Friends of Bedrock Gardens

Job Description: **Gardener 2022**

**Title:** Full time for the season April-November– 40 hours per week

**Compensation** $23.00/hour

**Application Instruction**: Submit resume and cover letter to jforti@bedrockgardens.org

**Summary:** Bedrock Gardens is a 37-acre garden in Southern NH which is open to the public from May 12 – October 10 on an average of 5 days a week. In 2021 we welcomed 14,000 visitors. The garden is recognized widely for its intensive, creative and innovative gardens and displays. Its tagline is “An oasis of horticulture, art, and inspiration’. The garden has been designed over the past 30 years by Jill Nooney in intimate partnership with Bob Munger. She continues to provide the ongoing artistic and horticultural leadership. The overall running of the garden is provided by the Executive Director, John Forti.

The garden comprises both highly planted areas with combinations of bulbs, annuals, tropicals, perennials, shrubs and trees both native and non-native and less cultivated more natural areas. Currently the garden is planted and maintained by Jill in partnership with a part time grounds keeper and a group of 8 – 12 reliable and skilled volunteers called ‘Hands in Dirt’ who come once a week for two hours and at other times for special projects. There is a Spring and Fall clean-up which draws about 20 people when larger seasonal tasks are accomplished.

**Reporting structure**: The Gardener reports directly to Jill Nooney

**Primary duties:**

Maintaining the garden beds; planting, deadheading, weeding, pruning, dividing, composting, mulching

Managing the nursery: dividing and planting up divisions, keeping track of the retail nursery at the Welcome Court

Working with HID and clean-up groups

Be available to answer questions of the public

Eventually lead pre-scheduled guided tours

Invasive plant control

**Essential Functions:**

A good familiarity with horticulture and plants

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships and communicate effectively to work as a team with the staff and volunteers

Ability to be tactful and courteous with garden visitors

Ability to perform manual and semi-skilled tasks for extended periods of time

Ability to multi-task and complete repetitive tasks in a quality manner

Ability to work under adverse weather conditions, including rainy, hot and humid conditions

Ability to safely use hand tools and small powered equipment such as hedge trimmers, strimmers, electrical saws and drills

Ability to safely operate a golf-style utility cart and truck

Ability to lift and carry up to 50 lbs, work on the ground, climb and work off a 6’ladder and bend and stand for up to 8 hours per day

Ability to maintain adequate attendance and work weekend and holiday hours as required

**Qualifications:**

**•** A degree in horticulture or experience in the field is preferred

* Work well with people from all backgrounds and abilities
* Ability to work independently
* Be industrious, self-motivated, and timely
* Have passion, integrity, and a positive attitude
* Be able to learn from others and share knowledge

**Wish List**

Desire for a career in horticulture

Leadership qualities