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McLaughlin Garden and Homestead Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)/Internship

Work Site:

The McLaughlin Garden and Homestead is a 2.5-acre public garden located in the center of South Paris, Maine. We are a perennial garden with a mix of historically designated, ornamental garden spaces and newer garden additions with an emphasis on native species. Throughout the season, we host a variety of horticultural programs and garden tours in an effort to support our mission of cultivating a beautiful and healthy environment where creativity and connections are nurtured.

ELO/Internship Description:

The ideal candidate for this position has an interest in gardening and/or the natural sciences. Candidates must be able to work outdoors for long periods of time in all weather conditions. They must demonstrate self-motivation and academic excellence, and be able to interact in an appropriate way with Garden staff and the public.

The intern will work alongside the Horticulturist, Garden Assistant, and other interns in the day-to-day operation of the Garden—through which interns will have the opportunity to learn a variety of skills relevant to an environmentally-focused career.

Responsibilities:

- Weeding to reduce spread of aggressive plants and ensure the garden is tidy and healthy
- Planting and maintaining a pumpkin patch
- Amending the soil through composting and mulching
- Maintaining plant compositions in historically designated garden areas
- Pruning and deadheading to maintain structure, ensure plant health, and prevent self-seeding
- Propagating plants
- Landscape maintenance, including lawn mowing, string trimming, and edging
- Barn clean-up related to event hosting
- Collaborating with volunteers and other organizations for projects and events
- Other duties as directed by the Garden staff