

LOCAL PEOPLE



Garden club awards scholarships to three local students



Walker Day



Amber Dindorf



Cassie Doucet

CONWAY — The Mountain Garden Club has awarded Alice T. Madden Scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each for the 2015-16 academic year to three area students who are pursuing a post-secondary education in disciplines related to plant science.

Receiving scholarships were **Walker Day**, **Amber Dindorf** and **Cassie Doucet**.

Day, a 2013 Fryeburg Academy graduate, is studying forestry at the University of Maine. This is Walker's third year receiving the scholarship. His goal is to become a forester for a private land company.

Dindorf, a 2014 Fryeburg Academy graduate, will return to St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. to study environmental science, ecosystems and sustainability.

Doucet, a 2015 Kennett High School graduate, will enter

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her freshman year at Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec to study environmental science and sustainability.

Alice T. Madden was a former president and charter member of the Mountain Garden Club. A passionate gardener, Madden enjoyed sharing her extensive horticultural knowledge with young people.

Scholarships are awarded yearly through the Mountain Garden Club's partner, Mount Washington Valley Dollars for Scholars. Students from the Mount Washington Valley who plan on majoring in a plant-related discipline are eligible to apply.

Visit the Dollars for Scholars website at www.dfsmwv.homestead.com for more information. Applications are due in early spring 2016. The exact deadline will be published on the website in winter 2015-16.

One of the largest and most active garden clubs in New Hampshire, the Mountain Garden Club is dedicated to promoting horticultural education, civic beautification and conservation through volunteer-

ism and friendship.

Members take an active part in beautification projects throughout the area during the warm weather months. The club also supports Habitat for Humanity, Children Unlimited Inc., Merriman House, Tin Mountain Conservation Center, Jen's Friends (dedicated to providing supplemental financial resources to the at-risk cancer patients in the greater Mount Washington Valley area), Angel's & Elves, North Conway Community Center and the Mount Washington Observatory.

The Mountain Garden Club runs a number of fundraisers over the course of the year which provide money for the scholarship fund. Included among those are the annual holiday boutique and spring plant sale.

Membership is open to all residents, full- or part-time, in the Mount Washington Valley. For more information regarding the club, its programs and activities, go to www.mountaingardenclub.org or email info@mountaingardenclub.org.

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