

Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

Title: The Heirlooms Team

Description: The Heritage and Herb Gardens are learning laboratories for flavor. Herbs and produce are used in educational tasting, cooking and nutrition programs designed to help community members of all ages connect with the natural world while learning about the health and flavor benefits of locally grown foods and where their food comes from.

Time needed:

Commitment: 1-3 hours in the garden per visit, Once to twice a week, times and days are flexible

Duration: February through October

Days: Every other day

Time: Between dawn and dusk

Tasks and Responsibilities: Care and Maintenance of the Heritage & Herb Gardens.

- **Daily:** Open fence, Weeding, Watering, Getting out tools, Log time sheet
- **Weekly:** Treating for problem insects, Mulching, Soil additives (Lime, blood meal, leaves, etc.)
- **Seasonal Tasks:**
 - **February:** Cleaning seed trays
 - **March:** Starting seeds
 - **April:** Turing over beds, early planting, covering plants when needed, repairing things
 - **May:** Planting, prepping beds, testing soil, covering plants when needed
 - **June:** Putting in extra support for plants (Frames, stocks, netting, etc.), thinning
 - **July:** Harvesting, canning or dehydrating
 - **August:** Harvesting, canning or dehydrating
 - **September:** Harvesting, canning or dehydrating
 - **October:** Winterizing gardens, turning over A-frames, planting winter crops, draining hoses, putting tools away.
 - **Winter (November- through January):** Garden planning meetings: Review what grew well, what we want to change, ideas for new or different species, ideas for equipment improvements (drip hose, new shovel, etc.), checking in with educators for what they need, deciding what to plant, charting out what will grow where, ordering seeds

Qualifications: Basic knowledge of gardening. The ability to do garden work which includes the ability to lift 30lbs, bend over, crouch, crawl, work outside, and walk on uneven surfaces without assistance. The desire and the ability to learn more about gardening.

Training: Garden volunteers must attend at least one garden related Service Learning Opportunity. Other training can be provided by a Lead Volunteer as needed.

Safety: Volunteers will be working outside so it is necessary them to bring clothes appropriate for the weather. Bug repellent and sunscreen and/or sun hat are also suggested. Gloves are suggested when working with prickly or rough vegetation.

Worksite: Heritage and Herb Gardens

Special Projects: Special projects relating to the Heritage and Herb gardens and Prescott Farm's mission may be available.