

TALMAR INTERN PROGRAM

TALMAR Interns play key roles in conducting the day-to-day activities at TALMAR and assist with many community outreach activities as well. Such activities may include selling flowers at local farmers' markets or facilitating a horticultural activity session at TALMAR Gardens with a group of young adults with special needs from local schools and agencies. Though we work with people having various disabilities, most consumers have a developmental disability that may include mild to moderate mental retardation, learning disabilities, Down syndrome, emotional disabilities, or may present some form of Autism, a Youth-At-Risk, etc.

The central objective at TALMAR Gardens and Horticultural Center is to provide meaningful experiences with plants and nature to persons of all ages and abilities—with a special emphasis on those with special needs. For some we serve, we also work to provide exposure to pre-vocational skills through work in the greenhouse and gardens. These objectives are met through the growing of high-quality organic cut flowers and other specialty crops throughout the year.

TALMAR interns participate in all aspects of the horticultural operation, while working with a diversity of consumers of all ages, including those with special needs. Interns make important contributions in all areas of the life and activities at TALMAR Gardens and Horticultural Center and assist in making goals and success possible.

TALMAR Interns represent students of Horticulture, Horticultural Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Recreational Therapy, Social Work, Mass Communications and Media from colleges and Universities. Those interested in organic farming methods of the cut flower industry and/or working are also welcome!

TALMAR is an approved intern site for those seeking certification from (The American Horticultural Therapy Association) AHTA. Interns are supervised by a resident HTR. (See bio of Catherine Murphy, M.S., HTR on "About TALMAR" front page of web).

Interested applicants for either residential or daily internships may apply by emailing us at talmarinc@msn.com or calling 410-825-2020 for further information.