



## **Garden Coordinator** *Intergenerational Garden*

### **Position Description:**

The Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Katzie, Seniors Network is seeking an energetic, and organized, mature, community-minded person to provide leadership and horticulture expertise for its Intergenerational Garden project located at 22527 121 Ave. in Maple Ridge.

Part-time Garden Coordinator, Intergenerational Garden  
Contract basis (seasonal as required), 60-80 hours per month.  
Monthly honorarium provided

### **The successful candidate will:**

- Ensure the program goals and objectives are met
- Act as the primary go-to-person for the Intergenerational Community Garden Project
- Provide a coordinated “umbrella” structure and coordinate activities that keep the project on task
- Recruit volunteers with an emphasis on seniors (55+)
- Schedule class time in the Garden for the participating schools and programs
- Record-keep for the project: budget, photo-taking, project activities, etc.
- Coordinate the maintenance of garden structure
- Schedule topic specific sessions that teachers may bring a class to
- The Coordinator will report to the Steering Committee and the Seniors Network
- Attend monthly Steering Committee meetings and take notes

### **Skills required:**

- Practical understanding of seasonal gardening in the Lower Mainland
- Strong relationship building skills and great communication skills
- Experience working with diverse groups of people and children/seniors
- Experience in program planning, development and reporting
- Ability to network with, motivate and involve new participants
- Ability to self-motivate and work from home
- Project management skills
- Own transportation to and from the garden site
- Lives in Maple Ridge or Pitt Meadows

**To apply:** Please forward your resume and covering letter to:

Intergenerational Garden Steering Committee by e-mail: seniorsnetworkmpk@gmail.com or drop it off at the Ridge Meadows Seniors Centre, 12150 224<sup>th</sup> Street, Maple Ridge by **Friday, May 22** at 4 pm marked, Attention: Bob Foster, Re: Intergenerational Garden

For more information, contact Heather Treleaven at (604) 786-7404.

### ***About the Intergenerational Community Garden Project***

The Intergenerational Garden is a community-based initiative that is a project of the Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Katzie, Seniors Network and its partners The City of Maple Ridge, School District 42 and the Ridge Meadows Seniors Society. The Intergenerational Garden Project brings together child, teens and senior participants to grow vegetables, flowers and herbs together as “garden friends.” Here we create a lasting link between the young and old and provide food-skills learning opportunities while building a strong community hub in the neighbourhood.

### ***Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Katzie, Seniors Network***

The Seniors Network promotes and supports working in collaboration with community members in order to improve the health and well-being of seniors in Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Katzie First Nation.

The primary goal of the Seniors Network is to strengthen the availability and quality of services, programs and resources for seniors, and to develop a seamless approach to senior service delivery in a spirit of cooperation and understanding. This is achieved through identifying gaps, avoiding service and program duplication and planning for the implementation of new services that will enhance the quality of life for seniors.