Position Available: Seasonal Teacher-Naturalist

(part-time; hours per week vary throughout the seasons; weekdays late March – October; see below for details on # of hours; some weekend special event and winter work is possible)
Application Deadline: January 10, 2014

Organization Description: Ladew Topiary Gardens is a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is "to maintain and promote the gardens, house and facilities in keeping with the creative spirit of Harvey S. Ladew for the public benefit and for educational, scientific and cultural pursuits." Ladew's grounds cover 250 acres, including formal gardens and an educational trail system through natural habitats including forest, meadows and wetlands.

Job Description: Help promote an awareness, understanding and appreciation of the natural world. Plan and teach hands-on, environmental education to children in Ladew's school fieldtrip programs, as well as during summer nature camps. Program topics include *From Seed to Flower, Trees are Terrific, Exploring Habitats, Signs of Spring, Signs of Fall*, *Caterpillars and Butterflies* and more.

Responsibilities:

- Teach weekday, school environmental education fieldtrip programs
- Help maintain and organize teaching materials
- Help plan and teach summer nature camp programs
- Assist with maintenance of native butterfly house & garden
- Assist with training volunteer program leaders
- Assist and/or teach occasional public programs
- Assist with occasional garden or trail work
- Assist with other duties as needed (i.e. special events, exhibits, etc.)

Qualifications:

- Enthusiasm for and experience in teaching pre-K through high school youth
- Background and interest in natural history, biology, environmental studies, gardening, or related fields
- Friendly, flexible, creative, self-motivated personality with good communication skills
- Ability to walk for up to two consecutive hours and lift heavy objects up to 30 lbs.

Time Requirements:

Spring: late March through 1st week in June
- Teach weekday school fieldtrip programs
- 2-3 days (8-12 hrs.) per week; mostly mornings, some afternoons

Summer: mid-June through August
- Plan and teach summer nature camps (ages 4-9 yrs) & assist with butterfly house needs
- 1- 4 weeks of camp; Mon – Friday; 5-7 hrs. per day / 25-40 hours per week; approx. 8am-1pm or 8am-4pm
- Other weeks possible: 6-8 hrs./week assisting with butterfly house programs & needs

Fall: September through October
- Teach weekday school fieldtrip programs
- 1-2 days (6-10 hrs.) per week; mostly mornings, some afternoons

Compensation:

- $10 per hour, including paid training
- Free admission to Ladew Lecture Series & In the Garden Series

To Apply: Mail or email cover letter, resume, and the names and contact info of three references to Education Director, Sheryl Pedrick. spedrick@ladewgardens.com.