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## Horticulturist

LongHouse Reserve (LH) seeks a full-time, year-round horticulturist to work on all aspects of a sixteen-acre public garden in East Hampton, Long Island famous for its sculpture exhibits and innovative approaches to garden design. This individual would work under the guidance and direction of the Founder of LH, Jack Larsen, and its Director of Horticulture, Ray Smith, (the president of a major horticultural services company) but would report to its Executive Director, Matko Tomicic.

This is an opportunity for a passionate horticulturist to learn the whole of a small, successful public garden, including the relation of new plantings to those existing, of landscape to sculpture, of staff to visitors, tours, volunteers, artists, donors and Boards. The entire spectrum of public gardens would be experienced. Ideally, through close work with Mr. Larsen, the individual will be able play a key role long term in fulfilling the vision and mission of LongHouse Reserve.

### LongHouse Reserve

Jack Lenor Larsen, internationally known textile designer, author, and collector, is one of the world's foremost advocates of traditional and contemporary craft. His home, LH, was built as a case study exemplifying a creative approach to contemporary life-style. He believes visitors experiencing art in living spaces have a unique learning experience.

So, the mission of LongHouse Reserve is to exemplify living with art in all forms. Through its arboretum, sculpture gardens, and educational programs, LongHouse brings together art and nature, aesthetics and spirit, with a strong conviction that the arts are central to living wholly and creatively. Dedicated to quality and integrity, LongHouse programs encourage a broad concept of learning.

### General Responsibilities

The primary responsibility of the Horticulturist will be to actively advise on all garden activities, including planting, pruning, watering (monitoring irrigation program), mulching and weeding, and to participate in such activities from time to time as appropriate. The Horticulturist will receive direction from Mr. Larsen and Mr. Smith with respect to horticultural matters and from Mr. Tomicic with respect to the integration of garden work with all other aspects of LHR (for example, installation of new sculpture and set-up for programs and events). The Horticulturist will coordinate activities closely with the Buildings and Grounds Manager, who will be responsible for day to day supervision of the garden workers.

### Examples of Duties and Responsibilities:

- Coordinate Plant Health & Lawn Care programs with appropriate staff of Ray Smith & Associates
- Submit personal observations and analyses of the plantings to Mr. Larsen and Director of Horticulture
- Identify and develop horticultural concepts for interpretation in cooperation with the Education Coordinator, and supervise fabrication of related projects
- Develop garden volunteering program and actively recruit and implement volunteer help in the garden maintenance
- As needed work on the public tours of the grounds.
- Develop and coordinate garden related activities, like workshops and lectures Work with staff to plan, coordinate and carry out projects and ongoing activities

- Maintain proper records of assigned planting programs & pruning schedules
- Maintain and upgrade the plant database, continue with the labeling of plants
- Perform related work as required

## QUALIFICATIONS

### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Capable of working under pressure and independently as necessary as well as handling a diverse range of responsibilities
- Ability to work as a team member maintaining positive work relations of staff & volunteers.
- Ability to operate all tools, vehicles, and equipment required for use by garden staff
- Ability to interact with all levels of management and staff
- Knowledge of a wide range of plants, especially shrubs and perennials
- Knowledge of the principles and practices of horticulture and ornamental horticulture
- Knowledge of the fundamentals of landscape design and botany
- Thorough knowledge of related horticultural equipment, materials and techniques
- Working knowledge of the role of plants, gardens, and collections in public horticulture
- Ability to perform physical activities required of subordinates and activities related to the maintenance of gardens
- Ability to communicate both orally and in writing
- Some proficiency in Spanish is desired
- Ability to perform administrative functions such as purchasing, budgeting and planning

### Computer Skills

Knowledge of: Word, Excel, Access, CAD, Photoshop (basics)

### Educational Requirements:

A two or four-year degree in horticulture is preferred. Other combinations of training and/or experience that can be demonstrated to result in possession of the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to perform the assigned duties will also be considered.

Being licensed (or ability to become) a Certified Pesticide Applicator and Certified Arborist is a plus.

Interested candidate should submit a resume and cover letter to:

Matko Tomicic, Executive Director,

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