



## *Gardener – Level 1*

This is a full-time position at a non-profit garden that reports to the Director of Horticulture, and Horticulture Manager. Responsible for performing activities related to the care and maintenance of the gardens, landscape, and grounds.

### **Major Duties/Responsibilities:**

- Performs all needed horticultural activities, including planting, pruning, fertilizing, watering, weeding, mulching, and pesticide applications, pest control, garden cleanup, custodial tasks, and any others directed by supervisors.
- Operates and maintains hand tools, power tools (chain saw, blower, lawnmower, string trimmer), electric carts, tractors, and other equipment.
- Assist with the maintenance and installation of irrigation systems when needed.
- Assist with the care and maintenance of plants in the nursery when needed.
- Assist in the setup and take down of tables, chairs, and other equipment for classes, workshops, meetings, and events.
- Assist with other SDBG activities and tasks when needed.

### **Skills and Requirements:**

- Must have a general knowledge of plants and their culture.
- College level course work in horticulture and allied fields is recommended.
- Must be a team player and work well with other staff and volunteers.
- Must be courteous and helpful to all garden visitors.
- Must be in good physical condition and have the ability to lift and carry a minimum of 50 lbs. a distance of 25 feet often.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Must be available to work some holiday, weekend, and evening shifts.

### **Special Note:**

This position is an entry-level gardener position. Persons in this position are expected to continually increase their knowledge of the Garden's collections, horticultural and maintenance procedures, and the field of ornamental horticulture.

The physical demands of this position require the employee to regularly lift and/or move up to 50 pounds,

operate small machinery (weed eaters, chainsaws, etc.) and larger equipment such as Bobcat-skid steer loaders, and work outside in inclement weather.

*Please send resume and cover letter highlighting your past experience and your interest in working at the Garden to [sbeukema@sdbgarden.org](mailto:sbeukema@sdbgarden.org)*