

Gardening-Horticultural Manager (Part-Time)
for Senior Organic Gardeners Program
Canadian Organic Growers
Ottawa-St.Lawrence-Outaouais Chapter (COG OSO)

Senior Organic Gardeners (SOG) offers opportunities to seniors in the community to engage in organic gardening, bringing them the benefits of healthy food, learning experiences about organic food, physical activity (as able), and social interactions. The gardening seniors are encouraged and assisted by our Gardening-Horticultural Manager and our volunteers. Please visit: www.cog.ca/senior-organic-gardeners/

The Gardening-Horticultural Manager's role is to:

- Outreach to seniors' groups in the community;
- Organize planning meetings with Seniors in Gardening Committees in 6 locations;
- Purchase soil and compost for the garden boxes, seedlings and seeds for the gardens;
- Organize planting workshops;
- Host bi-monthly workshops in the gardens to help the gardeners to water, weed and deal with problems using organic gardening principles and methods;
- Organize garden cleanups and a harvest celebration at season end;
- Liaise with SOG Partners, COG National and within the COG OSO chapter;
- Represent the SOG project publicly;
- Participate in the development of a strategic plan; and
- Prepare grant applications.

The Gardening-Horticultural Manager will need knowledge of and experience with:

- Seniors' issues, empathy for their challenges & working with them through relationship-building;
- Organic gardening & horticultural therapy;
- Benefits of growing, preparing and eating organic food;
- Leadership and organization;
- Communication skills including public speaking and writing in English;
- Meeting facilitation.

Highly desirable qualifications are:

- Strategic planning and writing grant applications;
- Community connections with seniors' groups, organic growers, horticultural therapists; and
- Speaking and writing in French.

The Gardening-Horticultural Manager will work with the SOG Lead Volunteer under the

direction of the Canadian Organic Growers Ottawa-St.Lawrence-Outaouais Chapter (COG OSO) Steering Committee.

This is a part time position involving approximately 24 to 30 hours per week in growing season and 15-20 hours per week in non-growing season. The salary is commensurate with experience.

A vehicle and valid driver's license are essential. Mileage within the City of Ottawa will be reimbursed as well as approved expenses.

A police check is required.

Please send a covering letter and resume to sog.cog.oso@gmail.com by January 31, 2018. Applications without a covering letter will not be considered. We wish to thank all applicants however only candidates who will be invited to an interview will be contacted. Interviews will take place during February.

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COG OSO is the regional chapter of a national charity whose mandate is to lead local and national communities towards sustainable organic stewardship of land, food and fiber while respecting nature, upholding social justice and protecting natural resources. Details are available on our website: www.cog.ca/ottawa.