



Down the Garden Path

Mountain Gardeners Newsletter

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MINUTES OF THE MOUNTAIN GARDENER'S MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by president Janet Ellison at 1:15 PM. She thanked coordinators Robin, Carole, and Seddon for the refreshments. She thanked Wendy and Becky for setting up the meeting and changing the presenter.

We need one more coordinator for the June meeting. Robin Volunteered.

Minutes:- Approval of the January minutes was proposed by Julie and seconded by Marilyn. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:- Leslie is away. Janet has the checkbook.

Membership:- Both Betsy and Sheila are away.

The following members have resigned:- Nancy Segal, Bebe Whittle, and Virginia Swain.

The following have not paid their dues and will be removed from membership :- Sarah Agrabi, Mary Betchel, Jen Harrison, and Ann Mauer.

Please remove from email and sign up lists. Chairpersons check sign ups.

Penny Pines:- Seddon reported that we have collected more than \$50.00 and with today's contributions we should have enough for another acre of trees.

Sunshine:- Bonnie was not present. Janet asked for Vivian Branschofski's address.

Plant Sale:- Members are asked to check if they have black or green pots, aprox. 6" suitable for potting. Please let Jane or Julie know. Julie is going to use Sign Up Genius for the potting schedule. This will allow members to pick their own dates.

New Business:-

Hannaford's Blooming for Good Program raised \$35.00 for Mountain Gardeners. Bouquets sold at Middlebury Hannaford's generated a small donation for us. Janet will deposit the check.

FGCV is sponsoring a **Blue Star** Memorial Marker which honors men and women who have served in the armed services. Judy Reed has proposed giving \$100.00 towards this. We decided to discuss this further when Judy is present.

Luminescent Begonias:- Judy Phelon has discovered a new luminescent begonia which glows but does not need sun. It should be coming up for sale soon.

Asylum Seekers:- Carole Hosford asked members to help a family from Ecuador. There are 7 of them including three children. They are legal asylum seekers who will have their status hearing in June. They lived in

a pop up trailer, with no utilities, in Fayston until December when they finally found a place to live. Carol is partnering with ShareMRV, a 501c3 organization, to raise \$10,000 for rent. She is asking members to consider making donations to SHAREMRV at PO Box 782, Waitsfield, VT 05673. Mark the payment "Asylum Seekers." **Next Meeting:-** We will meet at 1.00 on March 12th at the Warren Library. Mike Lizotte "The Seed Man" will talk to us about the process of creating a mini meadow.

The meeting adjourned at 1.34 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Valerie Hale

KNOTWEED PROGRAM presented by ANDREA HENDERSON

* Delicious Treats from Robin, Seddon & Carol Hosforl

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* **Links below to the sites I shared at yesterday's discussion re knotweed management efforts and information. (from Andrea)**

* <https://agriculture.vermont.gov/japanese-knotweed-vermont>

<https://vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/landowner-resources/liep-invasive-species-program/terrestrial-invasive-plants/japanese-knotweed>

The Waitsfield, Warren, and Fayston Conservation Commissions have annual reports regarding knotweed management efforts on their websites. Also attached here.

<https://faystonvt.com/departments-documents/conservation-commission/>

<https://waitsfieldvt.us/conservation-commission/>

<https://conservation.warrenvt.org/knotweed-project/>

<https://www.valleyreporter.com/index.php/news/local-news/18579-tri-town-knotweed-effort-wins-100-000-grant-for-knotweed-eradication-work>