

WELCOME
Mountain Garden Club

2023/2024 Year-in-Review

September 16th 2024

at Tin Mountain, Albany, N.H

Mission Statement:

“The Mountain Garden Club is dedicated to promoting horticultural **education**, civic **beautification**, and **conservation** through volunteerism and friendship in the Mount Washington Valley.”

The following is a pictorial history of our past year.

Hope you enjoy it!

Monthly Meetings and Programs



Tin Mountain

Conservation Center

**Welcome to the first
meeting of our new fiscal year**

September 2023

President Sue gets us going.









Treats are ready.









Mountain Garden Club
Since 1988
Cheryl
Pizor
Recording Secretary

Mountain Garden Club
Since 1988
Suzanne
Scolamiero





Raffles went well.



Tin Mountain Gets A Donation



October Back At The N.C. Community Center

October Lunch & Learn At NC Community Center

October 16, 2023 Lunch & Learn Picnic at The North Conway Community Center "WWII Victory Gardens"

Christin Kaiser

*UNH Advanced Master Gardener and
Australian Certified Permaculture Designer*

**Picnic Lunch will consist of a Handcrafted Deli Sandwich or Salad, Chips
and Homemade Sweet from the fabulous J-Town Deli in Jackson!**

Make your reservation early!

\$20 for members or guests

[Click here to download a .pdf of Reservation/Order form.](#)

~ Address for mailing the reservation form and check are on the reservation form ~

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Must receive reservation & payment by October 9, 2023*

****NOTE – An email confirmation will be sent when your check is received.***

We really look forward to seeing you there!!!

Any questions, please call Wendy Ann Smith at (919) 410-1045



Christin Kaiser

*UNH Advanced Master Gardener and
Australian Certified Permaculture Designer*

Christin will share the history of Victory Gardens during war times as well as her experience building modern ones. With recent concerns about GMO's, scarcity and supply chain disruptions, growing your own food has never been more timely. Her passion is educating people about growing at least a portion

of their own food. She will show you how to feed yourself whether working alone, with your family, or as part of a community effort.

Christin is a lifelong gardener and has always had a vegetable garden plus some specialty gardens for her fiber art and herbal interests. She lives in Wolfeboro on a small farm with her husband and assorted animals.



Presenter Cristin Kaiser.

**Sorry no photos from
October meeting.**



November Back At The N.C. Community Center

**November 20, 2023 Meeting - 9:30am
at North Conway Community Center
78 Norcross Circle - North Conway Village, NH**

**"Gardens of the Gilded Age"
Jana Millbocker
Owner, Enchanted Gardens Landscape Design**



The mid 1870's to the late 1890's were labeled as the Gilded Age. This period is famous for its ornate mansions and grand gardens built by the Roosevelts, Vanderbilts, and Carnegies. Jana Millbocker will transport you to the Gilded Age with an armchair tour of the gardens at the Newport Mansions, Vanderbilt Estate, Vizcaya, Untermyer Gardens, Nemours and others.

Jana designs residential properties, is the owner of Enchanted Gardens Landscape Design and author of several garden travel guides. She loves to visit gardens and historic sites in the USA and abroad, and share her trips through her books, blog, lectures, and photos. She has lectured at flower shows, horticultural societies, garden clubs, and libraries throughout the US. Her site, www.EnchantedGardensDesign.com offers insights on horticulture, design, and travel to educate, inspire and delight both new and seasoned gardeners.

**Reservations will be taken for the upcoming Holiday Luncheon
Monday, December 18th at Eagle Mountain House in Jackson, NH**

9:30 am Hospitality / 10:00 am Meeting / 11:00 am Program



Presenter Jana Millbocker

**Sorry no photos from
November meeting.**

Annual Holiday Boutique cancelled for this year.



Dear MGC Members and Friends,

The MGC Board has come to the difficult decision to cancel the December 4th workshop and Holiday Boutique (December 9th) for this year.

