Native Plant Nursery Internship

New England Wild Flower Society, Inc. - Nasami Farm Native Plant Nursery

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128 North Street
Whatley, MA 01373

New England Wild Flower Society (www.newenglandwild.org) is the oldest plant conservation organization in the United States and a leader in regional plant conservation programs and native plant studies. Nasami Farm, the Society’s native plant nursery, produces plants for habitat restoration, wildlife landscapes, garden displays and sale to the public. Our 45-acre botanical garden, Garden in the Woods, contains the largest landscaped collection of native plants in the Northeast (over 1,500 taxa). The Society also owns and manages several sanctuary properties throughout New England, as well as leading conservation initiatives and projects within the region. Through its longstanding internship and fellowship programs, the Society provides experiences in native plant cultivation, nursery production, plant/land conservation, and youth through adult education programming.

Number Available: 1 at Nasami Farm in Whately, MA
Application Deadline: Jan. 20, 2016
Duration: 6 mos., starting late March/April; 5-day week with a weekend day required.
Compensation: $375/week
Contact: Cayte McDonough, Nursery Production Manager
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Interns gain hands-on experience identifying, propagating, and cultivating North American native plants in a nursery setting. As part of this experience, interns assist in many facets of nursery operations, including propagation of numerous species, retail plant sales, seed collection and processing, record keeping and public information duties. This is an opportunity to gain valuable skills by learning from staff, coordinating volunteers, leading projects, writing articles, and participating in the development of an expanding nursery. Interns have the chance to complete a special project of their interest, participate in educational activities, network with professionals, and attend field trips. Provides entry into both native plant studies and nursery management. Candidates should possess some botanical understanding, familiarity with horticultural practices, an interest in native plants of the Northeast, excellent communication skills and a strong desire to learn.

Other Information: Interns are covered by Worker’s Compensation, but the Society does not provide health insurance, vacation, or sick-time benefits. Benefits include a wide range of optional education.

To apply, e-mail/mail a resume, cover letter, and list of three references to:
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