



Historic Deerfield, Inc.

Position: Preservation Carpenter

Job Class: Full-time, non-exempt

Job Overview:

The Preservation Carpenter will perform skilled tasks to support the preservation, restoration, and repair of Historic Deerfield's 55 historic buildings, many of which date back to the 18th and 19th centuries and are part of a National Historic Landmark district. Reporting to the Preservation Foreman and working alongside the Director of Historic Preservation and Architectural Research, the successful candidate will primarily focus on preservation carpentry, with occasional involvement in special projects and a variety of semi-skilled or unskilled tasks.

Core duties and responsibilities:

- Perform a wide range of carpentry tasks, including heavy framing, finish work, and the installation of elements such as sills, posts, beams, rafters, doors, windows, floors, staircases, interior and exterior trim, roofing, and more.
- Assess deteriorated wooden components and assist in developing restoration or repair plans.
- Safely measure, cut, shape, sand, install, and clean both historic and new wood materials using hand tools, power tools, and shop equipment, all in accordance with methods suitable for historic structures.
- Perform calculations and create sketches as needed to execute projects accurately.
- Install and repair wooden elements on both historic and non-historic structures, employing traditional joinery techniques.
- Assist with sourcing and researching materials, products, and contractors appropriate for historic preservation projects.
- Safely use ladders, scaffolding, and other equipment as required.
- Work in both indoor and outdoor environments.
- Adhere to building codes and regulations.
- Occasionally assist in documenting historic buildings through hand-measured drawings.
- Collaborate effectively in a team environment and adapt to changing tasks and schedules.
- Be flexible in assisting with maintenance tasks, such as operating tractors or dump trucks, small painting projects, roofing work, plaster repairs, and masonry repairs, as directed by the Director of Facilities Maintenance or Preservation Foreman.
- Assist the Facilities Maintenance team with additional duties, including event set-ups and take-downs, seasonal leaf and snow removal, moving furniture, and other tasks as needed.

Qualifications:

- A minimum of 2 years of experience in preservation trades is preferred, but a strong appreciation for historic preservation is essential.
- Knowledge of traditional construction methods and historic finish carpentry practices is required. Experience with historic timber framing is preferred.
- Familiarity with framing repairs using period joinery, wood roofing, and other historic trades (e.g., masonry, plastering, metalworking, slate work) is a plus.
- Knowledge of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties is preferred, as all work on historic structures is guided by these standards.
- Ability to lift up to 40 pounds.
- Capable of identifying plumbing, electrical, and carpentry issues and directing them to the appropriate tradesperson.
- A valid driver's license is required.
- Availability for 24/7 snow removal is required.

Physical Requirements:

- Ability to lift and carry heavy materials (up to 50 lbs.)
- Comfortable working at heights and in various weather conditions.
- Ability to work in confined spaces or on scaffolding.

Hours: 7 AM to 3:00 PM Monday-Friday

Salary: Competitive salary commensurate with experience

About Historic Deerfield

Historic Deerfield is a nationally renowned cultural history museum situated in an authentic 18th-century New England village in the Connecticut River Valley of Massachusetts. Its historic houses and world-famous collection of early American decorative arts open doors to new perspectives that inspire people to seek a deeper understanding of themselves, their communities, and the world.