HISTORIC MOUNT VERNON
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

LABORATORY DIRECTOR, ARCHAEOLOGY

Mount Vernon's Department of Archaeology, seeks a Laboratory Director to manage the lab's daily operations and supervise cataloguing using ReDiscovery software. The position is funded for 18 months and includes a full benefit package.

The archaeologists will conduct an intensive excavation in George Washington's Upper Garden in 2008 and the Laboratory Director will be an integral part of that project, managing the organization, processing and cataloguing of the excavated artifacts. Additionally, the Laboratory Director will oversee cataloguing and analysis of a large assemblage of artifacts excavated from a c. 1798 whiskey distillery.

Mount Vernon's archaeological collections are comprised of artifacts recovered during 20 years of archaeological investigations at the plantation. The successful candidate will also participate in an ongoing collections management initiative to upgrade documentation of the assemblage.

Applicants should have experience cataloguing and analyzing material culture from the colonial historic period. A Bachelor's degree in anthropology / archaeology, historic preservation or a related field is required, a graduate degree is preferred. The successful candidate must have strong communication, organizational, supervisory and computer skills, and a broad understanding of archaeological laboratory methods. Experience with Rediscovery software and artifact conservation is desired.

This is an 18-month, full-time position with a full benefit package including vacation, sick leave, holidays, medical and dental insurance, and matching savings and retirement plans.

Please send a resume and cover letter by February 15, 2008 to:

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