

The mission of Kalamazoo in Bloom is to plant locally grown flowers and plants in public spaces to beautify our metropolitan communities.



Kalamazoo In Bloom

Job Title: Five Senses Gardener (1 position available)

Reports to: Executive Director

Status: Seasonal independent contractor, part-time (24 weeks)

Pay Rate: \$6,000 (April 19-October 3)

Why work for Kalamazoo in Bloom (KIB)?

If you love flowers, gardening, and working with others, this is the perfect opportunity for you! As one of our gardeners, you will share in the rewarding feeling of revitalizing a little-known public garden with a long history in Kalamazoo called Five Senses Garden (5SG). You will also be able to share your love and knowledge of plants with the community, particularly volunteers who help tend to the beds throughout the summer. Your skillful care and guidance will help flowers flourish and grow the connections volunteers and the community have with KIB and 5SG.

Job Summary:

The Five Senses Gardener will be responsible for the planting and overall care and maintenance of the gardens at Five Senses Garden, working to fulfill the vision of the garden's Board of Directors. The Gardener is also responsible for providing leadership and planting assistance to volunteers on workdays, communicating with 5SG's Board Chair concerning irrigation and other relevant issues as needed, and assisting the 5SG Board in ordering flowers. KIB Gardeners are independent contractors who work seasonally during the summer, approximately 10-12 hours per week.

Responsibilities:

- Perform weeding and deadheading; fix damaged beds and topiaries when possible
- Orient volunteers to increase their understanding of KIB, Five Senses Garden, and their responsibilities
- Work with volunteers on scheduled workdays
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with volunteers, Five Senses Garden's Board of Directors, KIB's Executive Director, and other community partners

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Extension Master Gardener training preferred
- Professional gardening or landscaping experience
- Flexibility with availability to perform gardening duties and meet with volunteers
- Internet and Gmail capability with some computer proficiency
- Ability to work independently and to work with diverse people

Work Environment and Physical Demands:

- Outdoor work in variable weather
- Physical activity includes stooping, kneeling, reaching, standing, walking, picking, pinching, grasping, pulling
- Occasional lifting and moving of up to 50 pounds
- Basic gardening tools provided

To Apply:

Send resume to director@kalamazooinbloom.org with **Five Senses Gardener** position in the Subject line. Position will remain open until filled.