

# HARTMAN ROCK - GARDEN

## Summer Internship in Springfield, Ohio

### Description:

The Hartman Rock Garden is offering a paid internship this summer to students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs who wish to gain professional experience in the fields of art history, conservation, history, and museum studies. This intern will work alongside the garden's strong volunteer base and professional advisors, including art historians and folk art conservators. Tasks will include research, writing, interpretation, and basic hands-on conservation.

This internship totals approximately 185 hours during the summer term. Schedules are based on the intern's academic calendar. A \$1500 stipend will be awarded at the completion of the internship.

### About the Hartman Rock Garden:

The Hartman Rock Garden, located at 1905 Russell Avenue in Springfield, Ohio, is one of the nation's most intriguing visionary environments, an outsider art phenomenon where self-taught artists construct fascinating worlds out of concrete, metal, stone, and whatever else they can find. Constructed between 1932 and 1944, it was the vision of local foundry worker Ben Hartman and his wife Mary. After years of neglect, the Wisconsin-based Kohler Foundation saved the garden in 2008. Working with the local community, folk art conservationists began the process of restoring the garden to its original condition. In 2010, local citizens worked with the Kohler Foundation to form the Friends of the Hartman Rock Garden, a not-for-profit organization, which oversees the maintenance, preservation, and interpretation of this folk art masterpiece.

### Requirements:

- Undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited college or university, or students who have graduated within the past twelve months
- A focus or interest in History, Art History, Conservation, Museum Studies, or a related field
- Students are generally expected to have an overall G.P.A. of 3.0 or its equivalent.

### Preferred knowledge, skills, and abilities:

- Basic knowledge of American History
- Ability to work with hands and basic tools (paint brush, hammer, etc.) in an outdoor setting
- Standard computer skills and ability to learn new technologies
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to conduct basic research at local libraries and archives after a brief training

### How to Apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume, two references (names and email addresses only), and a writing sample (preferably from your collegiate work) by Sunday, April 23, 2017 to:

Kevin Rose, Historian  
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The position will be filled and all applicants will be notified by Monday, May 1.