

Spotlight: Horticulture



Meadowville Job Fair

At Meadowville Garden Centres on
Thursday March 13 and Friday March 14th
from 7am – 1pm only
(They will not accept applications in person
after 1pm on either day)

Hiring for:

- ◆ Experienced landscape architects
- ◆ Concrete finishing positions (experience preferred, must be hard-working, fit, able to get to Hwy 24 location by 7am daily)
- ◆ Cashiers
- ◆ Carry outs
- ◆ Experienced nursery staff
- ◆ Operations manager



Jobs in Horticulture

Do you love plants, people or both? You might want to consider a career in the horticultural industry. Incredibly, more than 80% of adult Canadians say that they garden, and all those gardeners need plants, accessories, and assistance from a range of professionals. This demand creates jobs ranging from landscape architects to concrete finishers to cashiers and customer service representatives.

Many horticultural and related jobs are seasonal. However, there are jobs that last year-round. Sometimes employees start off as extra staff during the busy season and are then promoted to a permanent position. It is also possible to find a second job for the off-season (e.g. snow removal). Generally, the more skilled you are, the more likely that your job will last year-round, so it's a good idea to look into apprenticeships and college/ university programs (ask for help at 2nd Chance if you're not sure how).

What else can you do? Learn as much as possible about plants and landscaping. Here are some ideas:

- **Read!** There are lots of great books at the public library, and great information online too. For example, "Cultivating Canadian Gardens" is a website that tells you about the history of gardening in Canada (www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/garden/index-e.html)
- **Visit professionally-maintained gardens.** The Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton showcase all kinds of plants and landscaping ideas (www.rbg.ca)
- **Plant your own garden.** If you don't have a yard, try container gardening or look into community gardens (e.g. there is one with the Two Rivers Neighborhood Group, call 837-4248 for more info)
- **Volunteer.** For example, the Guelph Enabling Garden is maintained by volunteers (www.enablinggarden.org)





Here are some websites for more information about horticulture careers:

Canadian Nursery Landscape Assn: www.canadanursery.com
Flowers Canada Retail Trade Assn: <http://flowerscanada.org>

Landscape Ontario: www.landscapeontario.com
Canadian Horticultural Council: www.hortcouncil.ca

March 2008 ~ 2nd CHANCE EVENTS

**Questions? Ask any 2nd Chance staff
or call our main office at 519-823-2440**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 	5	6 Ace the Interview Workshop (Norfolk), 1:30-3:30	7
10	11	12 YWAP/ Keys to Workplace Survival Workshops (Norfolk) 1-3	13 JOB FAIR @ Meadowville 7am-1pm only Movie Night @YRC 4:30-6:30pm	14 JOB FAIR @ Meadowville 7am-1pm only 1-2:30 @ the YRC Meet Optikz & learn about the music industry
17	18	19 YWAP/ Keys to Workplace Survival Workshops (Norfolk) 1-3	20 2nd Chance offices closing 11am for Staff Training	21 GOOD FRIDAY (2nd Chance offices closed) 
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Workshop Descriptions:

YWAP:

Learn how to avoid accidents at work - and what to do if they happen!

Keys to Workplace Survival:

You can survive and succeed in your job! Learn how!

Ace the Interview:

Wow employers by presenting your skills like an expert!

Customer Service 101:

Crabby customers? No problem! Learn how to turn complaints around, and how to avoid them in the first place.

Please call 519-823-2440 for more info on these or other listed events

Where is 2nd Chance?

Downtown Guelph

177 Norfolk St., 519-823-2440

Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Youth Resource Centre

Stone Road Mall, 519-823-2818

Monday 9:30 to 4:30
Tuesday 9:30 to 6:30
Wed/Thurs 9:30 to 7:00
Friday 12:00 to 4:30

Fergus

160 St. David St., 519-843-5513

Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

NOTE: Workshops are also held at schools and other organizations in the community. For more information, check www.2ndchance.ca/jobs/events.shtml or give us a call!