However, we are looking forward to postponing it till next year and have a great number of new ideas and plans in discussion now.

A number of factors influenced the decision. Several members who have previously been instrumental in helping to coordinate this event are not available this year.

Most significantly, our hard-working Ways and Means chair, Cathy Legere, while recuperating from shoulder surgery, developed some complications. This has temporarily restricted her use of one arm - severely restricting her mobility. We wish her a thorough and speedy recovery!

We very much thank all those who volunteered to assist with the workshop and boutique as well as those who've been working behind the scenes in preparation. We so appreciate the support of our members as well as your understanding.

We are disappointed but feel we've made the right decision. The Holiday Boutique is one of the major fundraisers for the club, and we are excited about the ideas for next year's boutique. Revamped, energized and FUN!

The MGC is a very talented bunch . . . ideas? Suggestions? Let us know!!!

We are looking forward to our November 20th meeting at the NCCC, with noted speaker, Jana Millbocker presenting "Gardens of the Gilded Age." She is an excellent garden designer, author, and speaker and this will be a very informative and educational presentation.

Remember, information and details will be coming soon for our Holiday Luncheon on December 18th at the Eagle Mountain House - Carriage House in Jackson. It will be a wonderful event as always and we hope to see you there!

*Happy Holidays,
The Mountain Garden Club
Board of Directors*



December Holiday Luncheon Abruptly cancelled.

White Mountains, North Country hit hard by storm that caused flooding, closed roads

New Hampshire Public Radio | By [Mara Hoplamazian](#), [Daniela Allee](#)
Published December 18, 2023 at 1:21 PM EST



Sarah Gibson / NHPR

Flooded trails in Concord from the Dec. 18 storm. In New Hampshire, the White Mountains and North Country were some of the most affected regions.

Major flooding closes access to Jackson, N. H.



January – Back At N.C. Community Center









Thank you Kathy for the Raffle.







Phonetic Group Club
John
Bruni
Planning Chair

Phonetic Group Club
Neysa
Packard
Program











Great refreshment's team



February – N.C. Community Center

February 12, 2024

If necessary - alternate Date in case of snow =

February 26th

**"Mount Washington Valley
Eaters & Growers"
Catherine Dufault**

Certified Aromatherapist and Herbalist



The Mount Washington Valley Eaters & Growers (MWVEG) is an organization of farmers and food advocates working together on local food issues in the Mount Washington Valley.

MWVEG connects local growers with eaters to help people find the freshest food available through Farms, CSA options, Farmer's Markets, Restaurants and other opportunities to eat and shop in the Valley.

Their mission is to strengthen the regional food system through communication, collaboration, and cooperation among our farms and our community.

Catherine Dufault is the District Manager for the Carroll County Conservation District (CCCD). Catherine is also a Board Member of the Mount Washington Valley Eaters & Growers Association.

She will introduce us to the CCCD with a focus on MWVEG.

[click here for a full list of upcoming dates and programs on our website](#)

