

Position Title: Taliesin Estate Volunteer Gardener
Department: Preservation
Location: Spring Green, WI
Category: Volunteer

Taliesin Preservation, Inc. (TPI) is a Wisconsin 501(c)(3) founded in 1990. As stewards, TPI's dual mission is to preserve the cultural, built and natural environments that comprise the Taliesin property in Spring Green, Wisconsin, and to conduct public educational and cultural programming that provides a greater understanding of Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture and ideas. To learn more about our work, please visit www.taliesinpreservation.org.

Volunteer Position Summary:

As a Taliesin Estate Volunteer Gardener you participate in the routine seasonal maintenance of the natural and cultural landscapes of this beautiful Wisconsin landmark.

Tasks May Include:

- Maintain the diverse plantings of trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, grasses, and edibles around the seven complexes of buildings on the Taliesin estate;
- Using general gardening knowledge and proper techniques, perform a variety of gardening work including grooming, sowing, weeding, transplanting, deadheading, and potting plants;
- Participate in associated cultural landscape projects in the orchard, vineyard, cutting gardens, and prairies;
- Participate in natural landscape maintenance projects;
- Hand water and maintain proper irrigation especially in times of drought;
- Fertilizes and applies herbicide to floral and foliage plants when directed;
- Participate in propagation of plants by cutting, seeds, bulbs, layering, or division;
- Inspect vegetation for signs of insects and/or diseases;

Time Commitment:

- Volunteers will complete a one hour training session prior to beginning work;
- Some complex projects may require additional training;
- Flexible shifts ranging from 3 - 6 hours weekdays from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Some weekend shifts will be available

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be over the age of 18;
- Interest in gardening;
- Ability to safely use an array of hand tools including but not limited to pruning shears, rakes, shovels, irrigation hoses, and watering nozzles;
- Ability to tolerate inclement weather including heat, humidity, cold, and rain;
- Ability to perform gardening work with limited supervision;
- Ability to interpret instructions;
- Ability to foster cooperative relationships with staff, other volunteers, students, and the general public;
- An interest in Frank Lloyd Wright, Taliesin, and the missions of Taliesin Preservation and the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation
- Some projects may require additional special skills.