Curator of Living Collections – The Polly Hill Arboretum

The Polly Hill Arboretum (PHA) on the island of Martha's Vineyard invites applications and nominations of candidates for the position of Curator. The successful candidate will be knowledgeable and enthusiastic with a particular interest in woody plants and experience in the curation of an arboretum collection. The individual filling this position will have responsibility for the curation, maintenance, and continued development of PHA's plant collection. This work includes the use of BG-BASE, BG-Map, and ARC-GIS technologies for collection verification and management and the continued development of the Arboretum herbarium. Additionally the Curator will supervise the Plant Propagator, Arborist/Horticulturist, and Horticulturist positions and manage student internships. Reporting to the Executive Director, the Curator will assume a leadership role in the future development of the PHA landscape and the research use of its collections. Opportunities for travel and fieldwork, both nationally and abroad, to introduce new accessions into the collections from known wild sources and for research purposes will be made available. The successful candidate will have self-motivation, excellent communication and writing skills, a familiarity with a broad range of woody plants, and a strong background in plant nomenclature and taxonomy. A competitive salary, benefits package, and on-site housing are provided. Minimum requirements: a master's degree in botany or horticulture is required or 5 to 10 years substantive experience in a botanical garden or arboretum. Candidates should send cover letter, curriculum vitae, and arrange for supporting letters from three references to be sent to: Timothy M. Boland, Executive Director, The Polly Hill Arboretum, Inc., P. O. Box 561, West Tisbury, MA 02575. Email: tim@pollyhillarboretum.org. Application deadline: October 1, 2016. The Polly Hill Arboretum is an equal opportunity employer.