

# Jason L. Sharman

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## SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Botanical nomenclature and plant taxonomy
- ISA Certified Arborist
- Kentucky Certified Pesticide Applicator License
- Invasive plant eradication and management
- Integrated pest management
- Certified Florida Master Naturalist
- Bonsai instructor
- Eco-educator
- Plant propagation
- Trained EMT
- NWCG (Nat'l Wildfire Coordinating Group) FFT2 card holder 2006-2008
- Certified Wildland Firefighter
  - S-130: Intro. to Wildland Fire Fighting
  - S-190: Intro. to Wildland Fire Behavior
  - S-290: Intermediate Fire Behavior
  - I-100: Introduction to ICS
  - I-200: Basic Incident Command System
  - L-180: Human Factors on the Fireline
- Interior and exterior landscaping

## EXPERIENCE

### **Sep. 2008 – Present: Bearwood Gardens Landscape Design (Louisville)**

#### *Horticulture Manager*

- Oversee ecological, sustainable landscape design and maintenance
- Residential invasive weed management consulting
- Landscape maintenance
- Manage 4-person crew
- Train staff on horticultural concepts
- Interact with clients re: special requests

### **Sep. 2004 – Aug. 2008: University of Central Florida (Orlando)**

#### *Greenhouse Manager, Biology Greenhouses*

- Greenhouse program: designed protocols and built greenhouses
- Coordinated the installation and maintenance of horticultural equipment
- Provided technical support to principal researchers throughout research projects
- Compiled and maintained data for Arboretum research projects
- Maintained sterile, pest- and disease-free environment within greenhouses
- Provided selected taxonomic samples of plants to instructors
- Propagated plants

#### *Horticultural Coordinator, Arboretum*

- Researched, purchased and installed plants endemic to ten regions of 10-acre bio-geographic garden
- Coordinated with professional ecological restorationists to purchase and install plants for native Florida garden
  - Highlighting strategies for minimal irrigation and integrated pest management
- Provided eco-education covering a wide range of topics with groups of visitors
- Curated and maintained Central Florida's largest Bonsai collection
- Initiated invasive plant management program
- Used intensive knowledge of botanical nomenclature and plant taxonomy to catalog

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extensive photo gallery of all native plants in all seven ecosystems

- Created and presented weekly bonsai workshops
- Managed crew of student workers

## *Certified Wildland Firefighter*

- Assisted with prescribed burn ignition and suppression at UCF Arboretum and Wekiwa Springs State Park over three growing seasons

## **May 2004-Sep. 2004: Self-employed (Orlando)**

### *J. Sharman Native Plant Landscaping*

- Native Florida plant landscaping
- Lakefront restoration and residential invasive plant management
- Advised clients; provided written plans and recommendations

## **Sep. 2002-May 2004: Valley Crest Landscaping (Orlando)**

### *Interiorscape Design Supervisor*

- Designed interiorscapes
- Maintained tropical plants in interior atriums
- Collaborated with clients to customize particular elements and features
- Oversaw pesticide and fertilizer applications
- Installed tropical plants

## **Nov. 2000-Sep. 2002: Sea World Orlando**

### *Greenhouse Manager/Crew Leader*

- Managed extensive greenhouse program for a high-use public area
- Managed and supervised 7-person crew
- Designed and supervised placement and care of flowering potted arrangements and baskets (over 1,500 baskets and pots total)
- Greenhouse propagation of all plant material used in park
- Responsible for the spraying of insecticides and fungicides in greenhouse

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- 2009: International Society of Arboriculture
- 2009: Kentucky Exotic Pest Plant Council (KY-EPPC)
- 2008-2009: Greater Louisville Bonsai Society
- 2004-2008: Orlando Bonsai Society
- 2006-2008: Central Florida Native Plant Society
- 2006-Present: AERGC (Assn. of Education/Research Greenhouse Coordinators)
- 2007-2008: FNGLA (Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Assn.)

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.

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