

EXHIBIT SPECIALIST

KIND OF WORK

Technical exhibit design and construction work at the Minnesota Zoological Garden.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class is responsible for the construction, installation, and maintenance of exhibits at the Minnesota Zoological Garden. The incumbent may also be called upon at times to make working drawings of proposed or renovated exhibits. A close working relationship with other activities must be maintained so that exhibits are constructed in conformance with animal management, horticulture, graphics, and visitor service programs. The incumbent reports to a Senior Interpretive Naturalist in charge of visual arts programs, and supervises a small crew of temporary or permanent staff. Work assignments are received in the form of rough sketches of the proposed new/revised exhibit and written or oral instructions.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Develops working drawings of exhibit designs to ensure they meet the guidelines established by the requesting division.

Participates in and supervises the construction and renovation of exhibits to ensure appropriate methods are used and aesthetic appeal is achieved.

Inspects and repairs exhibits so that exhibit deterioration is avoided.

Maintain inventory records and exhibit tools so that proper management of the Exhibit Shop is maintained.

Prepare and monitor exhibits budget so that expenditures do not exceed funds available.

Research information to be considered for exhibit design so that exhibits meet all philosophical, educational, and aesthetic standards of the Zoo.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

Basic construction materials and methods.

Exhibit art methods and materials.

The production steps required to carry out a construction project.

Ability to:

Research information for use in drafting designs and working drawings.

Conceptualize a finished product on the basis of a rough sketch.

Draw and draft working drawings.

Provide direction to skilled and unskilled workers.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.

Est.: 8/79
Rev.:

T.C.:
Former Title(s):