

Rutland County Master Gardeners' Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2025

The Rutland County Master Gardeners meeting was held on May 17, 2025 at the Godnick Center and via zoom. Jan Sherman started the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Steering team members present were: Jan Sherman, Patti Westburg, Jerri Hoffman, Liz Gallo, Judy Nevin, Rita Gylys, Deb Bieg, Sarah Gallagher, Kathy Hall and Rich Carlson.

Master Gardeners' and interns present were: Larry Springsteen, Mary Ashcroft, Mac Slivka, Naomi Bombardi-Wilson, Robin Ogg, Ken Kolano, Shawn DuBois, Lynn Gould, Nancy Bernier, Emily Clifford, Pierre LaFrance, Linda McGuire and Gwen Moreland.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 21, 2025 secretary's report.

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

We have five news interns. Naomi Bombardi-Wilson, Kate Dixon, Christina Friskey Davies, Mac Slivka, and Laurie Wilson. Welcome to our chapter!

Kathy Hall did a recap on the movie Kiss the Ground that was held at the Paramount Theater last week. There were about 80 people in attendance. Thank you, Kathy for all the work you did in organizing this movie.

Patti Westburg and Jerri Hoffman did an update on the plant sale. They have met their goal of over 1100 plants. All but 85 plants came from Master Gardeners' gardens. We thank all who helped us dig them up and thank you to all the master gardeners that donated their plants.

Patti will be sending out a notice on Monday, June 2nd about the details of moving the plants from her house. We will move the plants on Friday, June 6th at 2:00p.m. Please do not come early unless you are asked to do so.

Please respond when the notice is sent out if you can help on Friday so that we can coordinate people to be at the Godnicks and to help transport the plants. People with trucks and SUV's will go to Patti's house, others will go to the Godnick Center to help unload and arrange plants.

For those who are new to the plant sale, we do not save plants for ourselves after the sale. If plants are left, you will have the opportunity for the left overs.

Day of the sale - Please wear your badges and tee shirts if you have one. Arrive by 8:00a.m. Please park on the grass to save parking spaces for customers. If you have a wheel barrel that you could bring you may bring it on Friday and it will be stored inside the building. For the new people to the plant sale, you will be paired up with another master gardener.

Jan Sherman said their will be volunteer opportunities at the fairgrounds for watering and weeding which will count as volunteer hours. You may go to the fairgrounds and weed throughout the summer. There will be a volunteer opportunity with the 4H kids planting planter - a date will be announced.

Mary Ashcroft will be looking for help spreading mulch at the Rutland Town School with the 7th grade science class - a date will be announced.

Jan Sherman will be sending out a notice for planting flowers at the fairgrounds soon.

There will be no June meeting. A field trip to Market Garden (formally Woods) in Brandon will be held in July. Kathy Hall will send out more info as the date gets closer. Dinner at the Café Provence will follow.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Tonights speaker was Maya Zelkin, a potter and fermentation expert.

Respectfully submitted, Patti Westburg - 2012 EMG