**9:30 am Hospitality-
10:00 am Meeting / 11:00 am Program**



Presenter Catherine Dufault

**Sorry no photos from
February meeting.**



March – N.C. Community Center



March refreshments team



Sue's ready for registration



















John
Bruni
Planning Chair

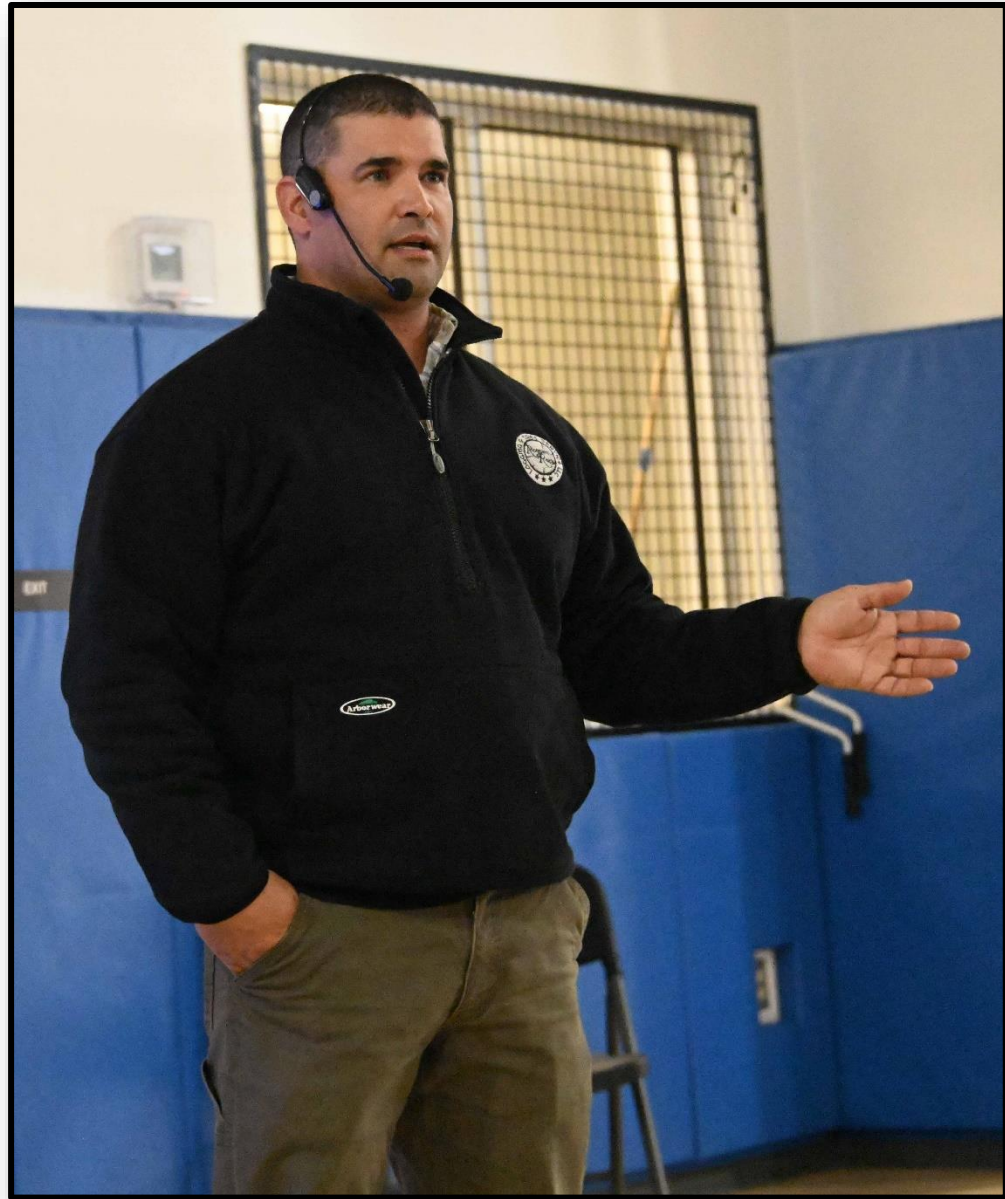
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CHILDREN
DENTISTRY
Lakes Region
White Mountain





