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Experience

JUNE 2024 - FEBRUARY 2025 and continuing in an as needed, project based capacity.

Herb Mountain Farm, Weaverville, NC - *Live on-site garden and home assistant*

- Worked in-season in the extensive herb and vegetable gardens.
- Assisted in maintenance projects on the rental homes on the property.
- Helped the business owner with various projects and planning related to a smooth running home and business.

JANUARY 2019 - March 2024 (with a +1 yr gap in 2020/21) www.risingfawngardens.com

Rising Fawn Gardens, Rising Fawn, GA - *Garden's Manager*

- Planned and created a labyrinth style medicinal herb garden showcasing an immense variety of herbs.
- Ongoing planting, maintenance, and harvesting of the medicinal herb garden, herb production beds, turmeric and ginger high tunnel, and blueberry field.
- Helped out in the family vegetable gardens.
- Trained and managed, and worked alongside garden staff and volunteers to carry out all aspects of farm-related tasks.
- Led garden tours, herbal workshops, and school group activities on the farm.
- Set up raised garden beds at a local women's addiction recovery ministry and continued to visit weekly to work with them in the garden as well as in the kitchen to create with their harvest.
- Worked with the farm owner in creating signature tea blends using herbs grown on the farm to market through a web-based farm store and on-site sales.
- Proficient with zero turn mowers, John Deere tractor with attachments, hand tiller, etc. .

Experience continued

OCTOBER 2021- MARCH 2022

Daisy's Folly Farm, Columbia, TN - *Farm Manager*

- Planned and began to create a French style parterre garden.
- Put up a 95' hoop style greenhouse.
- Started from seed and corm, thousands of flowers for the parterre garden.
- Managed the farm-side staff in their care of the animals and grounds.
- Was the point person to meet with the farm vet and learned to care for and administer medications to horses, sheep, and farm dogs, including bottle feeding newborn lambs when necessary.
- I am transparent to share why this position only lasted for 5 months before returning to Rising Fawn Gardens.

FEBRUARY 2018 - FEBRUARY 2020

Erbe Acres Farmstead, Rising Fawn, GA - *Owner*

- Maintained farmland in Georgia as a small business owner.
- Cultivated from seed; vegetables, native plants, and medicinal and culinary herbs for live plant sales as well as growing a mixed herb and vegetable companion field.
- Dried and processed farm-grown herbs to produce culinary spice blends, herbal teas, and body care products to vend at three regional Farmers Markets as well as local festivals.
- Hand-raised from chicks an on-going flock of up to thirty laying hens including some on-site hatchlings. Took in and raised two goofy goats.

Experience continued

DECEMBER 2015 - FEBRUARY 2018 www.crabtreefarms.org

Crabtree Farms, Chattanooga, TN - *Assistant Farm Manager*

- Worked on a sustainable, educational farm as part of the team to plan crops, order seeds, prepare the fields, cultivate, and harvest vegetables and herbs for a CSA program, Farmers Market and wholesale restaurant accounts.
- Trained and worked side-by-side with a seasonal volunteer staff in cultivating vegetable crops from planting to harvest and wash/pack.
- Led school groups in Volunteer Day tasks on the farm.
- Vended at a thriving weekly local Farmers Market.
- Managed the wholesale restaurant accounts by projecting availability, taking orders from local chefs, and delivering produce twice per week.
- Cared for the two goats including daily care and bi-weekly fence moving for ongoing weed and invasive plant clearing.
- Proficient in use of farm tools and machinery including Kubota tractor with 3 point attachment.
- Stepped in as Acting Farm Manager for one-third of my time on the farm.

NOVEMBER 2004 - APRIL 2015 www.globalinfusion.net

Global Infusion, Grand Rapids, MI - *Co-Owner*

- Conceptualized and implemented the opening of a retail store featuring an eclectic marketplace of fairly traded world goods, bulk herbs and teas, and a full service tea and coffee bar.
- Grew our initial bulk herb and tea offerings to include over 100 different Organic and fairly traded teas and nearing 150 Organic herbs and spices, becoming known in the greater Grand Rapids area as the place to go for high quality bulk tea and herbs.
- Facilitated workshops and discussions on herbal preparations, tea basics and the importance of fair labor practice.
- Performed daily small business operations including customer service, staff management, product inventory and ordering, accounts payable, and payroll.
- Global Infusion is still in operation today as an integral part of the community.

Additional Experience, Education, and Training

1995-2004

Food Service Industry, Grand Rapids, MI

Worked as a server, bartender, and host in both part-time and full-time capacities for over 6 years.

2004

California School of Herbal Studies, Forestville, CA - *Roots of Herbalism Intensive*

Attended an 8 month in-person herbal intensive covering all aspects of Western Herbalism.

Took part in the Garden Apprentice Program, helping tend the educational herb gardens.

2005-2008

Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI - *Liberal Arts with Creative Writing focus.*

2013

MSU Extension, Grand Rapids, MI - *Master Naturalist Program*

Attended a 6 month in-person course learning the importance of preserving the native ecology.

2022

NC Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill, NC- *Began the online Therapeutic Horticulture Certificate program. Switching to the 2025 Hybrid Certificate Program (application pending)***Volunteering**

Kids Food Basket, Grand Rapids, MI - *Sack supper delivery*

True North, Fremont, MI - *Food bank distribution*

Tree City, USA, Trenton, GA- *Planting trees and flowers in the city*

Chattanooga Food Bank, Chattanooga, TN - *Food bank warehouse*

Chattanooga Community Kitchen, Chattanooga, TN- *Meal Service*

Brother Wolf Animal Rescue, Asheville, NC, - *New vol prior to Helene*

Various for recent relief efforts; BeLoved, Sister Kitten, Best Friends, Asheville, NC

References

Karen Persinger ~ Business owner, Rising Fawn Gardens 423-991-1188

Ryan Bellino ~ *Co-manager, Crabtree Farms, 352-598-5247

Jessie Gant-Temple ~ Market Manager, Main St. Farmer Market, 843-503-3836

Joana Hively ~ Business owner, Global Infusion 616-885-7196

*At the time of my employment there