

Mountain Garden Club members take part in improvement project

CONWAY — On Thursday morning, June 20, 15 energetic Mountain Garden Club members turned out to clean up the landscaping at the roundabout on the North-South Road.

This Civic Improvement Program project (CIP) was chaired by Norma Whitmore, who coordinates all Mountain Garden Club CIP efforts in the Valley. In summer, these include planting and maintaining the gardens at community parks such as Schouler Park and Connie Davis Park in N. Conway Village, the Jackson Gazebo, the Freedom Library, and all of the major traffic islands in Conway, Eaton, North Conway, Bartlett, Freedom, and Jackson.

The Mountain Garden Club also assists new Habitat for Humanity homeowners with landscaping under the guidance of master garden-



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er and member Ralph Lutjen. Environmental projects coordinated by Lutjen and worked on by members include a rain garden at Children Unlimited and the Mineral Springs gazebo project at

Kennett High School, which were both completed in the past year. The club's newest project is an outdoor "reading room" at the North Conway Library designed by Lutjen that is nearing completion, to

commemorate the Mountain Garden Club's 40th anniversary and the 125th anniversary of the library. In addition, the club sponsored the design and garden plan at the newly opened Mother Seton House in Fryeburg, ME, with garden maintenance to be undertaken by the new residents.

The Mountain Garden Club, established in 1973, is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting horticultural education, civic beautification, and conservation through volunteerism and friendship in the Mount Washington Valley.

Membership is open to all area men and women for a fee of \$20 a year. For more information regarding the club, its programs, activities, and civic improvement projects, visit the club Web site at www.mountaingardenclub.org.