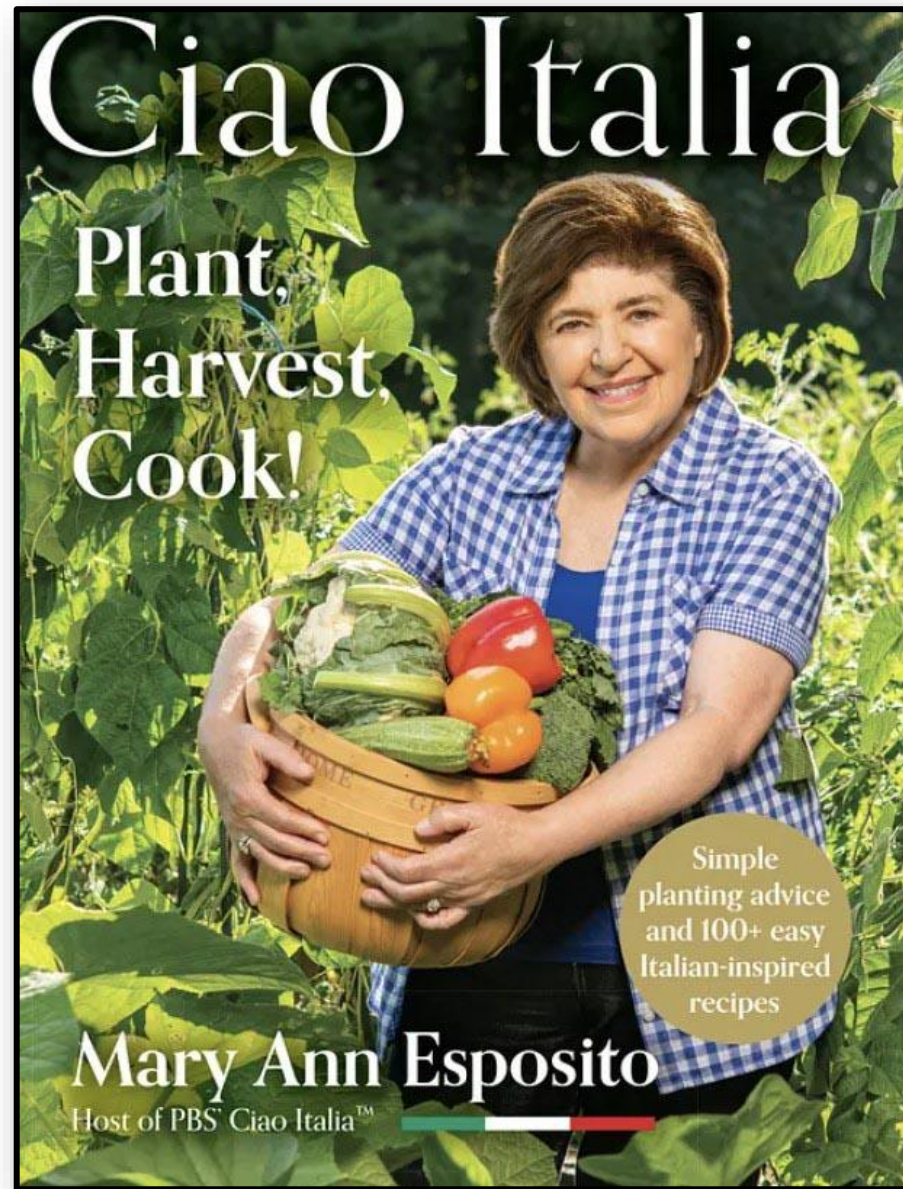
Neysa introduces our speaker Stalin Arias



Stalin teaches us about Spongy Moss Caterpillars



Special meeting at the Majestic Theater for April



MGC sponsors a presentation from Mary Ann Esposito

The Kendal C. and Anna Ham
MAJESTIC THEATRE
At Mountain Top Music Center

Mountain Garden Club presents
Ciao Italia!
A Morning with Mary Ann Esposito
Author & Host of the TV Show "The Italian with Mary Ann Esposito"



Mountain Garden Club thanks our generous sponsors:
Sue Clark, Dick B. Noyes, Doreen Salton, Doris B. Noyes, Wanda, Hilda, & Constance, The President & Committee, Margaret & Constance, Wendy & Constance, Wendy & Constance





People start to line up early.













We had a full house.



Mary Ann and Guy do a great job.





