

Mountain Garden Club reflects on year of accomplishments

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Mountain Garden Club President Joan Van Landingham (right) is shown presenting a check for \$350 to Lori Jean Kinsey, executive director of Titi Mountain Conservation Center. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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Mountain Garden Club President Joan Van Landingham presents a check for \$650 to North Conway Community Center Executive Director Phil Ouellette. (COURTESY PHOTO)

CONWAY — As the new year beckons, the members of the Mountain Garden Club recently took time to reflect on some of the significant community beautification projects, educational initiatives and philanthropic contributions throughout the Mount Washington Valley of the past year.

Last spring, MGC volunteers planted and maintained 10 public gardens across Bartlett, Jackson, Conway and Freedom. Among these sites is the club's "WOW Garden," funded by longtime member John Bruni in honor of his wife, DD Warren, a former MGC president and the club's current IT chair.

The club also expanded the Heritage Path in Jackson to include a new pollinator garden at the Jackson Town Hall. Supported by a \$1,000 grant from the Master Gardeners of New Hampshire, the garden enhances the town center while serving as an educational resource on native plants and pollinator health. Additionally, MGC assisted with the restoration of the garden at Children Unlimited Inc. in Conway, further strengthening its commitment to youth-centered community organizations.

In support of the next generation of environmental leaders, the Mountain Garden Club established the Alice T. Madden Scholarship Fund, awarding a total of \$4,800 in 2025 to three students pursuing post-secondary studies in fields such as agriculture, horticulture, environmental science, and conservation.

The club also provided charitable donations to the Tin Mountain Conservation Center and the North Conway Community Center, helping sustain important local programming and environmental education.

Continuing a beloved holiday tradition, MGC donated 22 handcrafted evergreen wreaths to public buildings throughout the community, bringing seasonal beauty to town halls, libraries, and civic spaces.

The Mountain Garden Club hosts eight public meetings annually, featuring expert speakers on gardening, conservation, and related topics. With 135 active members, the organization is affiliated with the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, New England Garden Clubs, and National Garden Clubs.

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