



## Elizabeth Park CONSERVANCY

### Seasonal Gardener

The Elizabeth Park Conservancy is seeking two gardeners for the 2019 season. Located in West Hartford, CT, Elizabeth Park is home to the oldest public rose garden in the United States. Seasonal gardeners will be responsible for maintaining this award-winning garden under the supervision of the head rose gardener. The ideal candidate has a background in gardening and/or strong interest in horticulture.

#### Primary Responsibilities

- Plants, prunes, trains, fertilizes, and performs general maintenance of roses in main rose garden and heritage rose garden
- Edges and weeds rose beds
- Works on ladder to maintain rose arches
- Interacts with public answering questions about park facilities
- Maintains daily log of gardening activities

#### Additional Responsibilities

- Works with park volunteers
- Assists with maintenance of annual garden, perennial garden, hosta collection, shade garden, and park greenhouses, as primary rose garden duties permit
- Assists with special events in the park

#### Job Requirements

- Ability to frequently lift objects weighing up to 50 lbs such as metal ladders, sod, shrubs, and bags of soil and fertilizer
- Ability to work regularly at ground level
- Ability to work outdoors in all conditions—rain, sun, heat, cold
- Ability to work on a ten foot ladder

Position is 20-30 hours/week, with some flexibility in scheduling once training period is complete. Both seasonal gardeners begin March 25; one position ends August 30, while the other ends December 20. Pay is \$14-17/hour based on experience. Interested applicants should email a resume and letter of interest to the park's head rose gardener, Peter Winne, at [volunteer@elizabethparkct.org](mailto:volunteer@elizabethparkct.org).

*Friends Preserving America's Oldest Public Rose Garden*