

2021 Gardening Internship / Co-manager in St. Margaret's Bay

A 2021 gardening internship or co-manager position is available at the Head of St Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia.

We have established a 10 acre teaching-centre micro farm on a beautiful hillside above the Indian River at the Head of St. Margaret's Bay. Our micro farm includes two acres of terraced vegetable gardens, 3 greenhouses (2 used year-round for '4-season' production), as well as an ornamental area with the balance remaining as woodlot. The gardens include a small vineyard, fruit orchard, berry-crops and beehive. An old hand-dug well has been reclaimed to provide irrigation water for parts of the gardens. This micro-farm seeks to rekindle the traditional family-based practices of kitchen gardening and small-scale farming.

The gardens and greenhouses are managed as a co-operative community effort with 5-7 people helping as co-managers, neighbour volunteers and summer interns. Harvests are equitably shared among those who contribute their efforts. Workshops, school field trips, learning tours for community organizations and other events are scheduled periodically. We understand that operating a small-scale regenerative farm in the twenty-first century is a political act. To learn more about the gardens, visit: www.transitiongarden.ca

The intern/co-manager will assist with gardens, greenhouses, vineyard, orchard and small fruits maintenance, composting, irrigation, harvesting and harvest preservation. The duration of this position is negotiable for either a full 4-7 months or a portion thereof, between April-October, as well as the amount of time each week – usually one or two days per week (or several hours per day over the weekdays). There is flexibility in defining the position. Options could include the intern/co-manager selling some of a share of the harvest for income, possibly at the local Tantallon Farmers Market. Room and board can be provided for the right situation. Independent transportation is valuable but not essential.

We are seeking the right individual who will take an important role in co-managing the gardens, which can be on a learn-as-you-go basis. This is a great opportunity to learn almost everything about intensive garden production, local resilience and climate readiness.

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