

Rutland County Master Gardeners' Meeting - Minutes from April 21, 2025

Rutland County Master Gardeners' meeting was held on April 21, 2025 at the Godnick Center and via zoom. Jan Sherman started the meeting at 600 p.m.

Steering team members present were: Jan Sherman, Patti Westburg, Deb Bieg, Al Jackson, Karen Kay, Judy Nevin, Liz Gallo, Rita Gyls, and Kathy Hall.

Master Gardeners' and interns present were: Sandy Kuehn, Ken Kolano, Gwen Moreland, Linda McGuire, Lynn Des Marais, Lynn Gould, Nancy Bernier, Mary Ashcroft, Emily Clifford, Larry Springsteen, Rose Czapor and Pierre La France.

A Motion was made and accepted to approve the secretary's March 17, 2025 report.

Deb Bieg gave the treasurer's report. Jan Sherman accepted the treasurer's report.

Kiss The Ground film will be offered to the public for free on May 14th. The film is about soil health and climate change. Volunteers will be needed for a variety of tasks before and during the event. The event will be held at the Paramount Theater. Carol Kluchinski has been doing some advertising on face book and Mountain Times. Posters will be sent out soon everyone is encouraged to help promote this event. More information will be sent out before the event.

Patti Westburg gave an update on the June 7th annual plant sale. She will be sending out a schedule for dig and pots very soon. She still needs gardens to do so if you or you know someone that would like to donate plants, please contact Patti.

Project updates

Deb Heleba will be coming to the plant sale and setting up Free soil testing for lead in your soil again this year.

RNRCD tree pick up will be Saturday, May 10th at Rutland Town Park at the highway garage from 10-1. Rita Gyls is asking for Master Gardeners' to help out with set up on Friday, May 9th 9:00a.m. There will be a Ask a Master Gardener table.

Rose Czapor changed the Pine Hill Park work day from Saturday, April 26th due to a very wet day to Friday, the day before from 9-12.

Jan Sherman will have a work day at the fair grounds on Friday, May 2nd starting at 9:00 a.m.

Other Business

Anne Awad does the Boy in the Boot one day a week on Mondays 8:00 am. All are welcome to help in Wallingford.

Nancy Bernier asked if you are planning to use the supplies for Ask a Master Gardener to give her a 2-4 week notice and to tell her about your event and what supplies you would like to have available.

Mary Ashcroft said she will be working with the Rutland Town School 7th graders cleaning up the gardens and planting some annuals. She will put out a notice for those who would like to come help.

There will be no speaker for the month of June. The July field trip and appreciation dinner will be held at the Woods Market. We will meet at the Woods Farm Stand in Brandon at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 24th. There will be an hour tour of the farm. Dinner will follow at the Cafe' Provence.

Tonight's speakers were: Nancy Bernier and Mary Ashcroft talking about houseplants.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting will be May 19th, 2025.

Respectfully yours, Patti Westburg - EMG 2012