People line up to pick up their autographed books



May – N.C. Community Center



Another great refreshment team



Raffle items galore



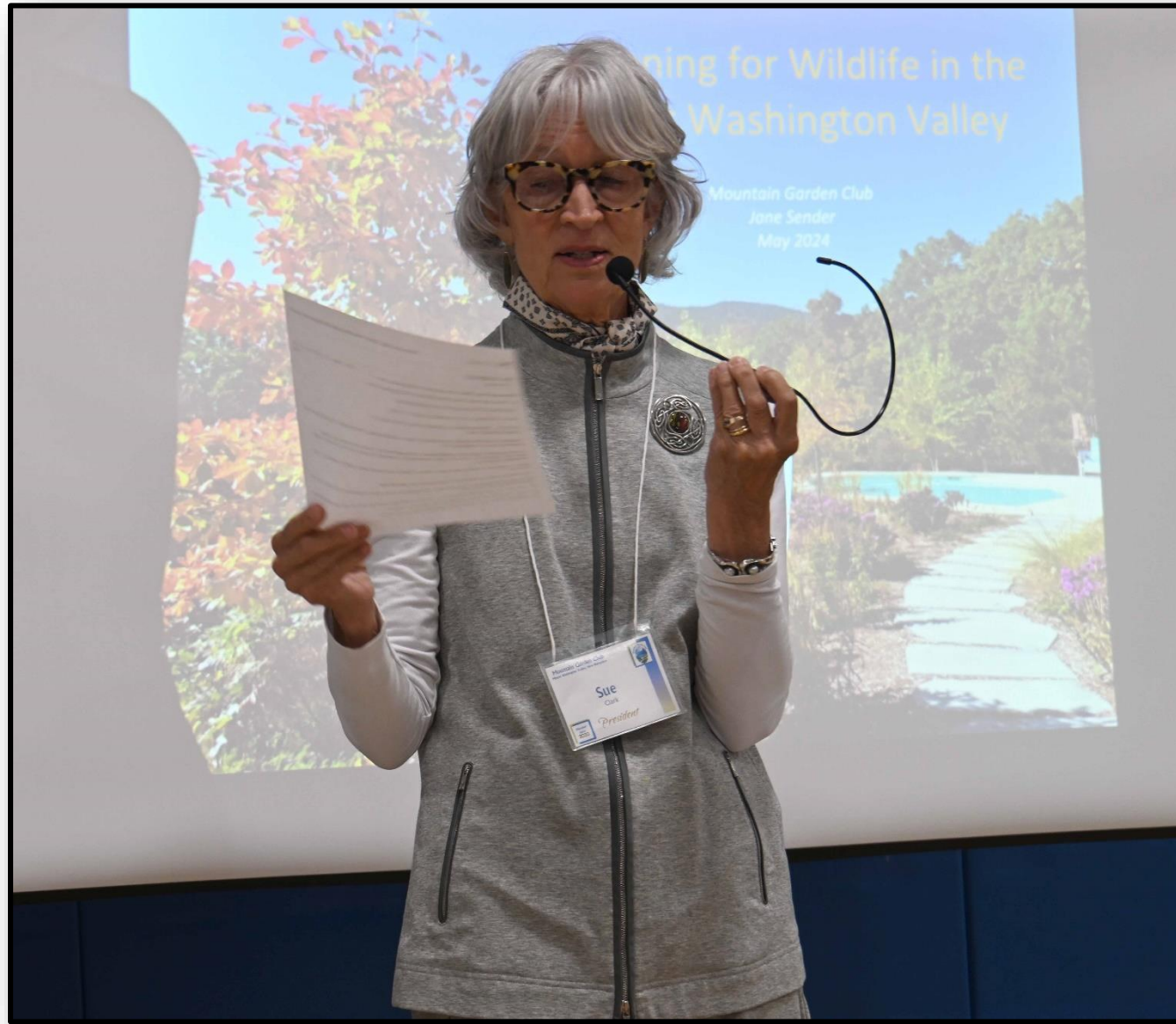
**Wendy's ready for
some June
Luncheon sign-ups.**



John steps in to collect dues.





