



St George Greenmarket Compost Associate
Part Time Volunteer Position, Staten Island, New York

Who We Are

Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden (“Snug Harbor”) offers dynamic programming in the arts, horticulture, agriculture, education and recreation for diverse cultures and all ages, on a historic, welcoming campus that is a unique oasis in New York City. We envision being a nationally visible yet locally impactful cultural organization beloved by all who visit. We value artistic vibrancy, stewardship, conservation, inclusion, community, communication and discovery. Located less than 1.5 miles from the Staten Island Ferry and easily accessible by public transportation, Snug Harbor welcomes nearly 500,000 visitors each year to explore our gardens, grounds and galleries. Our 83-acre campus features 26 architecturally significant buildings and 14 distinctive gardens, including a traditional Chinese garden and a Tuscan garden. A vibrant cultural hub, Snug Harbor is also home to several non-profit institutions, artists’ studios and small businesses. Founded in the 19th century as a charitable rest home for sailors, today Snug Harbor is a growing, must-see destination.

Volunteering at Snug Harbor

Snug Harbor deeply values volunteer engagement. Volunteers are an essential part of how we serve our community. The experience of our volunteers must be consistently rewarding. We consider the value of volunteering in a number of ways, including social and technical skills acquisition, career-building experiences, social networking, and the personal satisfaction of community service. If you are beginning your career, this is an excellent opportunity to build skills with co-working and customer relations, familiarity with non-profit administration, event management and green operations. If you already have these skills and experience, this is an excellent opportunity to serve our community by increasing Snug Harbor’s ability to serve the public and build camaraderie around local sustainability.

The Volunteer Position

The NYC Compost Project is looking for a St. George Greenmarket Compost Associate (CA) to join a small team. Supervised by the Compost Outreach Coordinator in coordination with the Service Coordinator, the CA will assist our Compost department at the St. George Greenmarket with the Food Scrap Drop Off (FSDO). This position focuses on accepting food scraps at the Greenmarket. You will assist by setting up and breaking down equipment and interacting with the public to encourage food scrap drop off. Attention to detail, time management and excellent record keeping skills are required. Expect to be standing, bending, squatting in all weather conditions (including rain and the cold), while maintaining a fast and efficient pace. Full and partial shifts can be arranged in advance. Punctuality is a must: Greenmarket requires full set-up by 8am. Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable individuals with disabilities



to perform the essential functions of the job. Anyone who has a strong work ethic and deep interest in sustainability should apply. This shift is on Saturdays only.

Responsibilities

- Set-up and break-down of the NYC Compost Project station at the St George Greenmarket, including but not limited to tent set-up, positioning compost bins and signage
- Maintain and report detailed records, including foot traffic numbers and zip code collection
- Maintain and report detailed records of the weight of food scrap drop-off acceptance
- Maintain organized and safe facilities, tools, and equipment
- Interact with the public to collect data and provide them with assistance
- Communicate the vision and goals of Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden with the general public, with a relevant focus on the intersections between DSNY's City-wide NYC Compost Project initiative and Snug Harbor's Heritage Farm

Qualifications

- Experience working outdoors in a physically demanding role
- Proven record keeping skills and attention to detail
- Interest in sustainability, urban soil issues, waste diversion, and regenerative soil
- Ability to speak about food systems, composting and issues associated with urban waste
- Ability to following all safety protocols, including COVID-19 precautions
- Exemplary communication skills and workplace professionalism including appropriate work attire, positive attitude, timeliness, and adaptability
- Committed to being an active and flexible member of a small team
- Ability to lift 50 pounds regularly and be able to stand, squat, kneel, bend, and crouch for extended periods of time in all weather conditions
- The ability to work independently

TO APPLY

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to engagement@snug-harbor.org with the subject line "Greenmarket Compost Associate – [Your Name]," or [apply to volunteer](#), indicating the position of interest in the application.

Snug Harbor celebrates and commits to fostering diversity, equity and inclusion. We value and seek the strengths of human variety across communities, in programming, with staff, the Board of Directors, volunteers, artists and visitors. Snug Harbor strives to build a culture of diversity of voice and representation, authentically inclusive spaces and equity for all.

For more information on SHCC please visit, www.snug-harbor.org

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