

# COMMUNITY



This is one of the many member-created evergreen arrangements to be sold at the Mountain Garden Club's annual holiday boutique at the North Conway Community Center on Saturday. (COURTESY PHOTO)

## *Holiday elegance*

Boxwood trees, wreaths and other handcrafts at Mountain Garden Club's annual boutique

CONWAY — Decorated boxwood trees, wreaths made of locally harvested flowers and fruit, handcrafted gifts and gourmet foods will be offered at the Mountain Garden Club's annual holiday boutique at the new North Conway Community Center on Saturday. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., and the boutique ends when items are sold out, usually before noon.

"Holiday Elegance" is this year's theme, and among the items for sale are beaded Christmas spiders, terrarium globes, quilted table runners and distinctive member-created evergreen arrangements in unique containers such as ice skates and ski boots. Rustic wooden birdhouses, pet toys and treats, hand-painted decor, and botanical-themed ornaments are other popular items. Tasty gourmet foods, creatively packaged, complete the shopping (and snacking) opportunities.

Paperwhites planted in a variety of glass and ceramic containers will also be sold to benefit Jen's

Friends, which supports local cancer patients and their families.

Proceeds from the boutique are directed back into the community, and benefit the club's many public garden projects as well as its Alice T. Madden Scholarship Fund.

With 190 members, the Mountain Garden Club is one of the largest and most active in New Hampshire. In 2016, the club planted and maintained public gardens in Conway, North Conway, Bartlett and Jackson, provided holiday wreaths for municipal buildings throughout the valley, contributed hundreds of hours of labor and funds for the extensive landscaping at the North Conway Community Center, presented Art in Bloom in Jackson, and awarded \$7,000 in scholarships and grants to local students. Membership is open to any full- or part-time resident of the Mount Washington Valley. For additional information or a schedule of meetings and workshops, visit [www.mountaingardenclub.org](http://www.mountaingardenclub.org).