St. Peter's Fellowship Farm 2011 Lead Gardener Contract Description

Work Experience: 2-3 years of varied vegetable gardening experience, preferably with 1 year in Southeast Alaska. This includes planning, cultivating, harvesting, composting and preparing vegetables for sale or preservation as well as putting the garden to rest for the season.

Contract Requirements:

• Develop garden plan that includes succession planting in conjunction with the SPFF coordinators
• Conduct basic soil testing and amend the soil to improve soil quality using available resources i.e., seaweed, bone meal, etc in conjunction with the SPFF coordinators and volunteer work parties
• Cultivate plant starts using seeds & seed starter provided by the SLFN and make recommendations for SPFF seed start kits to be distributed at the Let’s Grow Sitka event on March 21, 2011
• Use organic gardening practices
• Plan and direct 3 spring planting parties in May 2011 in conjunction with the SPFF coordinators
• Direct 75% of the garden work parties during the months of June, July and August plus the first half of September*.
• Plan and oversee the harvest of the garden for the first five 2011 Farmers Markets (July 16, July 30, August 13, August 27 and September 10)
• Develop a method for quantifying the amount of vegetables harvested from SPFF and implement it
• Maintain the composting and watering system
• Direct any questions or concerns to the SPFF coordinators

Compensation: A total of $1,500 paid in 3 installments (mid-May, mid-July and mid-September) plus $200 bonus at the end of the Farmers Market season AND 5% of the SPFF.

If interested in the SPFF lead gardener contract, email a resume that includes 2 local references that can speak to your gardening ability and a letter of interest by February 5th to 3akharts@acsalaska.net. Direct questions to Lisa Sadleir-Hart at 747-5985 or Doug Osborne at 747-3752.

*Work parties were held on Wednesdays from 4:30-6pm and on non-Farmers Market Saturdays from 2-3:30pm in 2010, but can be changed.