

# **Sadie Puglisi**

## **EDUCATION**

Cornell University B.S Horticulture, May 1999  
Morrisville College A.A.S Horticulture, May 1997

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Extension Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension**

**August 2002-current**

Overall responsibility is to have all Suffolk County land free of chemicals by July of 2003. To accomplish this task I design and implement experimental projects to create non-chemical pest management programs for landscapes, focusing on turf. I write grants and create educational materials and workshops for employees of municipalities to educate them on practices they can implement to create a chemical free management scheme for their property.

### **Research Assistant at Virginia Tech**

**April 2001-August 2002**

Assist floriculture lab technician in all aspects of research; including measuring plant height and width, applying growth regulators, testing plant pH and EC. I gained a wide range of experience with different research protocols and designs. Most of the experiments I was involved in were directly connected with concerns from Virginia growers.

### **Student Assistant for the Virginia Tech Horticulture Department**

**January 2001-May 2001**

During the previous fall semester I worked for Dr. Latimer and Dr. Scoggins in creating a web-based information source for Virginia growers and floriculturist's. My responsibilities included the retrieval of production information and schedules for over 200 perennial and annuals. This resource includes a wide variety of production information so growers can answer a wide range of questions with one, easy to access, resource.

### **Gardener at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Norfolk VA**

**Summer 1999-2000**

Responsible for general maintenance and health of plant material and the restoration of woodland areas, initiate my own schedule, must remain self motivated, express time management skills by prioritizing my tasks as well as delegating tasks for volunteers and student assistants, use teamwork with other gardeners to accomplish large garden projects. Educational projects include the construction of a children's vegetable garden and weekly workshops with children from the community.

### **Intern, Catalina Island botanical Garden, St. Catalina Island, CA.**

**Summer 1998**

Worked independently, delegating responsibility for my own time, gained knowledge of herbarium work and advanced to independently facilitating all talks involved in producing a herbarium specimen, produced approximately 200 specimens during my internship including Cacti, succulents, and grasses.

## **CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND HONORS**

Member of Pi Alpha Xi national landscape and ornamental horticulture honor fraternity

1998-1999 Recipient of the Alfred C. Hottes Amateur Gardener Award

2001-2002 Recipient of the Colonel Horace E. and Elizabeth F. Alphin graduate tuition scholarship

2001-2002 Recipient of the Virginia Cooperative Extension graduate support scholarship