



Cooking Demonstration Volunteer
Thursdays from June 3- October 14, 2:30pm - 7:30pm

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 farm 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 expertise around local food culture, as well as showcase your culinary expertise.

The Position

The Snug Harbor Heritage Farm (SHHF) is looking for a Part-Time Seasonal Cooking Demo Volunteer to join a small team from June to October. Supervised by the Farm Training Coordinator and supported by the Farm Team Market member and Farm Manager, this role will cook and present samples of minimally prepared vegetables to our farm stand customers each week. Following recipes or coming up with your own, this requires comfortability with a hot plate, knives, and following all food safety and COVID-19 protocols.

This position reports to the Farm Manager and is part of the Heritage Farm department. The position is part time and seasonal. Time commitment required is one day per week (Thursday) for 5 hours from 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm, from June through October.



Responsibilities

- Utilize produce from the farm and minimal other ingredients to create small samples for consumers to take home (~200 samples each week)
- Work with emerging adults to develop healthy recipes and cook together collaboratively
- Communicate the vision and goals of Snug Harbor and SHHF with the general public in a polished manner
- Assist with breaking down and setting up of cooking demo site

Qualifications:

- Cooking experience needed
- Food safety handling certification required
- Experience working at a farmer's market or in retail preferred
- Thorough knowledge of how and why fresh ingredients are a priority
- Interest in learning about small scale intensive agriculture and the techniques used in organic farming
- Ability to following all food safety and COVID-19 protocols
- Great 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

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to engagement@snug-harbor.org with the subject line "Cooking Demo Volunteer – [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