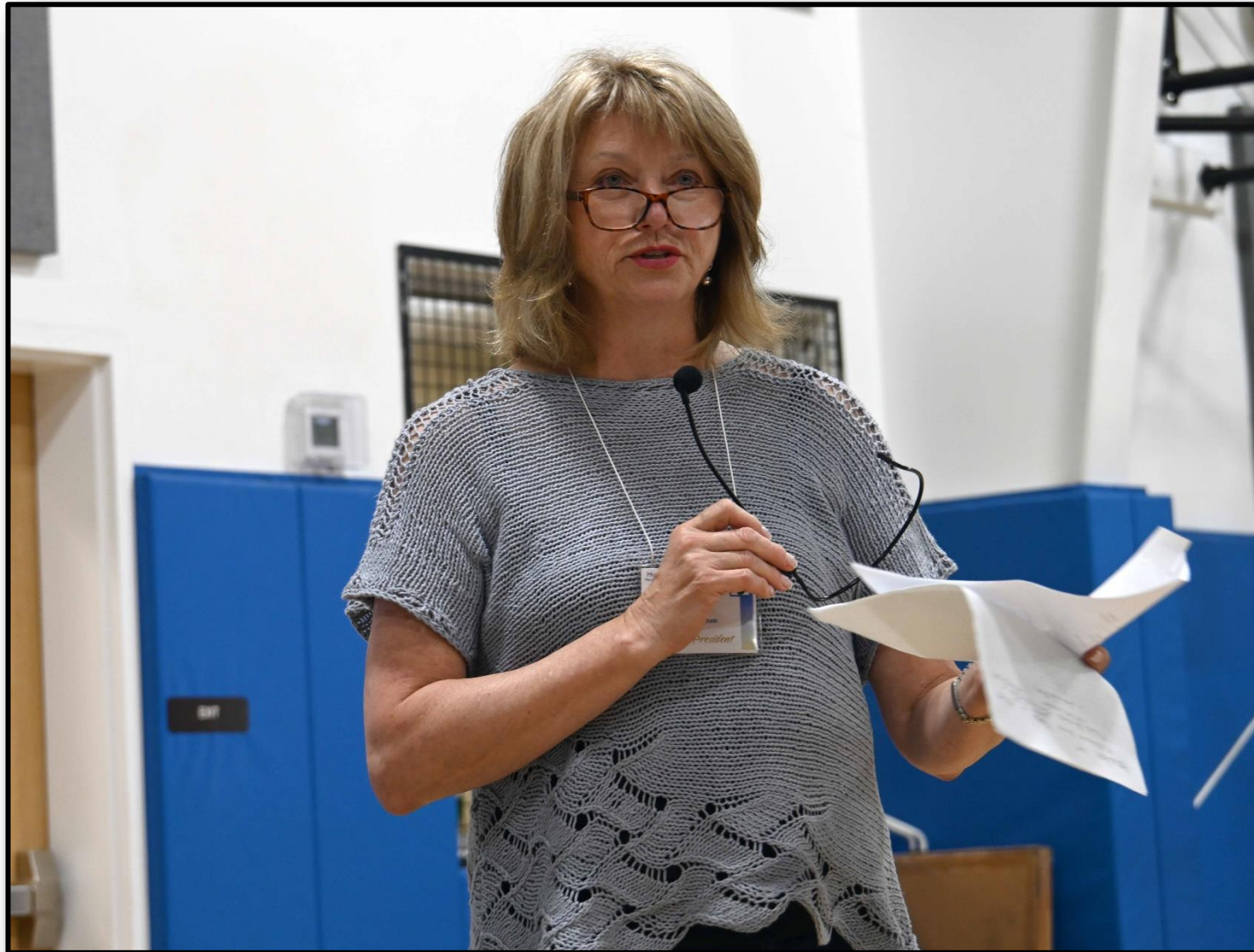


President Sue gets us ready for upcoming events.



Ellin updates us on Scholarships.





