Heritage Farm Stand Volunteer
Thursdays from June 3- October 14, 3:00pm - 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 camaraderie around local food culture.

The Volunteer Position
The Snug Harbor Heritage Farm (SHHF) is looking for a Part-Time Seasonal Farm Stand 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 support in our weekly CSA distribution and farm stand sales. The volunteer will create a safe and welcoming market experience for all our customers by answering questions, being a helping hand, and following all COVID-19 protocols. All volunteer service is integrated with Snug Harbor’s COVID safety protocol and procedures, with staff and volunteers adhering to best practices for personal and public safety.

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 4.5 hours from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm, from June through October.
Responsibilities

● Assistance with setting up tables and tents for the days event
● Assist customer sign-in for CSA members (check names off a list to track everyone)
● Direct foot traffic and support social distancing rules and regulations
● Restocking produce at farm stand as directed by Farm Manager
● Communicate the vision and goals of SHHF professionally with the general public
● Support any passive education we have on food access, donations, compost

Qualifications

● Must be comfortable interacting with the public while following all COVID-19 procedures
● Experience working at a farmer’s market or in retail wanted but not required
● Interest in learning about small scale intensive agriculture and the techniques used in organic farming
● Love of cooking with fresh ingredients and knowledge of plants and vegetables
● 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 “Farm Stand 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