

## **Gardener**

### **Wethersfield Estate & Garden**

Amenia, New York

**Position Type:** Full-Time (40 hr/wk), Non-Exempt

**Compensation:** \$24–\$28 per hour

**Benefits:** Health insurance, retirement plan, paid time off, and optional on-site housing

Wethersfield Estate & Garden seeks a skilled and motivated **Gardener** to join the horticulture team at one of the finest examples of Italian Renaissance gardens in the United States.

Nestled within **1,000 acres in Dutchess County, New York**, Wethersfield Estate & Garden is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the stewardship of land, habitat protection, conservation, culture, and the arts. The estate features a diverse range of formal and naturalistic garden spaces, extensive plant collections, and 20 miles of trails. Listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**, Wethersfield received the **2021 New York State Historic Preservation Award for Excellence in Historic Landscape Preservation**.

Reporting to the **Head Gardener**, the Gardener assists in the care, maintenance, and development of the estate's mixed perennial borders, cutting garden, formal hedges, container displays, and woodland gardens. Working closely with the horticulture team, this role supports formal garden displays, plant collections, greenhouse growing, and landscape enhancements to maintain the historic character and beauty of the gardens.

## **Key Responsibilities**

- Planting, pruning, dividing, transplanting, weeding, watering, and hedge trimming
- Assisting with seasonal planting plans and container displays
- Supporting greenhouse operations and plant propagation
- Monitoring plant health and following IPM practices
- Maintaining plant collections and supporting plant records
- Working collaboratively with staff, interns, and volunteers
- Operating horticultural tools and equipment
- Assisting with garden tours, events, and educational programs as needed
- Will participate in a weekend duties on a rotating basis

## **Qualifications**

- Degree or certificate in horticulture or equivalent experience
- Minimum **2–3 years of professional horticulture experience**
- Strong plant identification skills ( woody and herbaceous plants)
- Experience with pruning, soil health practices, and general plant maintenance
- Ability to perform physically demanding outdoor work in varying weather conditions

- Valid driver's license

## **Compensation & Benefits**

- **\$24–\$28 per hour**, depending on experience.
- Health insurance and retirement benefits
- Paid vacation and holidays
- **Optional on-site housing available**

## **How to Apply**

Please submit a **resume and cover letter** describing your horticultural experience and interest in Wethersfield Estate & Garden to:

**Katharine Barrie, Head Gardener**

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