An experienced Head Gardener is needed for a private estate in western Litchfield County, Connecticut. The park-like grounds consist of approximately 6 acres of lawns, surrounded by extensive woodlands, large shrub and fern borders, and meadows. For this position, the owners are seeking a well-organized, “hands on” individual, with significant gardening and landscape maintenance experience.

**Head Gardener Responsibilities:**

The position requires a knowledgeable, well-organized individual to provide hands-on care and management for the gardens and grounds including, but not limited to:

- Pruning and maintenance of shrub borders, hedges and other garden plantings
- Planting and care of perennial beds and containers
- Supervision of lawn mowing & care, tree work, and irrigation systems (all handled by outside contractors)
- Protection of plantings from deer and other wildlife
- General upkeep of the grounds

This person will work with both the existing garden staff and outside contractors to maintain the good condition and appearance of the gardens, meadows and surrounding woodlands.

A competitive salary is available for a qualified, capable and goal-oriented individual.
Qualifications for Position

- At least 5-7 years of experience in estate gardening and landscape maintenance -- must be supported by outstanding references
- A B.S. or Associates Degree in horticulture or equivalent is preferred
- Effective supervisory skills and experience
- Experience in maintaining large scale shrub, fern and perennial plantings
- Familiarity with native N.E. woodland and wetlands plants
- Expertise in shrub and hedge pruning is preferred
- Familiarity with operating irrigation systems
- Knowledgeable in the use and basic maintenance of garden equipment

Contact Information:

To apply, please send your resume and references to headgardenerct@gmail.com.