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*Bloomin' Ladies*

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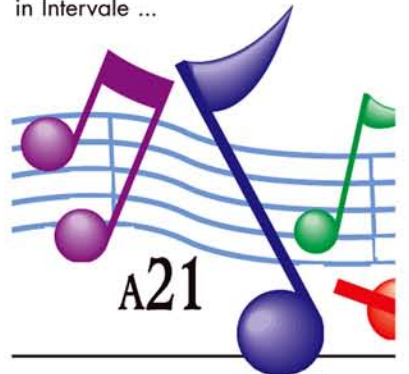
Sara Young-Knox takes a ride through the Madison Chain of Ponds on the Silver Lake Railroad...



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*'Our Roots are in the Valley'*

## Mountain Garden Club awards Alice T. Madden Scholarships

NORTH CONWAY — The Mountain Garden Club (MGC) slogan is "Our Roots are in the Valley."

With over 150 members from the 13 townships in the Mount Washington Valley (MWV), the club has literally and figuratively planted roots in the community. Continued growth through active member participation has allowed the club to serve the community in such areas as the Civic Improvement Program, Garden Therapy projects and the Alice T. Madden Scholarship Fund.

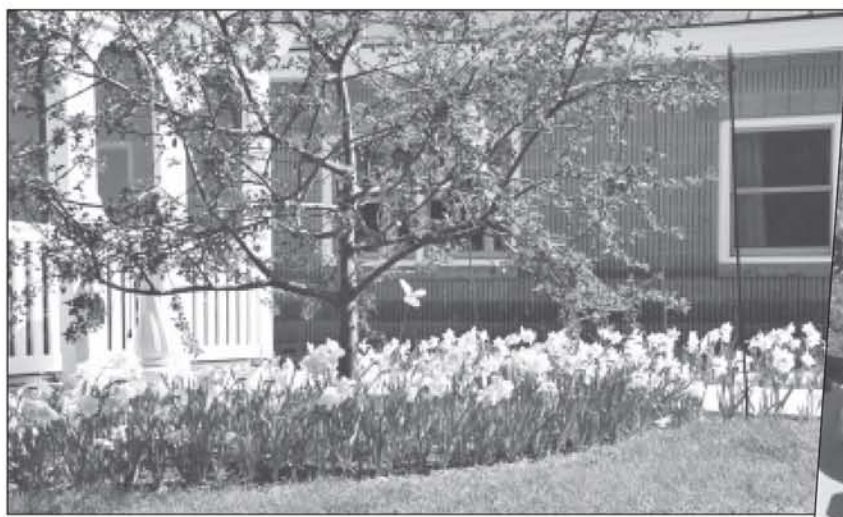
In collaboration with Dollars for Scholars, the Alice T. Madden Scholarship Fund supports deserving Valley students pursuing horticultural/ environmental-related studies with \$1000 scholarships. This year the Club awarded four \$1000 scholarships to post-secondary students who are repeat recipients of the club's scholarship program. All four students exemplify the goals of the Fund.

Cassidy Callahan is pursuing a degree in Sustainable Agriculture at Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vt. She is looking forward to raising two young goats this summer and using their milk to make cheese and soap. The animals will go back to school with her this autumn and live on the campus farm with the other goats.

Alicia Morrison is studying Environmental Science at Keene State College. This summer she is participating in an internship at Hubbard Brook Experimental forest in North Woodstock, where she is finding nests and collecting data on the Black Throated Blue Warbler.

Amanda Tulip is a student at University of Montana, studying Recreation Resource Management. She is working for Tin Mountain Conservation Center this summer as the Director of Explorer's Camps, leading small groups of children on backpacking trips and overnights throughout the White Mountains and Northern Lakes.

Catherine Gilmore is attending the University of New Hampshire and will be graduating with a double major in Horticulture Technology and Environmental Conservation. She has been working on residential and commercial landscaping projects, applying environmentally friendly tech-



top right: Getting ready to plant 350 daffodils at Merriman House last autumn are (from left, standing) MGC member, Virginia Kanzler and Merriman House Assistant, Ethel Stafford and (kneeling) MGC members, Kristen Honsberger and DD Warren.

above: This photo displays the results this spring of the Mountain Garden Club planting 350 daffodil bulbs at Merriman House last autumn, as part of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. program "Golden Days." (Courtesy Photos)

niques, such as composting and organic fertilizers.

Although it happens that all four of the scholarship recipients are post-secondary students for this upcoming academic year, MGC strongly encourages graduating seniors from Kennett High School, Fryeburg Academy and The Community School of Tamworth, who are pursuing a course of study in any of the plant sciences, to apply for the Alice T. Madden Scholarship.

The MGC has also been very busy reaching out to the community with several Garden Therapy projects in concert with National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) programs. "Golden Days" is an NGC program that encourages garden clubs all across the nation to plant daffodils for our gardening friends who are no longer in their homes or are unable to plant flowers.

MGC members DD Warren, Virginia Kanzler, Diane Copley, Elaine Hennigan and Kristen Honsberger planted over 600 daffodils this past autumn at the Merriman House in North Conway and the Children Unlimited facility in Conway. DD Warren and Virginia Kanzler have also designed a simple, colorful, handicap-accessible garden for the Merriman House residents to enjoy, as well as having a gar-

dening workstation designed and built by the students at the Kennett High School Career and Technical Center that is wheelchair accessible.

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. is promoting "Plant It Pink," a multi-faceted initiative designed to support Susan G. Komen for the Cure's mission to save lives and end breast cancer forever. The MGC is proud to be supporting breast cancer awareness in a very visible way, as members from the MGC Garden Therapy, CIP, and Cancer Awareness Committees teamed up to plant a pink garden this June at Salyard's Center for the Arts in Conway.

The first project of the Club's newly formed Environmental Projects committee this year was to design a rain garden at Children Unlimited. To be installed this summer or autumn, the rain garden will be an educational tool for the children and also serve an important environmental purpose. It will redirect excess rainwater from the roof of the building into a shallow depression planted with deep-rooted native plants and grasses. This will help keep clean, fresh rainwater out of the sewer system, reduce pollution and preserve our water systems.

All of these programs would not be possible without MWV community establishments and residents supporting the Club's



Cassidy Callahan, a Mountain Garden Club scholarship recipient, with one of her two goats, "Maggie," that she will be raising this summer to produce cheese and soap from its milk.

(Courtesy Photo)

four major fundraising efforts during the year. The Mountain Garden Club, established 37 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 all residents of the Mount Washington Valley.

For more information regarding the club, its programs and activities, visit [www.mountaingardenclub.org](http://www.mountaingardenclub.org). ▲