

Community Center Corner: Mountain Garden Club donates \$500 to center

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Mountain Garden Club donated \$500 to the North Conway Community Center. From left: Kathy Koziell, Mountain Garden Club treasurer; Carrie Burkett, North Conway Community Center executive director; Laurie McAleer, Mountain Garden Club president; and Sue Clark, Mountain Garden Club vice president. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Greetings from the gardens at the North Conway Community Center. It is the first week of summer and our gardens are lush, blooming and as beautiful as ever.

We are fortunate to be a garden site of the Mountain Garden Club. The Mountain Garden Club is a group of hundreds of talented volunteers who support beautification efforts in the Mount Washington Valley. A smaller team of gardeners maintain the incredible gardens around our facility. We frequently notice onlookers who stop by to admire their work and are impressed by the beauty and scale of the flowers.

Another team of gardeners planted an additional garden by the front monument that welcomes visitors to the playground called “The DD Warren Summer WoW Garden.” WoW Gardens were conceived and funded by long time club member and planning chair John Bruni, in honor of his wife, a Mountain Garden Club former president and current Information Technology chair.

The goal of the project is to provide a local non-profit or public property with a “WoW” statement of beauty and color. The monument at the North Conway Community Center was this year’s recipient. Under the direction of club Master Gardener, Ginny Kanzler, and members of the BOD, Mountain Garden Club planted a lilac bush and annual flowers.

The lilac bush was a gift from the NH Governor’s Lilac and Wildflower Commission who gave one to every garden club in the state and requested it be planted in a public location. The Mountain Garden Club chose the monument at the North Conway Community Center. Many thanks to our friends DD Warren, Ginny, Laurie, Cheryl, Sue, Negsa, Kathy, and John. Their time, effort, and expertise are much appreciated.

In addition to the WoW Garden in front of the stone monument, we were pleased to receive even more gifts from the Mountain Garden Club. We received a number of Dahlia bulbs leftover from the Mountain Garden Club June plant sale. These were planted in the old hollow silver maple stump along with some striped perennial grasses. We can’t wait to see the colors that bloom from these bulbs this summer.

We are fortunate to not only receive gardening support from the Mountain Garden Club, but also financial support. Club officers presented a generous donation for \$500 last week to the North Conway Community Center. It is gifts like these that ensure kids and adults have a place to gather and recreate. Thank you to the Mountain Garden Club for their support.