

**Location:** Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village  
3755 Tonawanda Creek Road  
Amherst, NY 14228

**Position:** Seasonal Costumed Historic Interpreter

**Hours:** Seasonal Part Time (May 2- October 24)

**Description:**

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village (BNHV) is seeking personable and energetic individuals to serve as part-time Seasonal Costumed Historic Interpreters in our Historic Village and Heritage Farmstead for the 2020 season. Historic Interpreters must dress in appropriate 19<sup>th</sup> century attire (to be provided by BNHV) and engage visitors while performing tasks and activities related to 19<sup>th</sup> century rural life. Tasks may include but shall not be limited to:

- Gardening
- Farmstead chores and working with farm animals
- Cooking with historic tools
- Acting as “Characters” in the village, such as a doctor/pharmacist or domestic resident
- Domestic chores such as cleaning, sweeping, general tidying
- Walking throughout the Historic Village and Farmstead to greet and speak with visitors

Tasks performed may include working with sharp or heavy historic tools, farm animals, cooking, or performing strenuous activity. Successful applicants must be able to stand and walk for several hours and lift 20 lbs. or more.

Costumed Historic Interpreters will also provide regularly scheduled guided group tours in the Historic Village and should be comfortable leading visitor groups, discussing the Historic Building and Heritage Farmstead, and answering questions. Interpreters will also be required to participate in the Old Home Days Parade on July 14, where they will ride the parade float in costume.

Successful applicants must complete a background check. All necessary training, costuming, and tools will be provided by BNHV.

**Hours and Schedule:**

Part time.

Hours are primarily Thursday evenings, 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., as well as additional hours for Community Events and special tours.

**Experience:**

Applicants should have an interest in and passion for history and agricultural and artisan heritage. Previous experience in theater, leading tours, or customer service is beneficial.

While all applicants who are interested in and willing to learn new skills will be considered, we encourage individuals with prior experience in leading museum tours, farming, blacksmithing, woodworking, tinsmithing, weaving, quilting, or other historic/ artisan skills to apply.

**To Apply:** Please submit a resume and cover letter to [curator@bnhv.org](mailto:curator@bnhv.org) by **March 18**. In your cover letter, please explain why you are interested in working as a Historic Interpreter at BNHV and explain any prior experience or relevant skills. Please, no phone calls.