

QUEENS COUNTY FARM MUSEUM

Now Hiring: 2017 Seasonal Farmer

About the Queens County Farm Museum

The Queens County Farm Museum is a 47-acre working farm dating back to 1697. We are a public resource, visited by over 400,000 people each year. The site includes a landmark farmhouse, glass greenhouse, and restored barns which provide us with a glimpse into our agrarian past. Its rich glacial soil—which attracted European settlers in the 17th century—is cultivated today using sustainable practices, providing people with the freshest food. We are a New York City treasure where historic structures, productive fields, livestock and busy beehives bring agricultural history to life.

Job Description:

Queens Farm Agriculture Department is looking for a motivated, energetic individual to join our team for the 2017 growing season. Through participation in the day-to-day operations of production, Seasonal Farmers learn about the skills necessary to run a diversified farm.

Every day is different, and our farmers work together on approximately 3 acres to propagate, grow, harvest, process, and sell vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers. Seasonal farmers also gain some experience handling our livestock (2 steers, 2 alpaca, 6 sheep, 8 goats, 200 laying hens and pigs). As a public farm in New York City, Queens Farm is a unique place. Seasonal Farmers are exposed to considerations and responsibilities that extend beyond production, and are expected to patiently and thoughtfully interact with visitors. We strive to cultivate a space which engages people in many different ways.

Responsibilities:

- Greenhouse work, field work (bed prep, composting, transplanting, trellising, weeding), harvesting, processing, marketing (working at farm stand and preparing wholesale orders), flower arranging, irrigation, animal chores.
- Helping run volunteer days.

Required Skills and Qualifications:

- A commitment to learning and passionate about developing their career as a farmer.
- At least one season on a diversified vegetable operation.
- Ability to lift at least 50 lbs.
- Ability to work outside in adverse weather conditions.
- Drivers license and reliable transportation to the farm.
- Focus and drive while working independently. Ability to stay motivated and work well in a team.
- Interact well with the public.
- Maintain high energy and work efficiently with attention to details.
- Comfortable with a fast paced work environment.

Hours & Compensation:

40 hours/week from late March – early November (at least one weekend day per week required)
\$15/hour

To Apply:

Please send cover letter, resume, and 3 references to Jen Griffith, Director of Agriculture:
jen@queensfarm.org.

QCFM is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes candidates from diverse backgrounds.