

Type of Opportunity: Other

Company Name: Green Farmacy Garden

Job Title: Green Farmacy Garden Part-time Gardener, Educator, and Workshop Manager

Job Type: Part-time

City: Fulton

State: Maryland

Details: **Job Opportunity** – Green Farmacy Garden Part-time Gardener, Educator, and Workshop Manager Jim Duke's Green Farmacy Garden in Fulton, Maryland is one of the premier educational gardens featuring medicinal herbs in the United States. Dr. Duke (b.1929 – d.2017) was a retired USDA botanist highly recognized for his publications, lectures, tours, and database on the medicinal value of plants from around the world. This medicinal plant garden is at the Duke's home and comprised of four terraces with eighty plots representing Jim's book The Green Pharmacy. There is also a forested yin/yang valley of native and non-native plant species. The garden and woodland valley are maintained by the gardeners for viewing by visitors during tours and workshops. Jim's desire to keep the garden open after his passing is due to the support of Maryland University of Integrative Health and the Duke Herbal Vineyard, Inc.

Position Description:

The candidate will be trained to manage and develop tours and workshops conducted by our staff and guest teachers. We are seeking a candidate that has the flexibility and commitment to work part-time during the week and on one or two weekend days a month to assist and to lead workshops and/or tours. The position also will include help with the general upkeep and maintenance of the garden and grounds for aesthetic presentation to visitors.

The position is seasonal from early March through the end of November, with occasional winter greenhouse plant care.

Qualifications and responsibilities for the Position:

We are looking for an enthusiastic and energetic individual, a self-starter, who has a passion for medicinal plants, making herbal medicine, and is an experienced gardener.

The candidate will become responsible for the management and outreach to the public to develop and promote tours and workshops.

The candidate should have some experience in the germination and cultivation of seedlings, repotting plants, and the upkeep of tropical plants.

The candidate will help with the general pruning, weeding, and mulching of the terrace beds.

The candidate should have experience working with irrigation systems, mowers, chain saws, pruners, and the nitty gritty of garden pests and plant diseases. The candidate must be physically fit and willing to cope in a myriad of climate conditions in and around the typical suburban insects and reptiles (snakes and skinks). The candidate will also help revitalize a maturing garden in need of some repairs and rejuvenation. In addition, there may be times when the candidate will assist with the Duke family's basic needs such as bringing up their trash. Basically, the candidate will get down and dirty with flora (mostly) and fauna.

Optional Projects:

We are very receptive to ideas for special research projects, growing medicinal plants on a larger scale for production, plant sale opportunities, and exciting workshop topics that pertain to medicinal and edible plants.

Salary:

This is a paid 1099 contractor position starting at \$18/hour without benefits.

Maximum hours a week vary but typically should not exceed 80 hours a month* * or TBD.

The position is flexible regarding vacations and sick days. Vacations should ideally be requested at least three weeks in advance.

If this sounds like a garden environment where you would like to work, please email your resume, three references and a cover letter by January 25th to:

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