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## Horticultural Specialist

**Best Management Practices**  
**Landscape Design**  
**Horticultural Consultation**  
**Ornamental Horticulture**  
**Plantings**

**Plant Identification**  
**Woody Ornamental Pruning**  
**Client Relationship Management**  
**Landscape Maintenance**  
**Emotional Intelligence**

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

**Languages:** English Fluent, Spanish Intermediate

**Technologies:** Beginner AutoCAD

**Certifications:** Landscape Design (2018), Arboriculture, Basic Horticulture Skills, Turf and Grounds Maintenance, Athletic Field Maintenance

**Industries:** Horticulture, Landscape Maintenance, Landscape Design, Green

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## Work History

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### **Seasonal Enhancements, Foreperson, The Barn Landscape + Architecture (2023-Present)**

- Design containers for all 4 seasons using florals and other enhancements
- Enact conventional management practices for landscape expanses
- Incorporate Perennials, Bulbs, Ground Covers & Woody Ornamentals per specifications for small to large scenery's

### **Seasonal Plant Specialist, Wright Landscaping, Inc. Lake Bluff, IL (2021 - 2022)**

- Enhanced and maintained landscape displays for 4 of our high-end clients
- Assessed client's properties while implementing horticultural solutions
- Implemented 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 short & enhance green color 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 client planters coordinating with Landscape Designer
- Coordination and collaboration of necessary items & tasks within our team of 3
- Monitored and inspected all landscape aspects for 15 client properties

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

- Supervised 6 crews of 3 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 best quality & value, with function of the site being paramount
- Proposed possible design plans with native plants for the rain garden 300-foot-long bed

**Lawn Care Specialist**, TruGreen, Lake Forest, IL **(2017)**

- Grew knowledge & skills in turf care & weed identification.
- Honed experience with cultural conditions for turfs thriving or declining.
- Serviced 40-45 houses in a week.

**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 club's 20+ crabapple trees
- Decreased the installation time from 6 hours to 1 hour for our premade winter containers

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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 and site & performs 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 farmer's market with a group of volunteers
- Cultivated knowledge & identification of weeds, vegetables, herbs, & fruits with 8 volunteers
- Helped donate 400 pounds of produce to local food pantry

#### **> 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