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Mountain Garden Club Awards five Scholarships

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CONWAY — The Mountain Garden Club recently awarded five \$1,000 scholarships from the Alice T. Madden Fund for the 2011-2012 academic year to outstanding students in the Mount Washington Valley.

Lauren Brooking is a first time recipient, a 2011 graduate from Fryeburg Academy and a member of the ecology club. She helped gather data on vines and lizards in a rainforest in Puerto Rico. Brooking will be majoring in environmental studies at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash.

Aaron Charles Emerson, a two-time recipient, is a senior at Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, Vt., majoring in natural/environmental studies. Emerson has spent the summer working on a new project to make biodiesel more accessible to Vermont farmers by growing oil feedstock crops and processing the oil locally.

Gian Andrea Noonan is also a two-time recipient and will be a junior at the University of New Hampshire, Durham majoring in forestry. Noonan hopes to pursue a career as a Forest Ranger or a Fish and Game Officer.

Cassidy Callahan of Conway is a three-time recipient who is now a senior at Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vt., majoring in agroecology. Callahan has had various experiences in her major, which range from a work-study program at Cerridan Farm's sustainable garden to working at a vineyard in the Italian Alps.

Alicia Morrison is a four-time recipient of this scholarship. She is majoring in environmental studies at Keene State in Keene. Morrison has volunteered at the marine and forest reserves located on the island of Caye Caulker near Belize.

The Alice T. Madden Scholarship program provides funds for graduating high school seniors and post-secondary students from the Mount Washington Valley who are pursuing studies in plant science disciplines such as horticulture, agriculture, forestry, environmental science, land management and other related fields. It is proud to be a partner with the Mount Washington Valley Dollars for Scholars.

Students who reside in the Mount Washington Valley and who are planning to be full-time students are eligible to apply for the Alice T. Madden scholarship. For more information about this program and the application process, visit www.mountaingardenclub.org or email us at info@mountaingardenclub.org.

The Mountain Garden Club, established 38 years ago, is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, District 1, and of the National Garden Clubs, Inc.—New England Region. Membership is open to men and women of the Mount Washington Valley. The club is dedicated to promoting horticultural education, civic beautification, and conservation through volunteerism and friendship in the Mount Washington Valley.

