

Head Gardener

Grand Hotel is seeking a dependable, positive, motivated individual to manage our garden crew. This individual will also be responsible for installation and maintenance of the Hotel's 30+ formal flower beds and all hotel grounds and landscaping.

About Grand Hotel

Grand Hotel is a world renowned, family owned summer resort hotel. We are located on Mackinac Island in the Straits of Mackinac at the northern tip of Michigan where Lake Michigan and Lake Huron meet. Grand Hotel takes great pride in providing stunning gardens and meticulously maintained grounds for our guests and the 1000's of visitors that tour the island annually. Our gardens consist of over 100 different plant varieties, 2000-3000 flats of annuals and over 1,800 geraniums. Over 1,600 of the geraniums are located on the famous front porch! Each fall 20,000 tulip bulbs are planted in our main flower beds and several thousand daffodil bulbs are added to the tens of thousands spring blooming bulbs located in our Vita Course natural area.

For additional information about Grand Hotel and its outstanding gardens, please visit our website at www.grandhotel.com

Please email questions and resumes to:

Mary Stancik, Director of Grounds and Golf
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Educational requirements: 2 or 4 yr. degree in Horticulture or Landscape Management desired

Salary: DOE

Date available: Full time, seasonal position from April to early November

Other: Uniforms provided, Housing/meal package provided, Health Insurance available, use of hotel tennis courts and golf course

Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Daily management/supervision of 7-9 garden crew members
- Daily inspection of all gardens to ensure highest level of maintenance is achieved and proper watering schedule is being followed
- Monitor local weather to help determine proper watering schedule and pesticide applications
- Daily scouting to identify potential disease/pest problems
- Maintain greenhouse and holding area plants
- Receive multiple large plant orders and track inventory
- Prepare flower beds for planting which includes applying fertilizers and soil amendments as needed
- Plant gardens based on order of importance/location
- Lead garden tours for hotel guests on a regular basis. Also will give radio/media interviews periodically

Experience

- MUST be HIGHLY organized and able to handle multiple tasks on a daily basis
- Must have a positive attitude
- Must have prior experience with crew management
- Irrigation skills helpful
- Prior greenhouse experience helpful
- Knowledge of fertilizers and pesticides for ornamental use necessary
- Experience operating small equipment such as weedeaters, rotary mowers, backpack blowers, chainsaws, etc.
- Broad plant and weed identification skills required
- Must be able and willing to work in all types of weather conditions
- Must have or be able to obtain within 60 days State of Michigan Pesticide Certification – category 3B (Ornamentals)
- Spanish speaking helpful, but not required