Vice President Joan takes the lead on some issues.







Jane Sender gives a great presentation wildflower gardening.



President Sue presents the NCCC with a generous donation from the club..

**New Hampshire
Federation Of
Garden Clubs
Annual Meeting**



Manchester, New Hampshire



Nice job on the book and great presentation on Monet



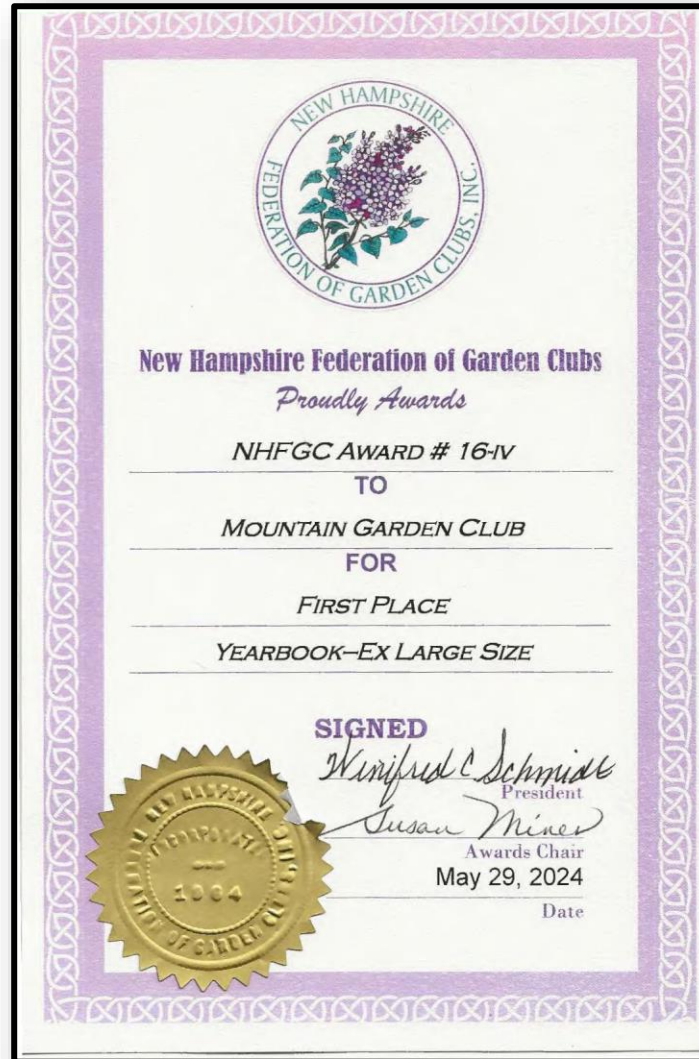
MGC was well represented



Fern Doucette is always a joy to see.



The Club Won Some Awards



AGAIN: The Club Wins First Place in Yearbooks



**AGAIN: The Club Wins a National award
for Website Design**



National Garden Clubs, Inc.
proudly presents this Certificate of Commendation to:

MAE-1 Membership Awareness
Mountain Garden Club
New Hampshire

DATE: June 4, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brenda Moore", written over a horizontal line.

NGC President 2023-2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Diane J. Starvin", written over a horizontal line.

NGC Awards Chairman 2023-2025

AGAIN: The Club Wins for Its Brochure

Club Recognition Certificate

PRESENTED TO

MOUNTAIN GARDEN CLUB

For your quick-thinking leadership focusing on the safety of your members when your Christmas luncheon in December of 2023 was suddenly cancelled due to flash flooding forcing road closures and the Eagle Mountain House to be evacuated.



Presented by
New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Winifred Schmidt
WINIFRED SCHMIDT, PRESIDENT

May 29, 2024
DATE

**The Club Wins Recognition for quick-thinking response for
cancelling the December Meeting at Eagle Mt. House**



Laurie McAleer
Mountain Garden Club
2024 Silver Seal Recipient

This member joined the Mountain Garden Club in 2015 and has been a true friend to everyone and a true Ambassador of the club recruiting new members at every turn! You have embodied the values of the Mountain Garden Club supporting horticultural education, civic beautification and conservation through volunteerism and friendship.

