

Patchwork Central Head Gardener

Summary:

- Individual will provide leadership for Patchwork's garden throughout the year.
- Patchwork Central's garden has been an important part of its programming for over 20 years.
- This is a volunteer position

Space to be cared for:

- Individual is responsible for Patchwork's established vegetable garden, butterfly garden, and orchard, which are located on one lot across the alley from Patchwork's main building at 100 Washington Ave.
- The Head Gardener may choose to maintain additional existing greenspace/gardens surrounding Patchwork's buildings at 100 and 116 Washington as well as the Blackford Grove greenspace located across 6th Street from Patchwork.
- Patchwork's garden is organic, and we do our best to eliminate chemical herbicides and pesticides.

Time Commitment:

- Varies, but it is expected that the Head Gardener will commit to a full year of coordinating the Patchwork Central garden.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Individual will take a lead role in:
 - Planning the garden,
 - Preparing the soil,
 - Planting,
 - Weeding,
 - Watering as needed,
 - Preparing the garden for winter
- Individual will work with Patchwork staff to acquire necessary seeds, plants, and other supplies required to maintain the garden.
- Individual will provide garden education or coordinate with other "Garden Educator" volunteers to provide garden lessons for Patchwork's Arts & Smarts Summer Program. Lessons will be 30-40 minutes long and taught Mon-Thurs for two weeks, one in June and one in July. Participants will range in age from preschool (accompanied by a parent) through 8th grade. Patchwork will provide additional adults and high school volunteers to manage behavior issues in the group.
- Individual will recruit volunteers as needed to help maintain Patchwork's garden.

*All volunteers who will volunteer as part of Patchwork's Arts & Smarts children's program must complete a Patchwork Central volunteer application and criminal background check.

If interested, please contact Patchwork Central at: (812) 424-2735 or PWCentral@Patchwork.org

Patchwork Central Garden Educator

Summary:

- Individual will provide short lessons on organic gardening to participants in Patchwork Central's Art Garden Weeks I & II.
- Patchwork Central's garden has been an important part of its programming for over 20 years.
- This is a volunteer position.

Time Commitment:

- Patchwork Central offers two Art Garden Weeks each summer. An individual might volunteer as a Patchwork Garden Educator for one week or for both weeks.
- Each week runs mornings Monday-Thursday from 9:30 am-11:45 am.
 - Art Garden I: June 4-7
 - Art Garden II: July 9-12
- Optional commitment: Garden Feast on July 12 in the evening. Celebrate the summer with families, friends, volunteers, and staff. Evening consists of a program and a potluck meal.
- The garden is central to Art Garden Weeks, so individuals are encouraged to volunteer as a team if they anticipate any schedule conflicts that might cause one individual to miss a day.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Prepare 25-35 minute lessons for each day of Art Garden programming. Lessons should focus on the garden and growing plants. Preference is for hands-on lessons that involve planting or harvesting garden produce and flowers. Audience will be groups of 3-7 children in preschool through 8th grade with accompanying high school and adult volunteers.
- Coordinate with Patchwork's Head Gardener (if available) to find out what items may be ready to plant or to pick in Patchwork's garden.
- Coordinate with Art Garden kitchen volunteers to help them plan daily cooking lessons and snacks using produce that participants harvest in Patchwork's garden.
- Provide (in coordination with Patchwork's Director of Arts and Education) additional plants, items, and materials as necessary for lessons.

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