
Position Description

Position Title: Education Intern – Naples Garden Club Idea Garden

Department: Education

Reports directly to: Director of Education

Organizational Description: Naples Botanical Garden is a 170-acre world-class paradise, featuring the flora and cultures of the tropics and subtropics between the latitudes of 26 degrees north and 26 degrees south, including Brazil, the Caribbean, Southeast Asia and Florida. The Garden's mission is to connect people and plants through display, education, conservation and science. The Garden's hands-on Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Children's Garden, along with 90 acres of beautifully restored native habitats, formal Gardens, walking trails, and Buehler Family Foundation Enabling Garden offer education and enjoyment for people of all ages.

Position Summary Naples Botanical Garden is seeking an intern for the Naples Garden Club Idea Garden. The Garden Club Idea Garden is a horticulturally intensive landscape designed to inspire home gardeners with inventive design ideas, regionally and seasonally appropriate plant palettes and sustainable gardening techniques that can be replicated in a residential setting. The successful candidate will collaborate with Garden staff, volunteers and community partners to design, plan and interpret novel horticultural displays that a home gardener can recreate in their own garden and assist in the daily horticultural and interpretational activities in the Naples Garden Club Idea Garden. The position is a paid, full-time 12-week internship.

Primary duties:

- Collaborate with Garden staff, volunteers and Naples Garden Club Members to design, plan and interpret three novel horticultural displays that a home gardener could re-create, including materials, species lists and 'how-to' information. The displays will be implemented on rotational basis in the Garden Club Idea Garden throughout the upcoming year.
 - Collaborate with Garden staff and volunteers in the management and day-to-day horticultural activities in the Garden Club Idea Garden.
 - Write a short informative article for the Garden's website each week focusing on inventive design ideas, regionally and seasonally relevant plants, and seasonal gardening techniques.
 - This position will have opportunities to work closely with Garden staff to learn regionally appropriate plants, sustainable horticulture techniques, and design for displays.
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Requirements of Internship:

- The ideal candidate should be pursuing a degree in the field of horticulture, landscape architecture, design, or related field.
 - Highly motivated and organized with a strong work ethic
 - Willingness and ability to work full days outdoors in a hot and humid environment and ability to lift and carry at least 35 pounds
 - Possess a commitment to the Garden's mission of connecting people with plants with a demonstrated ability and interest in gardening.
 - Excellent organizational and communication skills
 - Must be available for a minimum of a 12-week period on a full-time basis. The position is full-time temporary for a minimum of 12 weeks.
 - Must possess a valid U.S. driver's license and reliable transportation
 - Will be required to undergo a background check prior to being hired
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To Apply: Please provide a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references by email to resumes@naplesgarden.org. Please include Idea Garden Internship in the subject line. To find out more about Naples Botanical Garden, please visit our website at www.naplesgarden.org. Naples Botanical Garden is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Garden has a long-standing policy of employment and advancement based solely upon qualifications to perform the essential elements of a position without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin or disability.