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## **Wave Hill Invites Applications for 2010 John Nally Internships**

Bronx, NY, January 11, 2010 – Wave Hill, a public garden and cultural center, announces the 2010 John Nally Intern Program. Established in 1990 in memory of John Nally, curator of Wave Hill's gardens until 1988, the program is best described as a hands-on apprenticeship for garden enthusiasts seeking to further their understanding of the principles of horticulture.

Wave Hill's John Nally Internship trains the next generation of talented gardeners. One of the nation's leading public gardens, Wave Hill's small scale makes it a unique context for horticultural instruction in the collegial atmosphere of a world-class working garden. Nally's intense passion for gardening was the inspiration for the program, which invites young and early-career horticulturalists to learn from Wave Hill's professional horticulture staff as they work with Wave Hill's extensive living collections. In most cases the interns are seeking a career in the profession and are hoping to round out their education with daily work experience. Occasionally, interns are in a non-horticultural profession and seeking a career change.

Nally Interns earn stipends for their full-time work at Wave Hill from early spring to late fall. The specific duration of the internship is determined by the growing season, usually a 34-week period from early spring to late fall. The Director and Assistant Director of Horticulture and the Wave Hill Gardeners provide instruction throughout the season. In addition to the expertise of the staff, interns have access to Wave Hill's plant records database and a wealth of reference materials on gardening. With applied, hands-on learning at the core of this internship, it is not for candidates who seek a solely intellectual exercise or an administrative position in the field. This is a rigorous, hands-on experience with physically demanding work in all kinds of weather. Interns are considered part of Wave Hill's Horticulture Department, and their duties include mulching the garden beds, as well as large tracts of our new woodlands; digging and planting of shrubs, trees, annuals and perennials; and, of course, weeding beds and watering our many containers, both in the nursery areas and on public display.

**Requirements:** Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and a valid driver's license.

**Salary:** The salary is \$12.50 an hour for a 7-hour workday (not including lunch and break), 5 days a week. Weekend duties are required on a rotating basis, this time being compensated during the work week.

Anyone interested in working hard in a world-famous garden with a superb staff of knowledgeable gardeners and surrounded by a wealth of both tender and hardy plants should **send a cover letter and a resume by U.S. mail or e-mail to:**

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Application Deadline is **Friday, February 19**. No calls please; EOE.

*The John Nally Intern Program at Wave Hill, a working apprenticeship for people seeking to further their understanding of horticultural principles and advance their careers in the field, is made possible by The Hartfield Foundation, Meg and Austin Beck, Myra and Hubert Hecht and many individual donors to the John Nally Fund at Wave Hill.*

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