



Down the Garden Path

MARCH 2023

*April 15th THURS. meeting at Warren Library
Ecology of Ticks & Tick-Borne diseases*

Minutes of the Mountain Gardener's Meeting March 14 2023

Because of a snow storm the meeting took place via Zoom. It was called to order by President Janet Ellison at 1.07 PM.

Janet thanked the coordinators Carol Hosford, Jane Hobart, and Sandy Gallup who had their refreshments ready but did not get to bring them. Janet thanked Wendy and Becky for organizing the Zoom presentation and getting us all together.

MINUTES:- A motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting was made by Wendy and seconded by Becky. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:- Leslie is in Utah. Janet has the check book. We have a bank balance of \$9,170.88

REMINDERS:- Janet reminded members to RSVP for meetings whether or not they plan to attend, so that coordinators can plan. Also, please remember to sign in.

ANOTHER REMINDER:- April's meeting will be on THURSDAY April, 15th at 1.00 PM at the Warren Library.

MEMBERSHIP BOOKS:- Janet has them. Please remember to pick them up at meetings. Janet can mail them if you have a problem.

PENNY PINES :- Seddon has sent in a check for \$68.00 to purchase an acre of trees.

SUNSHINE:- Bonnie has received no reports of members needing notes.

Janet reported the sad news that Ken Felderman, a long time hard working member of this club died last night. Bonnie will send a card.

FGCV Flower Show:- Janet and a few other members attended. It had a Winnie the Pooh theme. It was crowded but fun.

PLANT SALE:- Julie Murray will prepare the potting schedule. Dates are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from May 9 -June 1. Please let Julie know if you are not available for any of these dates (jemurray@gmavt.net) Once the schedule is finalized you will be responsible for exchanging with another member if you cannot make a date.

SCHOLARSHIP:- Jane Hobart and Robin Preuss have been working on getting the application to schools, and libraries. This year it is open to current college students as well as high school seniors. Wendy asked how current college students would be made aware of this. It will be posted on Front Porch Forum and be in the Valley Reporter.

FGCV:- Annual meeting is on June 6, 2023 in Charlotte. Janet plans to attend. She will send the registration form in next week. She would like to have a large group attending. As we are close by, we may be asked to help.

NEXT MEETING:- This will be about the ecology of ticks and tick born diseases. We will be inviting the Waterbury Club. PLEASE NOTE - APRIL'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 15TH. Please RSVP by April 5th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Julie and seconded by Seddon. The meeting was adjourned at 1.18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Hale

KEN FELDERMAN

As was reported in the minutes we lost a very special man this week who was an important part of our garden club. Ken Felderman was always ready to help with any part of the club. He worked on the plant sales, helped set up for programs and brought good humor and smiles to every meeting he attended. We will miss you Ken!



Ken & Pat potting (and watering! in the rain.

Zoom Presentation by Rachel Gregorian: Rain Gardens

We held the meeting via Zoom because of the weather. I took some photos from Rachel's slide presentation.

Rain Gardens:

How to design for and protect water in our landscape



Rain Gardens: Visual and sensory pleasure

You can play with the design of how water may flow in or overflow from a rain garden using stone or other draining materials.



The native plants that make up the unique rain gardens attract butterflies, frogs, turtles, toads and birds that depend on them for food, shelter, and water.

Temporary pooling of rainwater will draw an influx of birds, mammals and insects-- especially dragonflies. The mud and moisture is a necessity for the male butterflies puddling and provides a cooling area for cold-blooded amphibians and reptiles during the hottest parts of the year.

Rain Gardens do not attract mosquitoes-- They need at least 7 full days of standing water to complete their life cycle.

Lecture by
David Sargent, Landscape Architect

