



**WYCK**

HISTORIC HOUSE | GARDEN | FARM

**JOB TITLE:** Farm Manager

**SUPERVISOR:** Executive Director

**STATUS:** Part-time, seasonal 20 hours/week March-mid November

**Pay:** \$20 per hour

### **About Wyck**

Wyck is a National Historic Landmark house, garden, and farm in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia that served as the ancestral home to the Wistar and Haines families from 1690-1973. The people who lived and worked at Wyck for nine generations were committed to education, horticulture, natural history, and preservation. Today, the Wyck Association connects this family's rich history to the Germantown community through programs that focus on history, horticulture, and urban agriculture. The 2.5-acre, centuries-old site includes the historic home, the oldest original-plan rose garden in America, a working urban farm, and sections of preserved landscape and historic outbuildings.

Wyck's grounds provide a rich opportunity for innovation and community engagement. The Wyck Home Farm exists on a portion of the land that was originally farmed for more than 250 years. Wyck grows its vegetables, herbs, tree fruit, and berries using chemical-free methods and relying on traditional, hand-managed kitchen garden techniques. The food grown at the Wyck Home Farm is distributed to the community through its Home Farm Club, a collaborative garden program that provides short lessons, hands-on experience, and a share of fresh produce, all at no charge to participants. In 2022, the Home Farm Club is supplemented by a grant from the Institute for Museum & Library Services.

### **Farm Manager Responsibilities**

The Farm Manager oversees Wyck's Home Farm and Home Farm Club program, a thriving community program that meets twice per week between April and October, and assists the Manager of Living Collections with managing the site's landscaped grounds. The Farm Manager will report to the Executive Director.

Responsibilities include:

- All planning, purchasing, and propagating for planting, cultivation, and production in the Home Farm
- Keeping greenhouse & coach house clean and orderly; maintaining tools & landscape machinery
- Preparing and cultivating the soil and compost piles; weeding adjacent areas
- Weeding and irrigating the kitchen garden crops and orchard trees
- Working with and supervising volunteers during the twice weekly Home Farm club events, with duties including coordinating with Wyck volunteers, Board members, etc. who are involved
- Sustaining relationships with the farm's partners at PHS City Harvest, Philadelphia Orchard Project, our public garden colleagues, and others.
- Co-Managing the landscape with the Manager of Living Collections, including assisting with maintenance and gardening on the large, parklike setting encompassing Wyck's South Lawn, Woodlot, and parking lot areas, and Historic Rose Garden, as needed.
- Serving as a point of contact for school and volunteer groups for farm-related projects.

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's, Associate's, or similar degree in horticulture or related field, or 2+ years gardening and/or farming experience in a professional setting
- Must be friendly, reliable, well-organized, self-motivated, creative, and a team player and have a passion for community engagement
- Interest in growing food crops
- Ability to work in a collaborative environment but also independently
- Ability to work outdoors in all elements
- Committed to chemical-free gardening
- Available to work occasional weekends and evenings for Farm Club and Wyck special events
- Capable of overseeing volunteers and service groups
- Reliable transportation to and from work
- Knowledge of botanical or garden history a plus
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required

**Physical Demands**

Gardening and farming are physically-demanding jobs that must happen regardless of weather (hot, cold, wet, and dry). While performing the duties of this job, the Farm Manager will regularly be required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; sit, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The Farm Manager will frequently be required to stand and walk. The employee is occasionally required to climb or balance upon ladders. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 10 pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus.

To apply: Please send a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to [wyckapplications@gmail.com](mailto:wyckapplications@gmail.com) with Farm Manager in the subject line. No phone calls please.

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