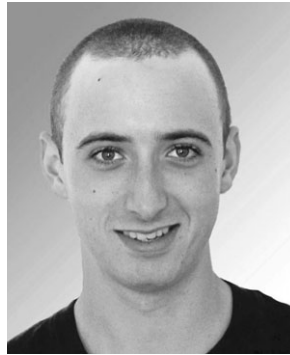


Mountain Garden Club awards scholarships

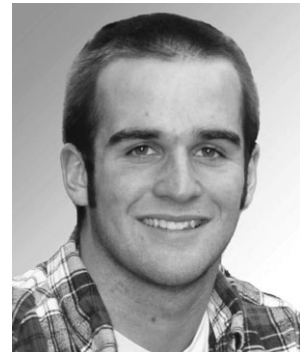
CONWAY — The Mountain Garden Club recently awarded \$1500 scholarships for the 2012-13 academic year to three outstanding students from the Mount Washington Valley—Gian Andrea Noonan, Sean Perley, and Laura Pulito.



Gian Andrea Noonan



Laura Pulito



Sean Perley

The Mountain Garden Club's Alice T. Madden Scholarship program provides funds for graduating high school seniors from Mount Washington Valley area towns who plan to study in "green fields" such as agriculture, horticulture, forestry, environmental science, land management and other related areas. Scholarships are awarded yearly, are partnered with Mount Washington Valley Dollars for Scholars, and may be renewable on reapplication providing particular conditions are met.

Gian Andrea Noonan Gian Andrea Noonan is a previous winner of an Alice T. Madden Scholarship, and is a UNH senior this year, completing his degree in Forestry. Gian plans a career with the United States Forest Service to pursue his interest in preserving native woodlands and protecting their resources.

Sean Perley Sean Perley, a 2012 graduate of Kennebec High School, will attend Wheaton College to study environmental science with a focus on wild-life biology. His career goal is to become a conservation officer. Sean would like to study abroad to

develop his knowledge of different environments throughout the world and use this knowledge to provide sustainability strategies to underprivileged countries.

Laura Pulito Laura Pulito, a 2012 graduate of Fryeburg Academy, will attend Cornell University to study agriculture. Laura grew up on a small farm in Brownfield, Maine, and over the years developed a passion for farm life. Her concentration will be in agricultural communications and journalism. She hopes to teach people sustainable methods of caring for themselves and the land. Laura is motivated to promote change towards sustainable living and overall wellbeing, both for individuals and at a global level.

Any student who resides in the Mount Washington Valley and who is planning to be a full-time college student in a plant related discipline is eligible to apply for an Alice T. Madden scholarship. For more information about this program and the application process, visit www.mountaingardenclub.org.

Mountain Garden Club meets in Albany on Sept. 17

CONWAY — The Mountain Garden Club meets Monday, Sept. 17, at the Tin Mountain Conservation Center on Bald Hill Road in Albany.

The topic will be "Looking Ahead: Programs,

Projects, and More."

Coffee and conversation at 9:30 a.m.; business meeting begins at 10 a.m. New members are always welcome and the public is invited.