

Elizabeth J Phibbs

Education: **Virginia Polytechnic and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia**
Masters of Horticulture, August 2001 – May 2003, GPA: 3.94

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
Bachelor of Arts, Biology, August 1992 - May 1996, Major GPA: 3.44

Experience: **Virginia Tech Department of Horticulture**

Graduate Assistant, 4-H Horticulture Coordinator August 2001 – May 2003

Evaluate and promote 4-H horticulture resources, serve on Curriculum Committee, design web site, write small grants.

U.S. National Arboretum, Washington D.C.

Agricultural Science Research Technician, November 1999 – July 2001

Maintain the Bonsai Museum gardens and collections. Update collection records and assist with special museum exhibits. Supervise volunteers daily and provide assistance to the public.

Frank's Nursery, Beltsville, Maryland

Outdoor Nursery Specialist, August 1999 – November 1999

Create retail plant displays, maintain health and appearance of plants, and assist customers.

U.S. Peace Corps, Senegal, West Africa

Agroforestry Extension Agent, March 1997 – May 1999

Serve as an extension agent to seven villages, training local farmers in tree propagation, tree maintenance skills, agroforestry techniques, and conservation methods. Successfully adapt to rural West African life and learn local language, Pulaar.

Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Horticulture Intern, June 1996 – December 1996

Maintain large outdoor flower displays, complete major seasonal display turnovers, and answer visitor questions.

Fearrington Village, Pittsboro, North Carolina

Horticulturist, May 1995 – May 1996

Maintain existing and install new perennial borders, assist in nursery production for retail sale.

Volunteer Work: **Adult Day Services, Blacksburg Virginia February 2002 – April 2002**

Plan and implement horticultural activities for aging adults with dementia.

Pathways School, Hyattsville Maryland January 2001 – May 2001

Design and implement a horticulture curriculum with middle school ED/BD students.

The Way Station, Frederick Maryland September 2000 – December 2000

Assist clients of this psychosocial rehabilitative center with horticultural tasks.

Chapel Hill Homeless Shelter, Chapel Hill, NC March 1994 – May 1996

Supervise big buddy program and organize social events for youth. Provide overnight supervision of the women's floor.

Affiliations: American Society of Horticultural Science
American Horticultural Therapy Association
PAX, Honors Horticulture Society
Gamma Sigma Delta, Honors Agriculture Society