

# Individual & Group Volunteer Projects

## Alexander Majors House “Kitchen” Garden

Put your gardening skills to work by transforming a disused part of the Majors Grounds! This patch of land (roughly 6’x4’ square) desperately needs some TLC and a creative, sustainable plan for its future.

- Requirements:
  - Clear out weeds & invasive vegetation to prepare for new plants;
  - Research the types of plants you would like to use, draw up a plan & proposed budget, & submit for approval;
    - We would prefer hearty, attractive annuals that require minimal long-term maintenance.
    - While a truly “period” (1850s) garden is probably unattainable, we would love to see some examples of local and/or historically relevant plants!
  - Due to the ongoing nature of this project, we recommend a time commitment of at least 1 hour/week; it would also be a great team project for a group of friends, co-workers, older Scouts, or students.
- Perks: The volunteer(s) that complete this project successfully will be recognized with a marker in their honor in the garden AND will receive a free or discounted ticket to the 2018 public event of their choice.

## Alexander Majors House South Flowerbeds

See above; this sparse section of garden is very visible to tour groups and could use some help. This project is better suited to beginner gardeners than the above.

- Requirements:
  - Pull weeds and prepare beds for planting;
  - Research hearty annual plants & submit a plan for approval
  - Self-funding volunteers appreciated, but not strictly required. If you are able to donate the plants/seeds, potting soil, etc. in addition to your labor, we welcome that! If not, we will provide a budget.
  - Time commitment: roughly 6 hours, possibly less.
- Perks: The volunteer(s) that complete this project will be recognized with a small marker in the garden and will receive a free or discounted ticket to the 2018 public event of their choice.

## Barn Kitchen Cleanout & Redecorating

Spend an afternoon cleaning, organizing, and editing the catering kitchen in the Alexander Majors Barn. This space is one of the amenities we offer to our rental clients and needs some sprucing up. This opportunity would be best for one hardworking individual or a small (2-3 person) group.

- Requirements:
  - Strong organizational skills
  - Ability to self-direct in the absence of staff supervision
- Perks: The volunteer(s) that complete this assignment will be recognized in the subsequent Wornall/Majors newsletter.

## Alexander Majors House Directional Signpost

An opportunity to blend design with light carpentry! We would like to add a decorative signpost to the Majors site to direct visitors towards the house museum, blacksmith’s shop, and event space. This opportunity would be ideal for Eagle Scout candidates!

- Requirements:
  - Ability to self-direct in the absence of direct staff supervision
  - At least one adult (18+) volunteer or supervisor
- Perks: The volunteer(s) that complete this assignment will be recognized in the subsequent Wornall/Majors newsletter.

## Alexander Majors Barn General Store

Assist Wornall/Majors staff in transitioning our disused wood shop into an interactive zone for visitors! This project will include clearing and cleaning the space, painting, and some light carpentry. This opportunity is ideal for Eagle Scout candidates or other small, organized groups.

- Requirements:
  - Strong work ethic & ability to self-direct
  - At least one adult (18+) volunteer or supervisor
  - Willingness to commit to at least 3 volunteer dates - due to the ongoing nature of this type of project, we may need a group of volunteers for specific stages over a period of several months
- Perks: The volunteer(s) that complete this assignment will be acknowledged within the finished interpretive display AND will be recognized in the subsequent Wornall/Majors newsletter.

# Apprenticeship Opportunities

## Open-hearth Cooking Apprenticeship

Are you attracted to the reenactment side of historic house museums? Do you want to learn about historical cooking, culinary techniques, and 19<sup>th</sup> century diets and cuisine? Learn a valuable reenactment skill from one of our long-term volunteers, then join us to share your expertise with school groups, public tours, and special event attendees.

- Requirements:
  - Participate in at least 4 hands-on training sessions with Wornall/Majors' current open-hearth reenactor
  - Develop one signature food that can be fully or partially prepared in the Wornall House kitchen (ie: cornbread, biscuits, etc.)
  - Find an appropriate costume from our collection to wear during reenactments (with attention to safety and practicality)
  - The ideal candidate is willing to continue volunteering as a reenactor for future field trips, public tours, and special events.
- Perks: Long-term volunteers receive free or discounted admission to most public events. This apprenticeship teaches a transferrable reenactment skill; ideal for students, aspiring living history performers, or experienced home cooks.

## Blacksmithing Apprenticeship

For those who aren't afraid of hard work and who want to learn a transferrable reenactment skill. Learn about the tools, techniques, and artistry of blacksmithing from one of our long-term volunteers, then join us to share your expertise with school groups, public tours, and special event attendees.

- Requirements:
  - Must be 18 or older
  - Participate in at least 5 hands-on training sessions with Wornall/Majors' current blacksmith reenactor
  - Help to create a blacksmithing handbook and safety guide for future volunteers, with the assistance of a practicing blacksmith
  - The ideal candidate is willing to continue volunteering as a reenactor for future field trips, public tours, and special events.
- Perks: Long-term volunteers receive free or discounted admission to most public events. This apprenticeship teaches a transferrable reenactment skill; ideal for college students, aspiring living history performers, and/or someone with a craftsman/artisan background.

*Volunteer projects & apprenticeship opportunities can be adapted for internship candidates!*