompassing all of his different garden styles over the past decade. The Seasonal Gardener position is seasonal, full-time, non-exempt and reports to operations management.

Schedule:

Monday – Friday, 7:00am – 3:00pm (Shift in schedule for major events)

Responsibilities:

- Work with horticulture team to care for extensive naturalistic herbaceous perennial gardens, trees, shrubs, bulbs, and turf.
- Perform routine maintenance including but not limited to: watering, weeding, planting, pruning, propagating and transplanting of perennials and mulching.
- Serve as an ambassador of The Battery Conservancy, answering the park visitor's questions about horticulture, history and design of the park, and general park information.
- Lead volunteer groups, both corporate and individual.
- Scout for pests and disease and create monitoring reports.
- Debris and trash removal. Storm and snow management as needed.
- Operate and properly maintain tools and equipment.
- Assist with major annual events

Qualifications:

- Two or more years horticultural experience and/or related field.
- Degree or certificate in horticulture preferred.
- Ability to use and operate standard landscaping power and hand tools.
- Basic arboriculture skills.
- Able to work overtime, weekends and holidays as needed.
- Ability to work as part of a team or alone, in all weather conditions.
- Perform heavy physical work on a daily basis. Must be able to lift and carry 40 pounds.
- Good writing and research skills and experience with Word and Excel are a plus

Salary: \$20/hr.

Position Starts: April 1st, 2021

Position Ends: November 24th, 2021

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