

Lead Propagator / Nursery Maintenance Job Description

Full time position

Far Reaches Farm, 1818 Hastings Avenue, Port Townsend, WA 98368

Overview

Job Description

The primary focus is propagation by cutting, seed, division of plants that are in the extensive collection here at Far Reaches. This is an extraordinarily complex and interesting collection and the ideal candidate will be passionately interested in plants with an eagerness to continue learning. Propagation has two main areas: to produce plants for sale and secondly, to produce replications of our rarest and most difficult species to ensure conservation through limited distribution to botanic gardens and research applications.

About Far Reaches

Far Reaches Farm is a rare plant specialty nursery in Port Townsend, Washington with thousands of plant taxa represented in our collection! We are focused on introducing and distributing plants unavailable in North America from both wild and cultivated sources. We propagate all our own material which is then sold and distributed through our mail order operations as well as select local sales. We also collaborate with our on-site sister organization Far Reaches Botanical Conservancy which seeks to conserve and leverage the plant collection for the good of the botanical and wider world.

Duties and Responsibilities

Propagation

- Propagate new and existing material through a variety of methods including seed, cutting, and division while maintaining proper techniques and record keeping.
- Learn the best techniques and timing for different types of plants (conifers, broadleaf evergreen, deciduous, herbaceous, alpine, bulbous) with consideration for differing habitat requirements (desert, tropical, alpine, bog) is essential.

- Oversee transition from propagation to sale through continued plant monitoring and upkeep.

Nursery Maintenance

- Monitor irrigation, nutritional, and health needs of cuttings, seedlings and plants in assigned greenhouses.
- Monitor relevant supplies and reorder in a timely manner.
- Maintain the appearance of plants in greenhouses to reasonable high standards.
- Train and guide volunteers and staff assisting with propagation and potting.

Volunteer Oversight

- Train and direct volunteers doing propagation and potting.
- Have projects ready for them before they arrive.

Education and Experience

Some education and experience in the growing and propagation of a variety of ornamental plants is desirable. We recognize the diverse paths that can lead to such qualification in our industry and we are open to working with individuals from a variety of backgrounds both formal and informal with an enthusiasm and skillset relevant to the work of the organization.

To Apply

Submit a cover letter and resume to info@farreachesfarm.com

Please include two professional references.

Compensation

Far Reaches Farm offers hourly salary plus benefits including paid vacation and holidays. Starting salary will be commensurate with experience:
\$24-\$28 / hour DOE

Far Reaches Farm is an Equal Opportunity Employer

We encourage candidates from all backgrounds and identities to apply. Far Reaches Farm does not discriminate in employment opportunities or

practices on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or any other characteristic protected by law.