



Position: Seasonal Horticulturist

Organization: Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum

Bellefontaine (www.bellefontainecemetery.org) is a 314 acre historic, non-profit cemetery. Founded in 1849 and considered one of the premier historic cemeteries in the United States, the cemetery is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is well known for its rich history and architecture, and engages the public through tours, lectures and events. Bellefontaine is also a Level II arboretum with large specimen tree collections, added to annually. Dozens of annual, perennial and native gardens are spread throughout the cemetery. Under its Master Plan the cemetery is committed to preserving and enhancing its landscape, and recently constructed the first of several phases of new memorial Gardens, installing over 16,000 plants and 68,000 bulbs. With over 100 acres of undeveloped land, the cemetery has great potential for horticultural development. Landscape programs are supported by a large endowment as well as by cemetery sales and gifts raised through the Friends of Bellefontaine.

Position Responsibilities:

- Annual and bulb installation, and subsequent removal
- Maintenance of existing beds and annual installations, to include but not limited to weeding, mulching, fertilizing, and transplanting
- Maintenance of trees and shrubs, young and mature, utilizing accepted cultural practices with regards to pruning, mulching, fertilizing, etc.
- Assist in the installation and maintenance of new tree plantings
- Communicate regularly with the Horticulture Staff regarding grounds developments, new installations, tree care, etc.
- Manage exotic invasive species, assist Horticulture Staff in the development of short term management plan
- Irrigation scheduling and maintenance
- Supervise volunteers assigned to the Horticulture Staff, to include regular volunteers, volunteer workdays, and community service work, with the ability to clearly convey technical information
- Any duty associated with horticultural excellence at Bellefontaine Cemetery & Arboretum not specifically mentioned, but pertaining to the position and that could be logically assigned to the Seasonal Horticulturist

Skills and Experience:

- Preference given to applicants with landscape/parks/public gardens experience and/or education
- Ability to perform outdoor, physically demanding tasks, often lifting objects up to 50 lbs

- Strong communication skills, ability to represent Bellefontaine Cemetery & Arboretum in a professional manner
- Skilled in working with groups and as part of a team
- Use of gas powered equipment including but not limited to line trimmer, auger, sod cutter, leaf blower, chainsaw, and pole pruner
- Operate front-end loaders and tractor, as well as associated attachments
- Valid driver's license
- Must be able to work with the utmost consideration for health and safety of both the Seasonal Horticulturist and any employee/volunteer that may be working under her/his supervision

Education:

- High school diploma encouraged, but not required. Any education/training in horticulture or a related field a plus

Compensation:

\$10 - \$14/hour, 40 hours/week, mid-March to November/December, dependent upon weather. Opportunities for overtime, at time-and-a-half, as approved by the Horticulture Supervisor.

Contact:

For more information contact Kyle Cheesborough, Horticulture Supervisor. 314-381-0750.