

Rutland County Master Gardeners' Meeting - Minutes from February 16, 2026

The Rutland County Master Gardeners' meeting was held on February 16, 2026 at the Godnick Center and via zoom. Liz Gallo started the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Steering Team Members present were: Patti Westburg, Jan Sherman, Liz Gallo, Deb Bieg, Margery Salmon, Kathy Hall, Jerri Hoffman, Rita Gylys, Al Jackson, Judy Nevin, Carol Kluchinski.

Master Gardeners and interns present were: Ken Kolano, Gwen Moreland, Beth Toth, Zach Eastman, Jean Stowell, Shawn DuBois, Deb Heleba, Cyndie Holden, Lynn Gould and Diane Nadon

A motion was made and seconded to approve January 19, 2026 secretary's report.

Deb Bieg gave the Treasurer's report. Liz Gallo accepted the Treasurer's report.

Steering Team Roles Update:

Co-chairs- Jan Sherman and Liz Gallo

Treasurer -Deb Bieg

Secretary- Patti Westburg

Education Coordinator- Kathy Hall

Fundraising/Plant Sale Coordinators – Patti Westburg and Jerri Hoffman

Social Media Manager- Carol Kluchinski and Nancy Bernier

Ask a Master Gardener Tabling Coordinator- Nancy Bernier

Scholarship Coordinator – Al Jackson

Zoom Coordinator/ Technical Assistants- Deb Bieg and Liz Gallo

Publicist – Carol Kluchinski

At Large Steering Team Members

Judy Nevin

Margery Salmon

Rita Gylys

Karen Kay

Rich Carlson

Jerri Hoffman

Volunteering Guidelines reminder:

Deb Heleba gave an update on the volunteer guidelines. All new projects need to go through the Master gardener or compost applications process. The applications are online. The projects have to have a Project leader and an educational component. She gave examples of what that might be as far as educational component. If you plan on doing a one-time project, please let Deb Heleba know in advance so that she can ensure the activities are eligible for program volunteer hours.

Kathy Hall gave an update on the upcoming speakers. March will be an entomologist. April will be a talk on wetlands. May will be Tim Smith the Rutland County Forester. September will be about the bee population.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40p.m. The speaker program tonight was growing seeds in gallon milk jugs hosted by the Rutland Master Gardeners'. Next meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2026.

Respectfully submitted, Patti Westburg-EMG 2012