# Monica Sabella

I am a journalist and a horticulturalist with a wide range of media skills and life-long interest in gardening and the environmental and earth sciences.

### **EXPERIENCE**

### **Freelance Writer**

JANUARY 2017 - PRESENT / REMOTE

Original Content Creation on Various Themes, Pursues Independent Investigations and Interviews, Photography, Photo Copy. I've Provided Consistent Content for Both the Lakeshore Guardian and the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan on Horticulture-Related Articles.

### Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Museum / Horticulturalist

SEPTEMBER 2022 - PRESENT / GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MI Curate Rose Gardens as Designed in 1920s; Manage, Monitor, Install Flower Beds Across 89 Acre Property, Design and Create Floral Arrangements and Flower Pot Displays for Museum Events, Execute Integrated Pest Management Strategies, Proper Pruning, Identify Native verses Invasive Species.

## teleSUR English — Copy Editor

JANUARY 2019 - SEPTEMBER 2019 / REMOTE

Reviewed and Edited Articles, Social Media Plans, and Video Scripts for Accuracy and the Highest Capacity for International Audience Interaction and SEO Potential; Stepped in as Editor and Social Media Writer in Addition to Normal Duties as Copy Editor and Writing a Minimum of 5 Articles, Focusing on the Caribbean and the Americas; Lead On-Call Writer for the Outlet's Emergency Back-Up Team.

# teleSUR English — Web Content Producer

MAY 2017 - SEPTEMBER 2019 / QUITO, ECUADOR

Reported and Wrote for International Audiences via Original Online Content Highlighting Latin American and Caribbean Politics and Social Movements, Covered Outlet's Medical and Science Beat as well as Global News, Wrote Daily Minimum of Five 700 Word Articles, Live Translations Spanish to English, Provided Photography Coverage of Interesting Regional and Cultural Events.

### Sonorama — Web Editor Assistant

OCTOBER 2016 - DECEMBER 2016 / QUITO, ECUADOR Live Translation and Transcription of Audio for Online Content, Recorded and Edited Podcasts for Radio, Created Broadcast On-Air Scripts, Conducted Live Interviews.

## LA-SED — Social Media Manager

JANUARY 2016 - APRIL 2016 / DETROIT, MICHIGAN Introduced Innovative Methods of Digital Outreach for Community Events, Managed Social Media Accounts While Incorporating SEO Strategies and Keyword Optimization, Encouraged Online Engagement Through Polls for Better Client Interaction, Assisted in Website Development and Design, Photography.

## Southeastern Condo & Real Estate Services — AP/AR Clerk

AUGUST 2012 - JANUARY 2016 / GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN Reviewed and Analyzed Over 200 Business Accounts; Managed Bookkeeping, Bank Reconciliations, Production of Financial Reports, Answered Phones and Greeted Clients in a Professional and Friendly Manner.

# The Michigan Journal — Editor

MAY 2014 - APRIL 2016 / DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

Team Management and Organization- Expanded a Team of Two Writers to 25 Volunteer Reporters; Revolutionized Our Layout Designs; Proofread and Copyedited Articles, Published Articles on Social Media and Edited to Enhance SEO Strength, While Providing Constructive Advice to Writers.

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

**Social Media Platforms:** Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat **Professional Photography:** University of Michigan

Weddings, Graduation Photos, Personal Photo Shoots, Engagement Photos

<u>Freelance Photo Coverage</u> — Grosse Pointe News, The Michigan Journal, City of Grosse Pointe Park, teleSUR English, Sonorama FM Radio

**Computer Skills:** Adobe InDesign, WordPress, Photoshop, CMS, Google Adwords, SEO, Expert Voice Overs, Blogging, Publisher, Excel, Gimp, Microsoft Office, Website Development.

# **Contact Information**

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## Skills

Interpersonal Communication

Resourceful

Copy Editing

Proficient in AP

Team Management

Researching

Reporting

Team Player

Strong Work Ethic

Positive Outlook

Quick Study

Detail-Oriented

Investigation

Strong Interview Skills

# Languages

English: Native Spanish: Fluent Italian: Basic

### **Education**

Michigan State University Master Gardener Program

August 2021 - December 2021

# University of Michigan Journalism and Screen Studies

Bachelor of Arts August 2012 - April 2016 Minors: Hispanic Studies, Digital Marketing GPA: 3.4

#### **Awards**

Dean's List - 2016

Intern Award - 2015

Published in the Lyceum Fine Arts Journal