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**Job Objective:**

Highly-dedicated, well-experienced, and knowledgeable Plant Nursery Worker seeking a managerial position with a botanical garden to use my strong background in the upkeep of different plant species and ensure proper maintenance of the park's landscape.

**Summary of Skills:**

* Sound knowledge of the processes involved in horticulture, including planting, transplanting, pruning, grafting and watering of various plants
* In-depth information about operating battery-operated lawn mowers or fuel-powered tractors and other tools/equipment used in nursery
* Ability to perform various tasks such as managing irrigation system, maintaining soil quality using fertilizers, and preparing nursery beds
* Familiar with pest management techniques, including spraying pesticides/insecticides to prevent damages to plants from insects, birds, rodents, weeds or diseases
* Capable of overseeing the delivery of plant saplings to local vendors, and ensuring healthy samples are supplied to them
* Adept at answering queries related to suitable climate, water requirements and plant growth stages concerning a particular species during exhibitions
* Excellent leadership qualities with ability to give clear instructions to the voluntary workers and interns for proper care of the plants
* Ability to coordinate with the team using strong organizational and communication skills

**Work Experience:**

Plant Nursery Worker

Earl Seed & Nursery, Stamford, CT

December 2016 – Present

* Working with the team to plant, cultivate, fertilize, water and spray ornamental plants, shrubs, trees, hedges and lawns
* Maintaining accurate temperature levels within the greenhouse to ensure warmth in air, and proper growth of the plants
* Performing various duties related to horticultural spray and pest eradication work by using pesticides/insecticides to protect the saplings from diseases
* Organizing plant fairs at the nursery to put exotic plant species on display, and answering questions from on-lookers regarding the scientific names, climate and water requirements regarding a particular plant
* Inspecting the moisture content of the nursery soil for modifying the existing sprinkler system by taking into consideration the evaporation and water retention factors
* Coordinating with the marketing team to promote sales of various seedlings and increasing sale by 34% during spring
* Initiating to conduct plantation camps at the nursery and supervising grounds-workers, students and community volunteers for apply chemicals to plants, trees and shrubs

Plant Nursery Worker

Layton Tree Farm & Nursery, Stamford, CT

May 2014 – November 2016

* Efficiently operated and maintained various equipment, including lawn tractors, sprayers, blowers, trimmers or hand tools used for grafting or cutting
* Performed various duties associated with cutting branches, shooting plants, and transplanting them back in soil to sell it to the retail shops
* Regularly assessed the nursery grounds to ensure the irrigation systems are working properly and assisted in keeping the landscapes tidy
* Applied weed killer, fertilizers and other soil nutrients prior to planting of the seeds in the greenhouse patch used specifically for grafting purposes
* Performed audits of the farm to ensure all standard operating procedures are followed and the equipment are in good working condition
* Answered customer inquiries related to plant maintenance, required sunlight level, watering needs and sprays used for protection against diseases
* Used power equipment, including driving vehicles such as tractors or trucks for delivering nursery saplings to the local vendors' shops

**Apprenticeship:**

Plant Nursery Associate

Layton Tree Farm & Nursery, Stamford, CT

July 2012 – April 2014

* Worked under the supervision of nursery plant manager and performed pruning, regular watering, and rotation of plants in optimum sun/shade locations as required
* Received delivery of exotic plants to the nursery, and verified shipment documents for unloading them by hands using proper lifting techniques
* Worked with the team and provided assistance to them while unloading large shrubs or trees using appropriate equipment
* Coordinated with other interns to perform general labor duties including filing pots, planting seeds and seedlings, pruning shrubs and spraying pesticides on the plants in the nursery
* Regularly inspected the plants in the nursery to develop a clear understanding of a wide variety of plant material, local growing conditions plant pests and diseases along with care
* Discussed plant specifications with interested customers and assisted them in quickly locating the shrubs in the nursery
* Performed daily duties such as planting the seed to spraying chemical solutions for protecting from pests
* Performed weeding, sorting plant seeds, operating irrigation pumps and adding fertilizers for proper growth

**Education:**

* Bachelor's Degree in Botany
University of Connecticut, Stamford, CT
2012

**Reference:**

On request.