



## **Grower Assistant**

Van Luyk Greenhouses and Garden Centre is seeking an energetic and hardworking Grower Assistant to assist and support the head grower and assistant grower in the production and maintenance of annuals and perennials. This is a full-time seasonal position starting late January/early February 2017.

Applications will be accepted **in-person** at our location at 1728 Gore Road in London. Drop by or call us in advance to set up a time to speak with one of our managers (519-455-2646). Please bring a resume and cover letter and be prepared to have a short pre-screening interview with one of our managers. We're excited to meet you.

## **Job Duties**

- Assist with all aspects of growing, including watering, fertilizing, and spraying to ensure crop is healthy and growing optimally
- Planting/media preparation
- Fill trays, pots and hanging baskets with planting media
- Monitor crops for quality and disease control
- Assist with the implementation of an Integrated Pest Management program and biological control
- Ensure greenhouse climate is conducive in relation to weather conditions
- Interact/communicate with a dedicated, knowledgeable, friendly production team
- Promote a safe and secure workplace environment
- Apply and mix fertilizers and pesticides as needed
- Weeding and some greenhouse maintenance

## **Qualifications**

- Minimum three years' experience working in greenhouses
- Formal horticulture education an asset
- Strong interpersonal, communication and customer service skills to interact with a variety of people.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a fast-paced environment that is subject to numerous schedule and priority changes and short-notice activity
- Working knowledge of basic computer and internet applications an asset
- Learns quickly
- Physically fit
- Personable
- Works well in a fast paced environment

## **Work Hours**

- Must be willing to work non-traditional hours including evenings, weekends and holidays, as needed
- 30-40 hours per week, 40-60 hours per week during peak season
- Start times vary with season

**Work Conditions and Physical Capabilities:** Fast-paced environment, work under pressure, tight deadlines, carrying moderately heavy loads, lifting and handling trays, physically demanding, attention to detail, ability to distinguish between colours, combination of bending, standing, crouching, walking, large workload. Adapt to differences in temperatures - warm, humid, cold, non air-conditioned.

## **About Van Luyk's**

Van Luyk's is a family business providing quality product, selection and service since 1970. As a year-round, full-service garden centre, nursery, florist and gift shop, we provide solutions and expertise to meet our customers' complete lawn, garden and floral needs. We offer an extensive variety of live plants grown on-site, and a wide selection of unique and unusual, rare and exotic plants. We work with our customers to create successful gardens - indoors and out.

*While we thank all applicants for their interest, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*