



# FORT TICONDEROGA

## Gardener

### **PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION**

Fort Ticonderoga is one of North America's most significant and oldest historic sites. Fort Ticonderoga preserves, educates, and provokes active discussion about the past and its importance to present and future generations. We foster an on-going dialogue surrounding citizens, soldiers, and nations through America's military heritage.

Fort Ticonderoga is comprised of 2,000 acres and includes the reconstructed Fort, the Carillon Battlefield, the Pavilion and the King's Garden, Mount Defiance, Mount Independence, Native American historic sites and numerous other historic features that span the property's history. The Fort Ticonderoga Museum holds one of the largest and most significant collections of 18<sup>th</sup>-century military material culture in North America. Current staffing includes 27 full-time employees and approximately 80 temporary employees. Fort Ticonderoga annually serves more than 75,000 visitors.

Fort Ticonderoga is a non-profit educational institution and museum open to the public since 1909.

### **PRIMARY PURPOSE OF POSITION**

In support of Fort Ticonderoga's commitment to preserve and educate, Gardeners cultivate and maintain the many gardens and decorative plantings developed annually for the enjoyment of visitors by the Horticulture division at Fort Ticonderoga. From starting seedlings in our 1909 greenhouse to preparing flower beds for the winter, Gardeners practice horticulture techniques across the entire growing season. This full-time seasonal position extends beyond planting, watering, weeding, and deadheading, Gardeners use power equipment for edging, mowing, weed whacking, and pruning. Gardeners greet visitors to the King's Garden, helping orient visitors and answer their question. The skilled work and friendly demeanor of Gardeners ensure that the King's Garden and other planting welcome visitors to Fort Ticonderoga year after year.

### **MECHANICAL SKILLS**

- ❖ Understand and practice all common techniques for cultivating and maintaining plants
- ❖ Safely operate power equipment: rototillers, mowers, & etc.
- ❖ Understand and practice basic tree and shrub pruning.
- ❖ Help identify and control pests as part of Integrated Pest Management.

### **COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

- ❖ Able to talk to an audience of diverse age and backgrounds
- ❖ Communicate effectively in verbal and written form
- ❖ Presents a professional image with regards to Fort Ticonderoga in all media
- ❖ Work with all other members of the Public History Staff

- ❖ Understand and follow the directions of the Vice President of Public History and all supervising staff.

### **PHYSICAL EFFORT**

- ❖ Able to lift fifty pounds
- ❖ Able to stand and walk for an extended period (up 4 for hours)
- ❖ Able to be outdoors in a variety of weather conditions
- ❖ Manual dexterity appropriate to the interpretive requirements

### **SAFETY FOR OTHERS**

- ❖ Required to safely use, and maintain garden tools and power equipment.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- ❖ Learn the history of the King's Garden and the surrounding landscape.
- ❖ Use general knowledge of plants and their importance in everyday life. Perform basic gardening tasks including weeding, watering, deadheading, mulching, pruning, raking, sweeping, staking, planting, seeding, bed preparation, dividing, edging, mowing, and others.
- ❖ Perform basic maintenance tasks including cleaning garden benches, ornaments, displays, signs, and structures, skimming/cleaning the pool, and others.
- ❖ Monitor interpretive displays and self-guided items as assigned in the formal garden, greenhouse, and children's garden; communicates with Garden Foreman; keep all displays tidy and museum-quality.
- ❖ Open and close the King's Garden.
- ❖ Assist with corn maze operations, being prepared to perform all duties associated with daily maze operation.
- ❖ Answers questions and assist visitors whenever necessary.
- ❖ Care for tools and equipment used in the course of work.
- ❖ Sell iris rhizomes, produce or other goods as needed.
- ❖ Other duties as assigned.

### **SCHEDULE**

The normal working hours for this position will be determined with weekend, evening, and holiday work required on a scheduled basis. Fort Ticonderoga is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

***To apply send letter of interest, resume, and three references to Stuart Lillie, Vice President of Public History, Fort Ticonderoga Association at 30 Fort Ti Road, Ticonderoga, NY 12883 or e-mail SLillie@fort-ticonderoga.org Faxed applications can be sent to 518-585-2210. For more information call 518-585-6190. For additional information on Fort Ticonderoga visit [www.fort-ticonderoga.org](http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org).***