In 2019, you took over for the previous President and continued to lead the club in that roll until 2023! You always brought joy, energy and commitment to every meeting and event. We appreciate that you have always been willing to assist with every task, big or small, and to offer a hand to anyone who needed it. You have shown us what it means to be a true gardener through learning and caring.

We so appreciate you as a member, a friend and for all you do. Therefore, the Mountain Garden Club is proud to name Laurie McAleer as this year's Silver Seal recipient.

Congratulations from the
Mountain Garden Club!!



New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs

Proudly Awards

NHFGC AWARD # 15

TO

**Laurie McAleer
Mountain Garden Club**

FOR

Silver Seal Award



SIGNED

Karipud L. Schmidt
President
Susan Miner
Awards Chair

May 29, 2024

Date

Laurie McAleer is awarded the Silver Seal



MGC wins a separate award from the New England Garden clubs for its wonderful Yearbook.

A Great Year For MGC

Awards from:

National Garden Clubs

New England Garden Clubs

New Hampshire Garden Clubs

June Plant Sale



Plant Party



Plant Party



Plant Party



Plant Party



Plant Party



MGC Plant Sale Day a NCCC



We Are Ready









Hosta anyone











They Are Ready



**Credit
Cards Only**

**Credit
Cards
Only**

John

Dave



Special attention for kids.



Some future MGC members







**June Meeting At
Eagle Mountain
House**

Annual Meeting and Luncheon



SPRING SMITH STUDIOS





Some really interesting raffle items



A bright colorful summer cake



Neysa and Sascha are presented the Presidents Award



Sascha picks up Neysa's award



























**President Winnie and Vice President Holly of the
NHFGC and MGC President Sue**



President Winnie hand delivers our National Award for our Website.



DD Warren accepts Awards for the Website, Yearbook and Brochure From Winnie Schmidt Federation President

Story Land Planting



Story Land

Where Fantasy LIVES!

Open Fri., Sat., & Sun. 9:30-5:00
Open Daily June 16th



First Planting Day Crew

































We came across some baby Chick-a-dees

















Day two planting crew































**DD Warren Summer *WaW*
Garden**

Awarded to a local Nonprofit

**This Year to N. C.
Community Center**



Portrait of a man in a military-style uniform. Below the portrait, the text reads: "In memory of a wonderful father, friend, and mentor, the Mount St. Gabriel Garden." The plaque is set in a garden bed with pink, white, and red flowers.

Dedicated to the Mount St. Gabriel Garden





Projects

Scholarships

Valley Beautification Sites

Garden Tours

Scholarships/Grants



Amy Burton



Margaret Albert



Samara Santos



Stella Keller

Valley

Beautification

Sites



Bartlett



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Conway West



Conway West



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NC Schouler Park

Summer Fund Raiser



**Kathy attends the
MGC table at
Paddle for a Cause
at the Saco River
Tubing Center**

**Members'
Summer
Garden Tours**



Leslie Schomaker



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Story Land
Wine & Cheese Event
August 20, 2024





Beautiful evening, great turnout



















Special treat, John's new great-granddaughter attended.



**Everyone stopped to see the new
“Moo Lagoon” attraction.**





















**John's Grandson Kevin,
wife Kelsey and Great-
granddaughter Rory.**























**So, what do we have in store
for this coming year ?**

*"Nature's message
was always there
and for us to see.
It was written on the
wings of butterflies."*

~ Kjell B. Sandved

*Mountain
Garden Club*
"Our Roots are in the Valley"



2024 - 2025
Mount Washington Valley
North Conway, New Hampshire

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National Garden Clubs, Inc. & New England Garden Clubs, Inc.

..... it's all in your new book!