

# HARTMAN ROCK - GARDEN

## Conservator-in-Residence Position

### Description:

The Hartman Rock Garden is seeking applications from individuals who wish to gain professional experience in the fields of art history, conservation, history, and museum studies for its eleven-month Conservator-in-Residence position. The position begins May 1, 2017 and concludes March 31, 2018, although dates can be flexible. The selected individual or individuals (co-applicants welcome) will reside in the one-bedroom house at the Hartman Rock Garden, where they will work alongside the garden's strong volunteer base and professional advisors on the maintenance, conservation, and interpretation of the garden.

The selected individual is expected to devote 15 hours per week to the site. Tasks include overseeing the property, maintenance of flower beds, basic hands-on conservation of art objects, archival photography, databasing art objects, assisting with volunteer days (3 per year), attending board meetings (9 per year), and attending some community engagement events.

Rent and utilities, including internet, are covered. The house has a furnished kitchen, including a coffeepot, four-burner stove, microwave, refrigerator, dishes, and pots and pans, as well as a washer and dryer. Office space and basic conservation tools are provided. Studio space for artists and/or writers is also provided. The resident is responsible for food, travel, and other expenses. A bicycle is provided for transportation (site located two blocks from bicycle path) and street parking is available for a car if needed.

### About the Hartman Rock Garden:

The Hartman Rock Garden, located at 1905 Russell Avenue in Springfield, Ohio, is one of the nation's most intriguing and revered works of in situ folk art, an outsider art phenomenon where self-taught artists construct fascinating worlds out of concrete, metal, stone, and whatever else they can find. Constructed between 1932 and 1944, it was the vision of local foundry worker Ben Hartman and his wife Mary. After years of neglect, the Wisconsin-based Kohler Foundation saved the garden in 2008. Working with the local community, folk art conservationists began the process of restoring the garden to its original condition. In 2010, local citizens worked with the Kohler Foundation to form the Friends of the Hartman Rock Garden, a not-for-profit organization, which oversees the maintenance, preservation, and interpretation of this visionary art environment.

### Preferred knowledge, skills, and abilities:

- Ability to work with hands and basic tools (paint brush, hammer, etc.) in an outdoor setting
- Standard photography skills
- Standard computer skills and ability to learn new technologies
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team

### How to Apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume, and two references (names and contact info) by Wednesday, January 25, 2017 to:

Kevin Rose, Historian  
krose@hmtturnerfoundation.org

The position will be filled and all applicants will be notified by Wednesday, February 15.