

Job Opportunity

4-9-21 Garden Lead, Honey Girl Grows, Santa Monica, 5-15-21 deadline

Job Title

Garden Lead

Agency

Honey Girl Grows

Location

Santa Monica

Pay Rate

17-20

Responsibilities

Part-Time, 1-2 days/week

Corporate Permaculture Garden

Stewart Street, Santa Monica

TIME COMMITMENT:

4 hours, twice weekly.

1 weekday is required (2nd day can be a weekend), and hours are flexible but... post Covid restaurant reopening weekly compost collection must be complete before 3 PM, before the kitchen closes.

Seasonally there may be some weeks there will be 1-2+ hours extra work.

TASKS:

Compost management of bins and worm compost systems to assure they're healthy, don't smell, and are producing.

Includes:

- Collecting food scraps a 1/2 block away from the corporate kitchen using the wheel barrel provided
- Sort food scraps (what's appropriate for worms)
- Feed worm bins
- Collect cardboard from the large recycle bins, and process to use as "browns"
- Shovel soil/compost to amend beds (ground and raised), as necessary
- Use research-based information to promote environmentally-responsible and sustainable organic gardening practices.
- Support the growing of food organically and sustainably
- Help with organic integrative pest management, direct seeding, planting, tending, and harvesting of seasonal food crops.
- Wash harvests, process, and delivering them to the kitchen for the chef.
- Support the pollinator garden with seed collection, organic pest management, pruning, staking, etc.
- Clean and sharpen tools
- Organize seeds and tool shed
- Spray paint markers
- Weed all areas
- Monitor irrigation (weekly hand-testing of pots, ground beds, and raised beds for what needs water, reporting irrigation concerns, and watering by hand as needed), and soil/crop feeding with compost.

- Make minor irrigation repairs
- Adjust irrigation timer seasonally and as needed
- Assign tasks to employee gardeners/volunteers
- Teach others in the garden
- Assist with workshops as needed.
- Support the Monarch Butterfly-raising project upon request.
- Inform Robin regarding garden supplies and materials needed.
- Communicate as needed with the supervisor via email, text, or phone weekly.
- Adhere to policies to assure safety and security

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Compost and permaculture passion
- Absolute commitment and timeliness.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- Kind, friendly and professional communication skills - written and verbal.
- 2 years of mid-scale gardening experience.
- Thorough understanding of growing organically in coastal Los Angeles' / Santa Monica's climate, and how it relates to the seasonal growth of food crops.
- Plant disease, and pests
- IPM

Desired Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Current Master Gardener certification or 16+ units in a related field
- Garden management or supervisory experience
- Farming experience

Application Mode

Email cover letter and resume ASAP to HoneyGirlGrows@gmail.com

A little about me:

Hi, I'm Robin, the lead gardener and founder of my company, Honey Girl Grows. I value self-expression and inclusion and my pronouns are she/her. Honey Girl Grows supports diversity in human experience and in ecosystems.

You will teach me as much as I will you. I am in a perpetual state of overwhelm since losing most of my staff in Covid. I need assertive self-starter support and a good communicator.

Application Deadline

May 15, 2021

Contact for further information

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