

**Position:** Seasonal Gardener- McAlpin Farm

**Scope of Work:** This position assists with daily greenhouse maintenance and plant production at the McAlpin Farm Greenhouse complex. This position takes instruction from the McAlpin Farm staff team. All tasks of the position align with the Preserve's mission, vision, and core values. This is a seasonal position with a minimum 24-hour work week. This is a non-exempt (hourly) position with a flexible start and end date. Occasional weekend duty is required.

## Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assist with potting, trimming, and grooming of containerized plants.
- Perform outdoor landscape maintenance, weeding, staking, planting, invasive species removal, mowing, blowing, watering, irrigation soil amendments, inventory, and labeling.
- Participate in weekly watering activities and cover periodic weekend watering.
- Operate and maintain garden tools and equipment for both safety and function.
- Cleaning and sterilizing of pots and flats.
- Clean and organize building interiors/exteriors and maintain garden tools for safety and function.
- Interact with guests (visitors, members, co-workers, and board directors) in a friendly and professional manner.
- Willingness to learn plants, recognize pest and disease symptoms, and further knowledge of horticulture.
- Adhere to OSHA safety standards
- Assist with projects across the Preserve properties.

## Minimum skills and qualifications:

- Valid driver's license
- Gardening and/or greenhouse maintenance experience preferred.
- Proficiency with gardening equipment and tools.
- Knowledge of safety requirements.
- Ability to work on the ground (bending, stooping); and to lift and maneuver heavy materials.
- Ability to work effectively in a team or independently.
- Dependable.

## To Apply:

Email a cover letter and resume to Joie Torsiello, <u>jtorsiello@gardenpreserve.org</u>. Interviews will be held in April.