

**Position Title:**

- Gardener

Mission & Purpose:

- The mission of Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden (PJCBG) is *"A place of unique beauty seeking to inspire, enlighten and connect people of all ages to the world of plants, gardening and horticulture."*
- The Gardener is an integral member of the team at PJCBG outside to help maintain the garden displays. They work closely with PJCBG staff to represent the Garden and establish a welcoming and educational experience for a diverse audience.

Responsibilities / Specific Duties:

- Work in the Garden with staff members to complete basic garden maintenance
- Assist with mulching, light pruning, deadheading, and weeding throughout the year
- Plant the seasonal displays including tulips bulbs, summer annuals, and seasonal vegetables
- Maintain clean pathways and sidewalks, allowing visitors to walk through the garden with ease
- Answer occasional visitor questions about gardening and plants

Qualifications:

- Willingness to learn and work as a team
- Ability to follow directions, personable manner, and excellent communication skills
- Flexible to shifting priorities
- Interest in gardening preferred
- Have a specific garden hobby or special craft you would like to share? Let us know!
- 18+

Time Commitment:

- Minimum of one 3-hour shift per month in a 12-month period
- Shifts are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm. At this time, there are no weekend or evening opportunities available for this volunteer position.
- Not required to work when it's raining, snowing, below 45°F in winter, or above 90°F in summer

Location / Working Conditions:

- Outside
- Must be able to sit/stand/kneel
- Push a wheelbarrow up to 25lbs

Training & Support:

- Orientation
- Shadow / hands-on training with staff member
- Volunteer manual

Benefits:

- Expand gardening knowledge and learn new concepts and ideas from passionate people who love to share their experience and expertise.
- Be a part of a community, local to Kernersville and the triad, which is passionate about gardening.
- Meet people of all ages and backgrounds who visit the Garden.
- Volunteer appreciation events

Supervisor & Contact Info:

- Devin Popenfuss, Garden Curator – dpopenfuss@toknc.com

Application / Screening Procedures:

- Complete and submit volunteer application
- Initial phone call/meeting with staff member to learn more about position and PJCBG volunteer program
- Background and reference checks may be required