

SHERBROOKE RESTORATION
COMMISSION
JOB POSTING



WOODTURNER/CHAIRMAKER

Sherbrooke Village

<http://sherbrookevillage.novascotia.ca>

Location: Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia

Job Type: Full-time, year-round; 35 hours per week (1,820 hours)

Wage: \$23.09 per hour plus benefits

Language Required: English

Closing Date: Friday 5 April 2024

About Us

Sherbrooke Village, Nova Scotia's largest living history museum, is looking for a Woodturner/Chairmaker.

Our mission is to represent the social, political and economic histories of Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia and Canada in the latter half of the 19th century accurately and authentically. Our 53-acre site contains over 80 original structures along the St Mary's River on Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore. We strive to reflect rural village life of the 1860-1880 period complete with costumed interpretive staff, restored interiors and appropriate furnishings, manicured grounds and heritage programs befitting our period of focus. Traditional trades and heritage skills are a keystone of our living history program that we seek to strengthen within our staff team and bolster in our public program offerings.

About Our Opportunity

During Sherbrooke Village's open Season, the Woodturner/Chairmaker is responsible for providing knowledgeable interpretation of the woodturner's shop to the public, demonstrating traditional 19th century woodworking skills, as well as caring for collection artifacts and heritage spaces. Working with the Woodturner Assistant and under the direction of the Interpretation Team, the Woodturner will produce reproduction products for use and sale through the Village Store, woodturner shop or for private sale.

During the off season, the Woodturner/Chairmaker works in the Woodworking Shop where modern tools are used and supports restoration projects, contracts, and other activities of the Restoration & Maintenance Team.

The Woodturner/Chairmaker belongs to a group of traditional artisans at Sherbrooke Village dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of rare skills, knowledge and practice to ensure historically accurate 'making' in Nova Scotia remains alive and accessible for future generations.

Qualifications and Experience

The successful candidate may have a combination of experience listed below - Sherbrooke Village values transferrable skills. We are seeking candidates who have:

- High School Diploma and some work experience; Preference will be given to individuals with furniture-making, cabinetmaking, and/or material arts training with examples of past projects.
- Proficiency using a lathe (electric and foot-powered), table saw, drill press, jointer, planer, radial arm saw, band saw, sander, dowel machine, and other assorted hand tools
- Knowledge of various woodworking techniques: greenwood working, joinery, steam forming, hand-planing, and traditional wood finishes among others
- Strong presentation, communication, public speaking, interpersonal and team-building skills
- Proven leadership skills and the ability to train others; experience teaching or leading workshops considered an asset.
- A sound general knowledge of Nova Scotia and Maritime history, working within a visitor-centered museum environment.
- Currently has or is willing and able to get certified upon appointment in the following: First Aid, WHIMS, Working at Heights, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Occupational Health & Safety training and Safe Work Practices.

Assets considered for this role:

- A passion for 19th century craft, traditional skills, and other forms of making.
- Experience working in a shop environment.
- Experience in wood product design, development, quoting, and fulfilment.
- A second language

Working Conditions

This role is a full-time, 35-hour per week commitment that requires an individual with a willingness to work irregular hours, weekends, statutory holidays primarily during seasonal operations May through September (open Wednesday to Sunday) as required. Willingness to wear period clothing and/or Sherbrooke Village uniform as required.

Benefits

Sherbrooke Restoration Commission offers full-time employees a range of benefits such as NS Public Service Superannuation Pension, Health, Life Insurance, General Illness (Short- and Long-Term Disability), paid sick days and vacation.

We're committed to diversity and equitable access to employment opportunities based on ability. Your unique contributions and talents will be valued and respected here. We strive to build a team that reflects the diversity of the communities we serve and encourage applications from traditionally underrepresented groups such as women, visible minorities, Indigenous peoples, people identifying as LGBTQ2S+, veterans, and people with disabilities.

To apply, send your CV or resumé along with a cover letter. A portfolio or images of past work encouraged. Please combine all documents as a single PDF and email to **Sherbrooke.ED@novascotia.ca** or deliver to:

Sherbrooke Village
RE: WOODTURNER
42 Main Street, PO Box 295
Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia
Canada B0J 3C0

All applications must be received by Friday 5 April 2024.

This is a bargaining unit position represented by the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union. External applicants are welcome; preference is given to qualified Sherbrooke Village NSGEU bargaining unit candidates first. A criminal record check and vulnerable sectors check will be required of successful candidates. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. No telephone or faxed applications will be accepted.