

# Position Title - Vice President of Gardens & Horticulture

## Description

Cheekwood is a 55-acre American Country Place Era estate in Nashville, Tennessee. Built in 1929 by the Cheek family who amassed their fortune through the Maxwell House Coffee business, the estate was gifted and opened as a public institution in 1960. Today, it features 12 distinct gardens, a woodland sculpture trail, an 8,000-piece permanent art collection, and Georgian-style Mansion with historically furnished rooms and galleries. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, Cheekwood is a *USA Today* Top Ten Garden, the Urban Forestry Council's Center of Excellence for Middle Tennessee, and site of the American Association of Public Gardens' nationally accredited collection of Dogwoods. Cheekwood has a \$9.5M budget and over 150 full and part-time staff, presenting four seasons of family-oriented festivals, world-class exhibitions, and educational programs for over 225,000 visitors and 13,000 member families annually.

## Position Summary:

Reporting to the President/CEO, the Vice President of Gardens & Horticulture serves on a five-person Senior Leadership Team, and is responsible for ensuring horticultural excellence throughout the 55-acre campus; designing, directing and implementing four-seasonal displays as well as overseeing plant cultivation and protection, turf and tree care, greenhouse production and sustainability practices, while upholding the historical integrity of the original Bryant Fleming design. As Cheekwood embarks on a new five-year strategic plan and implementation of a long-term Master site plan, the VP of Gardens and Horticulture will also be responsible for the creation of a new Children's Garden scheduled to open in 2019 and renovations to the institution's one-mile woodland sculpture trail scheduled to debut in 2020; with additional historic garden renovations and restorations to follow.

## Requirements

We seek an energetic and accomplished professional whose proven ability to inspire and lead. This person must possess outstanding horticulture and design expertise as well as management, organizational and planning skills. He/she must possess strong communication and presentation skills that are effective with a range of audiences including volunteers, professional and industry groups, the general public, and media.

This person must be a skilled leader who can delegate, manage and prioritize activities and responsibilities with clarity and confidence combined with strong interpersonal and teamwork skills. This position requires thorough knowledge of botanic garden collections, supporting science and sustainability practices with demonstrated creative design abilities. An advanced degree in horticulture or landscape architecture, historic preservation or public garden management is desirable. We seek a minimum of five years of progressive supervisory experience and demonstrated organizational success in a similar role.

We offer a competitive compensation package and the opportunity to work in an exceptionally beautiful setting in a dynamic and growing city. EOE

## Job Information

- ✓ **Location:** Nashville, Tennessee, 37205, United States
- ✓ **Company Name:** Cheekwood Botanical Gardens & Museum of Art
- ✓ **Job Function:** Botanical Gardens
- ✓ **Job Type:** Full-Time
- ✓ **Job Duration:** Indefinite
- ✓ **Min Education:** Master's Degree
- ✓ **Min Experience:** 5-7 Years
- ✓ **Required Travel:** 0-10%