

# Los Poblanos Organics

After graduating from UNM, I wanted to learn more about organic agriculture. I took an internship at Los Poblanos Organics in Los Ranchos, NM. Here I not only learned about growing plants, but also every aspect of running a farm and CSA program. I also got to sell at farmers' markets, which was a lot of fun!

Top: Los Poblanos raised pigs, as well as chickens and turkeys.

Bottom: Planting was one of my favorite jobs.

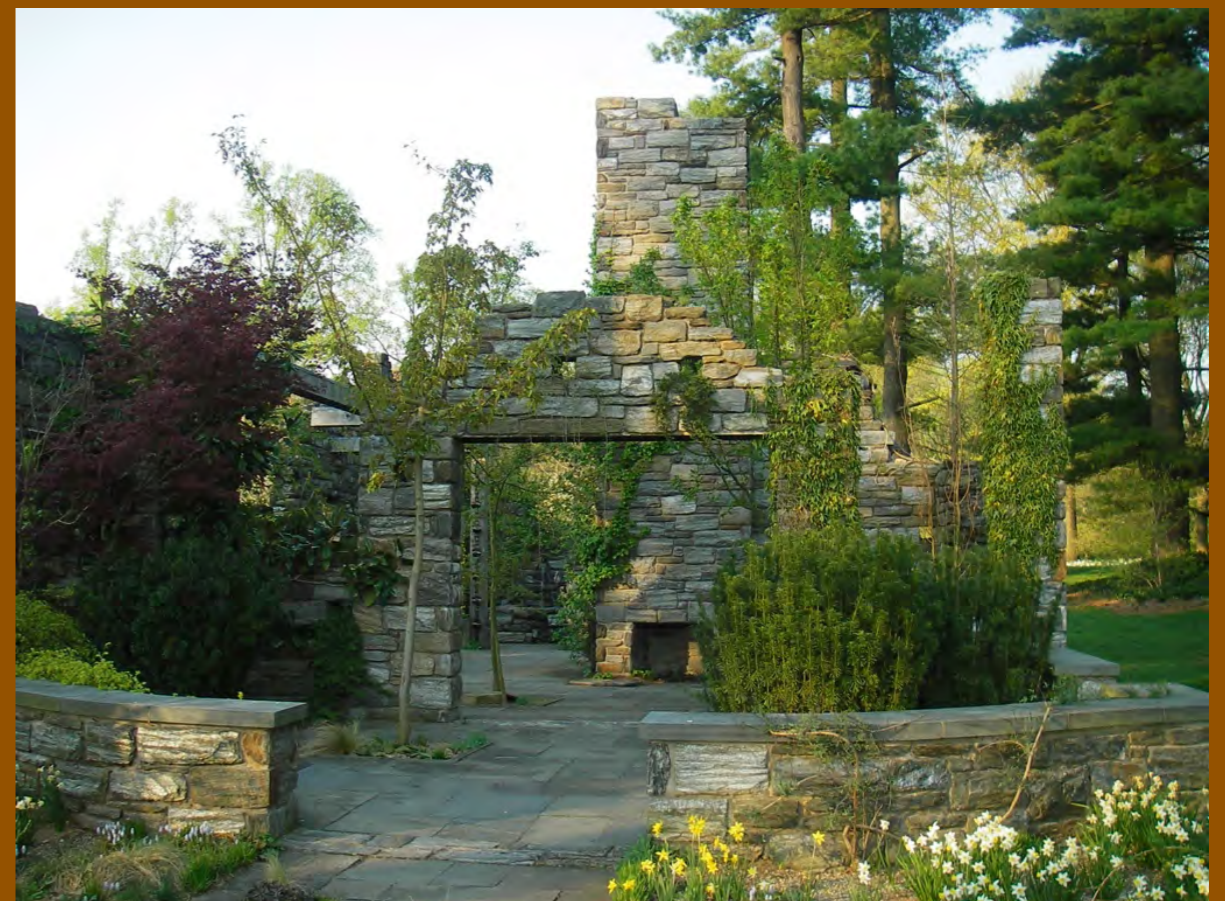


# Chanticleer

After Los Poblanos, I became more interested in growing plants ornamentally. I took classes at CNM in Plant Science and Landscape Design and began searching for hands-on horticultural programs.

My search led me to Chanticleer, a 35 acre garden in Wayne, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia. I began an internship there in April 2010. Through my seven months there, I worked in all parts of the garden with horticulturalists, learning new plants and gardening techniques every day. Chanticleer is an amazing and creative garden that will always be a special place for me.

Top: Lettuce and poppies in the Teacup Garden  
Bottom: Entrance to the Ruin Garden



# Longwood Gardens

I wanted to get more of an academic background in horticulture. Longwood Gardens, in Kennett Square, PA, is a world-class garden that offers a Professional Gardener Program. This two-year program combines college-level horticulture classes with work experience in the garden.



Currently, I am in the first year of the program. It has been the most intense and rewarding experience of my life. I have worked with arborists and climbed trees, waded in lily pools and driven tractors. As part of the program we travel abroad in our second year. Our class will be going to China in October 2012! We are working on fundraising through plant sales.



Top: Working in the lily pools  
Bottom: My personal garden this July