

BOK TOWER GARDENS

Director of Horticulture

Bok Tower Gardens, a National Historic Landmark celebrating its 90th anniversary, is looking to fill the position of Director of Horticulture. This Olmsted designed meditative garden and wildlife sanctuary was created as a public garden surrounded by high pine forest and agricultural lands in the heart of Central Florida. The Director manages a department of 23 staff in horticulture, conservation and plant records in the care and maintenance of over 700 acres including: historic gardens, adjoining estate house and garden; newly built edible garden, ecosystem gardens, and nature play garden; preserve lands and agricultural lands; support nursery and greenhouses. The Gardens is a member of the Center for Plant Conservation since 1986 and is in a critical region with over 48 rare endemics. This is an exceptional opportunity for candidates with a background in design, science, historic preservation, and natural areas management. The Gardens strategic focus is horticulture as art, visitor experience, and experiential learning.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES:

- Must understand horticultural practices, landscape maintenance, public garden operations and function
- Drafting and design experience required
- General mechanical and construction knowledge required
- Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills, including effective presentation, negotiation, and problems solving skills
- Self-starter, creative, persuasive, and goal oriented
- Organized and detail oriented
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships within the department and across departments
- Ability to work independently and lead team members effectively
- Ability to work a flexible schedule
- Ability to work under deadline pressure
- Ability to work with and supervise a diverse staff and volunteer group; ability to collaborate across departments and provide leadership and support as required on special events
- Proficiency in Windows PC software

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Master Degree in Plant Science field and/or minimum of seven years' experience in horticulture and arboriculture practices and management is required.

Bok Tower Gardens offers a highly competitive salary and excellent benefit package.

Interested candidates may submit resumes and letters of interest by accessing our careers website:
<https://boktowergardens.applicantpool.com/jobs/>

This position will remain open until filled. Only qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.

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