

Volunteer Position: Gardener

Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum, Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia

The Museum

The Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum is an original Cole Harbour farm, cultivated continuously for over 200 years. It has operated as a community museum since 1978 and is owned and operated by the Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society (CHRHS). The museum site is a rural oasis tucked into the middle of a now bustling urban centre. The main museum site consists of 12 buildings. Of those, two are historic houses, six are historic barns and outbuildings and the remainder are museum support structures. This "open air" museum also includes gardens, pastureland, pathways and a small wetland and natural reserve. In addition to the heritage buildings, the museum collection consists of approximately 4000 artifacts representing the evolution of agriculture in the area, along with the implements and personal items of the peoples who made Cole Harbour home. A small representation of traditional farm animals is kept on site along with heritage gardens and native species of trees and shrubs, creating our living collection. The site contains a busy tearoom and gift shop within the original farmhouse, a working blacksmith shop and is a cultural and social hub for the community of Cole Harbour. The Museum operates on a free will donation basis, welcoming over 20,000 visitors per year.

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Volunteer gardeners work with the museum's Executive Director, Environment Manager, Horticulturalist, and Groundskeeper to beautify and maintain the Museum's gardens.

Location

The Cole Harbour Heritage Farm,
471 Poplar Drive, Cole Harbour, NS

Accountability

Executive Director or Environment Manager

Review Period

Annual

Duties & Responsibilities

- Beautify and maintain the museum's gardens
- Shovel, hoe, dig, plant, weed, prune, and haul garden trimmings as needed

Qualifications and Experience

- Maintain a love for gardening and a basic knowledge of plant and weed identification
- Physical ability to shovel, hoe, dig, plant, weed, prune, and haul garden trimmings
- Ability to work independently, as well as with a team
- Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Register Check required
- Seasonal commitment requested, as needed.

