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**Horticulturist & Artisanal Container Design Specialist**

**Best Management Practices**  
**Landscape Design**  
**Horticultural Consultation**  
**Client Service Development**  
**Ornamental Horticulture**

**Plant Identification**  
**Woody Ornamental Pruning**  
**Client Relationship Management**  
**Landscape Maintenance**  
**Integrated Pest Management**

**Degrees: BA, Agronomy**, Illinois State University  
**AAS, Horticulture**, Harper College

**Languages:** English, Intermediate Spanish  
**Technologies:** Microsoft Suite, Beginner AutoCAD  
**Industries:** Horticulture, Agronomy, Landscaping, Landscape Design

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**WORK HISTORY**

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**Seasonal Plant Specialist**, Wright Landscaping, Inc. Lake Bluff, IL **(2021-Present)**

- Enhance and maintain garden displays for our high-end clients'
- Assess client's properties while implementing horticultural solutions
- Implement bespoke plant care for all horticultural applications

**Arborist Trainee**, Arborsmith, Ltd, Lake Bluff IL. **(2019-2020)**

- Served as part of a crew of 2-5 depending on the site's needs
- Drenched trees with Paclobutrazol to help keep trees short for over 15 clients
- Implemented our industry's best practices for over 50 clients

**Landscape Supervisor**, Wright Landscaping, Inc. Lake Bluff, IL. **(2019)**

- Maintained & planted 10 clients planters coordinating with Landscape Designer
- Coordination and communication of necessary items & tasks within our team of 3
- Oversaw and inspected all landscape aspects for 15 client's properties

**Landscape Supervisor**, Landarch Systems Inc, Vernon Hills, IL. **(2018)**

- Supervised 6 crews performing maintenance services for high-end properties
- Controller the plant quality for 15 clients annual pot & in-ground seasonal enhancements
- Acted as a spray technician to 63 regular maintenance clients & 10 construction accounts

**Landscape Intern**, AbbVie Prairie Medical Building, Grayslake, IL. **(2017)**

- Compiled a list of 5 existing native plants to utilize while adding more to the final design
- Researched 3 companies for the best quality & value, with the function of the site being paramount

- Proposed possible design plans with native plants for the rain garden 300-foot-long bed

**Grounds Manager & Horticulturist, Sunset Ridge Country Club, Northfield, IL. (2012-2017)**

- Operated the flower budget decisions of \$6,563+ per year
- Completed proper pruning & care of the clubs 20+ crabapple trees
- Decreased the installation time from 6 hours to 1 hour with our winter containers

**Seasonal Associate, Red's Garden Center Inc, Northbrook, IL. (2006-2011)**

- Helped 100's of customers over a season with their concerns
- Conveyed plant care information to many of my 30 co-workers
- Cared for all aspects of plant care for 14 greenhouses as part of a team of 30

**Seasonal Associate, Frank's Nursery & Crafts, Deerfield IL. (2001-2005)**

- Sold at least 50-holiday trees in a season, providing excellent client service
- Practiced exacting horticultural care of a 3,000 square feet nursery yard
- Implemented proper care of 300 indoor houseplants with various needs

**Greenhouse Attendant, GBN High School, Northbrook IL. (2000-2000)**

- Coordinated the school's annual spring plant sale & raised around \$1000 Temporary
- Executed proper horticultural care of two greenhouses totaling about 1500 square feet

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**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Owner, Anderson-Garrity Consultants, Vernon Hills, IL. (2016-Present)**

- Creating artisanal container displays & planting up to 100ft square foot ground installations
- Engage clients on plant selection that fits design parameters, site, & perform well in our climate
- Provide Residential landscape design & consultation while serving discerning private clients.

➤ **Volunteering**

**Garden Club Volunteer, Historic Wagner Farm, Glenview, IL (2017)**

- Raised \$1,565 worth of produce at the farmers market with the group of volunteers
- Helped donate 400 pounds of produce to local food pantries
- Cultivated knowledge on the identification of weeds, vegetables, herbs, & fruits

➤ **Certifications**

**Landscape Design, College of Lake County (2018)**

**Arboriculture, Harper College (2008)**

**Basic Horticulture Skills, Harper College (2008)**

**Turf and Grounds Maintenance, Harper College. (2008)**

**Athletic Field Maintenance, Harper College (2008)**

➤ **Associations**

**Election Judge, Lake County Clerk (2017-Present)**

**Member, International Society of Arboriculture (2016-Present)**

**Member, American Horticultural Society (2016- Present)**

➤ **Other Work Experience**

**Ballot Issue Judge, Lake County Clerk Sullivan Community Center (2017-Present)**

- Processed 1,980 mail-in ballots over 3 days at the lake county clerk's office