

AUGUST 2023
NEWSLETTER FROM THERESE



GREETINGS!

Well here we are and how did we get here from there? That's the question of the day. I'd like to say July was as great a month as June, but it would be a myth. Torrential rains brought devastation to our beautiful State of Vermont and many surrounding towns in Windsor County.

Our sister club the Green Mountain Gardeners of Londonderry suffered many losses and they had to cancel a major fundraiser. On a positive note someone in their community donated the funds they would have raised if was held.

Granite State Garden Club in Barre had significant damage to their community as well. Northern District Clubs pitched in and purchased flower containers and flowers and brought them to the members.

The positivity of this tragedy is the generosity, community spirit of the people who came from all over to assist the town's people.

Karen Vatney send me these pictures yesterday of our very own raging river which could have resulted in our suffering from the rains had it not been for having a power dam.



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Unfortunately Bonny Andrews had to cancel the garden tour and the pot luck picnic that was scheduled for July 19. We are grateful to her for attempting to

hold this fun filled day and also that their property didn't sustain any damage on Lake Rescue.

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As if these happenings were not enough during the month of July, we also learned some very sad and heart wrenching news.

Deanna Dexter has suffered the loss of her dear brother who passed away last weekend. To Deanna our hearts go out to you for losing your only sibling. It's never easy to lose a family member and it only adds to the grief when it is someone so close to us. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Not long after hearing that news, I received another gut wrenching message that Lee Soucy's daughter who struggled with cancer this past year, passed away Tuesday morning. To Lee – we are so sorry for your loss. There are no words to express the sorrow for losing a child. We wish you peace knowing that she is no longer suffering.



Our hearts and thoughts are with you both as we send you our deepest condolences

NEWS FROM DEANNA DEXTER, SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR

The Springfield Garden Club is pleased to award Berkley Hutchins the Sandra MacGillivray Memorial Award. This scholarship of \$1000 is given to one River Valley Technical Center student each year in remembrance of former teacher, Springfield Garden Club member, and outstanding citizen of Springfield, Sandy MacGillivray. The money for this scholarship came as donations from Sandy's family and many friends from here and far away, and many fellow garden club members who all recognized her dedication to this community. Sandy taught business courses at the technical center and at Springfield High School for many years. She

loved to work with students and to encourage and guide them in any way she could into living productive lives.

This scholarship was awarded to Berkley at the RVTC awards night because she possesses some of the great qualities of leadership, scholarship, and diligence that Sandy MacGillivray exhibited throughout her Life. Berkley will be attending Saint Joseph's College of Maine and pursuing a BS in nursing this Fall.

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ADULT DAY CARE NEWS FROM ANN HERRICK

Ann has been busy working with the Adult Day Care facility and having fun with its constituents. Ann would like to share some pictures of the activities she has been incorporating into her visits.

Project I worked with clients and Activities Director at Adult Day. Planted seeds in starters then planted seedlings in raised beds.



Revised FGCV AWARDS 2022-2023

2022-23 AWARDS

AWARDS COMMITTEE CHAIR(S)	Karen Vatne	2022-23
FGCV (The Federated Garden Clubs of VT)	Status	For
I. PUBLICATIONS		
I.A.D. Yearbooks (45-69 members)	Awarded	2022-23
I.B.2. Newsletters (3-12 pgs)	Awarded	Aug 2022, Sept 2022, Nov 2022
II. GARDEN CLUB'S WORK		
II.B. Gardens	Submitted	Blue Star Memorial Garden
II.C. Window Boxes and Containers	Submitted	Main Street
II.G.2. Environmental Education: Club Programs	Awarded	Tour of Two Gardens: Owen Moon Farm and Patsy Highberg's
II.G.4. Environmental Education: Public meetings	Awarded	OLLI/SGC talk by Desiree Narango
II.I. Individual member's garden	Awarded	Bonny Andrews
II.J. Best ongoing project that has merit	Submitted	MOW flower arrangements
II.K. Sponsoring indiv/groups other than garden club	Awarded	Scholarship for Alicia Ostrum
IV. CLUB AND COMMUNITY AWARDS		
IV.A. Golden Trowel Award (single page)	Awarded	David King
IV.B. Businesses (one per year, single page)	Awarded	Claremont Savings Bank



*****A reminder from Barb Lacey: please let her know if you know of anyone in the Garden Club that could use a little bit of sunshine.***

