



We are excited to add 2 Garden Assistants to our team!

Abbey Gardens is a charitable organization in Haliburton, ON focused on the remediation of a decommissioned gravel pit into a green space that provides economic and recreational opportunities to our community. Our vision is to inspire a healthy community and create opportunities to learn about sustainable living. The 380- acre site is developing incrementally towards becoming a demonstration and education site on local food, gardening, sustainable living, biodiversity, and ecology. In addition to helping nature reclaim the land, the Abbey Gardens team is dedicated to demonstrating innovative and replicable solutions and practices that will inspire generations of good stewards of our earth and people. Our project offers tremendous opportunity for learning and experimentation as part of a passionate team.

The Garden Team is responsible for caring for the small market garden operation supporting our CSA program, Food Hub and Kitchen with organically grown produce. The team will focus on permaculture gardening techniques, renewed horticultural and sustainable practices, building soils, and supporting biodiversity while growing with Nature. We maintain crops grown in our unheated hoop houses as well as in our outdoor plots, including a variety of vegetables, herbs and flowers. There also is opportunity to work with our volunteers that come out to assist and to learn and share knowledge as our interactive garden spaces are open to the public, including self led interpretive signage.

Garden Assistant Primary Responsibilities:

- Work with the garden team to implement seasonal garden plans, maximize production and improving efficiencies for our new market garden structure
- Maintain raised garden beds, utilizing low till methods
- Partake in experimentation to support sustainable, best practise growing methods
- Participate in building healthy soils, following our soil plan
- Participate in our 3 bay composting plan
- Follow SOP's and technical directions
- Participate in information recording for all garden tasks
- Plant, support healthy plant growth and pest management, harvest, and process a variety of crops including vegetables, herbs and flowers
- Irrigate, weed, and maintain multiple garden spaces
- Event set up and support as required
- Work with volunteers
- Other tasks as requested by the Gardener



Critical Skills:

- Experience working outdoors in physically demanding conditions (heat, precipitation)
- Ability to work in a fast paced, physically and mentally demanding environment
- Ability to perform continuous physical labour in all weather, including heavy lifting, bending, squatting and kneeling
- Must have strong observational skills and ability to see tasks through to finish
- Ability to perform tasks at quick pace, often under pressure
- Ability to work independently and within a team structure
- Experience using garden/ market garden tools are valuable assets
- Willingness to learn and participate in trail and error as we grow
- Interest in fresh local food, gardening and education!

Application Deadline: April 1, 2023

Please note we will be interviewing for this position on a rolling basis as applications are received, so if you are interested please apply early.

Please submit your cover letter and resume to misty@abbeygardens.ca

Anticipated start/ end dates: beginning of May to September long weekend

- Full time and part time available

40 hrs/ week @ \$17/hr