



Garden Internship

Hancock Shaker Village Summer Internship Program 2026

We are looking for hardworking, joyful interns to work alongside our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) manager and other garden staff to cultivate our extensive vegetable gardens, located at the heart of our historic site. You will expand your knowledge of sustainable vegetable production in such areas as plant health; weed, disease and insect management; crop rotation plans; greenhouse management; and planting and harvesting schedules. You will also help with the preparations for and operating of the weekly CSA pick-up. You will use historic and modern tools and learn more about historic as well as contemporary gardening practices best suited for creating a sustainable, regenerative farm. You will enhance communication skills in interactions with the public and CSA shareholders.

What you will do:

- Harvest and prepare produce for weekly CSA shares and staff the CSA pick-up.
- Write the weekly CSA newsletter.
- Early in the internship, care for young plants, prep garden beds, and plant vegetable starts
- Work in the greenhouse to care for plant starts and plants, such as tomatoes, that are grown in the greenhouse
- Monitor the weather and water as conditions require
- Weeding—lots of weeding—with various methods such as mulching, cultivation, hand-pulling, and hand-hoeing



Depending upon needs and interests, you may also maintain the medicinal herb garden, help with occasional barn and livestock chores, and assist with Village initiatives that present the sustainable working farm to the public.



Qualifications: The ideal garden intern should have a strong commitment to sustainable agriculture; have demonstrated ability to take direction and to work both independently and as part of a team; have success working in a dynamic environment; and be able to lift at least 30 pounds. A successful candidate will be hard-working and have a “go-with-the-flow” attitude (circumstances vary a lot when you are working outside), have a fitness level that allows **working actively outdoors for extended periods in all kinds of**

weather (heat, humidity, rain, wind, cold spells—the plants need care no matter what!) Prior experience with outdoor gardening is a plus. Patience and flexibility are essential.

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