Publicity Report: Karen Vatne: Our Facebook page has 259 followers 292 likes

ATTENTION:

COMING UP

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023
 THE FOURTH CORNER FOUNDATION**

Visit the three acres of gardens and facilities in Windham, designed to ring man-made and nature-made environment into harmony

Guided tour b Kate Quarella

**TIME: 9:15 A.M. Meet at Ollie's to carpool
 BRING: BROWN BAG LUNCH
 CONTACT: LYNN LIKUS 299-0772 likus@me.com
 RSVP: RSVP NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY
 AUGUST 2, to Lynn**

The Program Committee works very hard to bring these programs to you. If you want to continue them to bring these programs to you, you need to support the work they do. If you have any suggestions or suggestions regarding these types of programs, please contact Therese Burton, Program Chair tagbmagic@yahoo.com – 802-591-7503

The flowers downtown and at our other sites are looking strikingly beautiful. Below are some photos taken by Karen Vatne.

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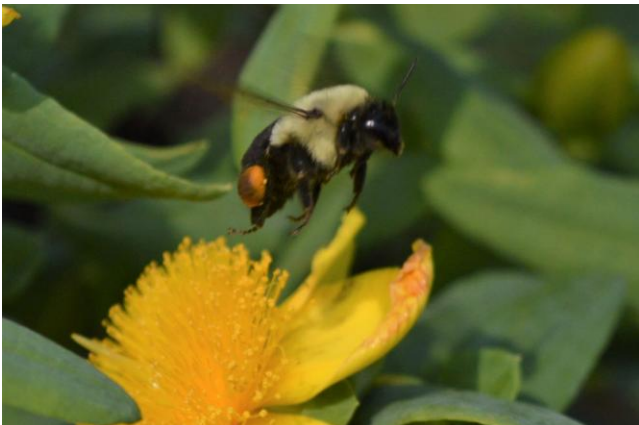
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Yellow Coneflower



St. John's Wort Shrub



**Downtown
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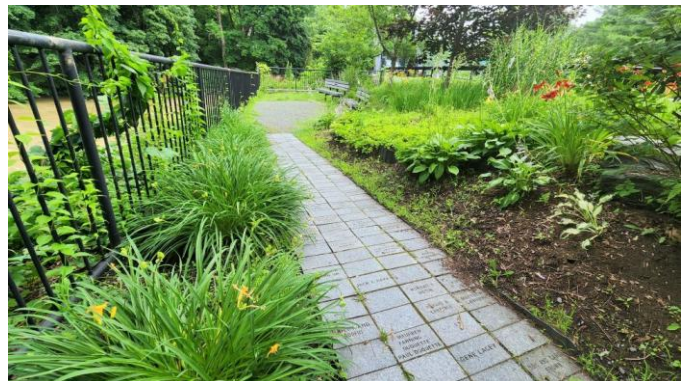
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**Blue Star Memorial
Garden**



Plant It Pink





Now that things are moving along so fast and most of the summer IS closing in on us please call your attention to the goals we want to reach this 2023-2024 year. Chairpeople start thinking about your program and what you would like to achieve. If you have a new idea or ways to improve on old one, please let me know and I will place it on the agenda for the September Board Meeting. WOW. I JUST SAID A BAD WORD.....SEPTEMBER!!!

HAVE A GREAT REST OF THE WEEKEND AND DON'T FORGET TO LET US KNOW BY AUGUST 2 IF YOU WILL BE GOING TO "THE FOURTH CORNER FOUNDATION" TRIP. IF NOT ENOUGH ARE GOING, WE MAY HAVE TO CANCEL. KEEP YOUR EARS AND EYES OPEN.

THERESE

ANNOUNCEMENT

ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023 THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF VERMONT WILL BE HOLDING THE FALL CONFERENCE AT THE RUTLAND COUNTRY CLUB IN RUTLAND, VERMONT

THE CENTRAL DISTRICT IS IN CHARGE OF COORDINATING THIS MEETING.

CLUBS FROM THE CENTRAL DISTRICT INCLUDE:

THE RUTLAND GARDEN CLUB
THE SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB
THE RANDOLPH GARDEN CLUB
THE MIDDLEBURY GARDEN CLUB
MOUNTAIN GARDENERS GARDEN CLUB
THE WEATHERSFIELD GARDEN CLUB

THE SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE TABLE DECORATIONS OF WHICH THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 6 - 8
MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AS TO THE NUMBER WE WILL NEED