

Mountain Garden Club awards scholarships to three local students

NORTH CONWAY — The Mountain Garden Club (MGC) has awarded Alice T. Madden Scholarships for the 2014-15 academic year to three area students who are pursuing a post-secondary education in disciplines related to plant science. The students are:

- Richard Crouse, a 2014 Kennett High School graduate, who will be attending Unity College in Unity, Maine, to study Conservation Law Enforcement. He plans to pair his outdoor experience and wilderness skills with Conservation Law Enforcement to protect the wilderness.

- Walker Day, a 2013 graduate of Fryeburg Academy, recently completed his freshman year studying forestry at the University of Maine. A second-time scholarship winner, he will continue in the forestry field with renewed enthusiasm, having had the opportunity to shadow a forester during his freshman year. His goal is to become a forester for a private land company.

- Dakota Griffin, a 2014 Fryeburg Academy graduate, will be attending Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, to major in Environmental Studies. His longtime love of the outdoors led to his interest in environmental issues. He hopes to do independent research on the effects of environmental changes on the ecology of the globe.

The Mountain Garden Club, established in 1973, has more than 180 members from 13 townships in the



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Mount Washington Valley. The club serves the community through the Civic Improvement Program which provides and maintains gardens in highly visible public Mount Washington Valley areas such as traffic islands and in Connie Watson Davis and Schouler parks. The Mountain Garden Club also holds numerous fundraising events for various activities and programs including the yearly scholarships awarded through the Alice T. Madden Scholarship Fund.

Alice T. Madden was a former president and charter member of the Mountain Garden Club, and was a passionate gardener who enjoyed sharing her extensive horticultural knowledge with young people. The scholarships were established in her memory for students who wish to pursue post secondary education in

plant science disciplines, including horticulture, agriculture, forestry, environmental science, land management and related fields.

Scholarships are awarded yearly through the MGC's partner, Mount Washington Valley Dollars for Scholars. Eligible students must be from the Mount Washington Valley and plan to be a full-time college student in a plant-related discipline. Graduating students from Kennett High

School, Fryeburg Academy and The Community School of Tamworth are encouraged to apply. Visit the Dollars for Scholars website at www.dfsmwv.homestead.com for more information. Applications are due in early spring 2015. The exact deadline will be published on the website in winter 2014-15.

Visit www.mountaingardenclub.org for more information on the Mountain Garden Club.

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Mountain Garden Club will hold its September meeting Monday, Sept. 15 at Tin Mountain Conservation Center, Bald Hill Road in Albany. President Debbie Bryant and Mountain Garden Club project chairs will present "Looking Ahead: Programs, Projects, and More." At this first meeting of the fiscal year, members will learn about the exciting spectrum of events, projects, and workshops planned for this year, as well as about ongoing projects, and have the opportunity to sign up to participate in areas of interest. A presentation by Special Projects/Environmental Chair Ralph Lutjen on native plants will be featured, as well as information about National Garden Club resources available to members. Coffee and

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

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