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# BELKNAP COUNTY

by Karen Firmin

The 2004 Interns, **Brian Loanes, Diane Drouin, Suzan Derby, BJ Eckardt and Carmel Lancia** and **Jennifer McKenna ('02)** have spent the summer designing and planting new gardens at the Belknap County Nursing Home. Raised beds, designed to be wheelchair accessible for residents, were built and planted with herbs and flowers. In addition to planting a center garden with perennials and creating a new lily garden, considerable clean-up, pruning and mulching was done to existing gardens. A special feature of the Nursing Home project was the creation of a Memory Garden complete with engraved stepping stones. The Master Gardener Interns enlisted the help of youth from the Belknap County Restorative Justice program and provided a hands-on learning experience for these young people.

**Mary Tierney ('03), Stephania Pearce ('03), Karen Ober ('03) and Brenda Sens ('01)** worked at the Prescott Farm Audubon Center in Laconia improving and maintaining the heirloom herb garden that the 2003 Interns designed last year. Drainage and erosion problems were corrected and part of the garden was redesigned and replanted. Existing signage was also refurbished. A crossword puzzle was designed and will be used by the Audubon staff as an educational tool for campers ages 10 and older.

**Janet Stearns ('01)** worked with **Helen Heiner ('94)** on the Center Harbor Town Hall gardens. They added a new lily garden to the existing plantings and have ended the season with a colorful fall display.

**Ginger Wells-Kay ('99)** amended the soil and maintained the beautiful flower garden in front of New Beginnings in Laconia. This included planting colorful annuals, replacing some of the perennials and putting the garden to bed this fall. **Ursula Allen ('01), Janet Stearns ('01), Marge Muehlke ('01), Brenda Sens (01) and Karen Firmin ('02)** continued maintaining and improving the Meditation Garden at New Beginnings.

**Brenda Sens ('01) and Amy Ouellette, Belknap County Educator,** provided a demonstration to elderly and disabled residents of Laconia public housing on container gardening and maintaining houseplants.

**Brian Loanes and Diane Drouin, 2004 Interns,** worked on a small garden around the monument and flagpole at Sargent Park in Belmont. Youth from the Belknap County Restorative Justice Program, under Brian's supervision, also helped on this project. **Ginger Wells-Kay ('99)** designed a garden at the Belmont Mill and Brian coordinated volunteer and youth to help plant and maintain this area as well as a garden at the entrance to the senior center.

**Sharon Trothier, ('01)** coordinated the ongoing Tilton Island Project. Ten students from the Tilton School, **Nellie Grant ('02), Karen Ober ('03)** and Sharon planted perennials and annuals in new and existing beds, pruned bushes and dressed the gardens with mulch.

**Terri Schneider ('95)** hosted a very successful plant sale for the benefit of the Belknap County Master Gardeners at her home. Most of the plants that were sold were divisions from her many gardens. **Diane Drouin, Karen Ober, Maureen Sordelline ('95), Sharon Trothier and Karen Firmin** helped pot up plants, man the sale and provide information about the UNH Master Gardener Program.

# CARROLL COUNTY

**By Jory Sirvin, Elaine Cleveland and Others**

Once again the Carroll County Master Gardeners continued to support the Veggie Volunteers Program, a joint project of Carroll County UNH Cooperative Extension and Sherman Farm. The Sherman Farm offers their excess vegetables to the community free of charge and the volunteers offer their services to helping others. Volunteers pick and collect fresh produce from the fields of the Sherman Farm, clean and pack the produce in recycled banana boxes, and then distribute the produce to local food pantries and kitchens. The program supports these organizations by saving them money and providing fresh, nutritious vegetables as an alternative to canned produce. It provides a hands-on learning experience for children and youth educating them about farming and helps to strengthen awareness of the importance of local farms and community service.

Thanks to the efforts of Tina Savage, Extension Educator, and **Jory Siviv ('02)**, VVP coordinator, two grants were awarded to the VVP by the Pequawket Foundation and the Goldberg Foundation helping to offset operating expenses and allowing the program to create an after school activity curriculum program, the After School VVP, also known as the "Sprouts."

With the direction of Tina Savage Extension Educator Agricultural Resources and Joanne Knowlton, Educational Program Coordinator for Nutrition Connections, Master Gardener; **Mary Lahut ('95)** and Intern **Elaine Cleveland ('04)** planned and presented a 6 week program to 7-10 year olds at the Ossipee Central School. The lessons included: What plants need to grow; What people need to grow; Food Safety; and the Food Guide Pyramid. Healthy snacks were provided and children were encouraged to try new foods. A Sprouts picnic was held at the farm so that the children could see a farm in operation and participate in the collection of produce. At the conclusion of the 6 week Sprouts program, children reported that they had tried many new foods, were making healthier snacks and would like to have more of the Sprouts program outside!

The farm produce collection started in June and continued through September. There were 94 volunteers who gave their time and effort with a total of 282 volunteer units/days. Volunteers came from neighboring towns, New Jersey and Massachusetts, and from as far away as Colorado. The program helped nine different organizations including dinner bells, emergency food pantries, and organizations that serve seniors and youths. This year the VVP expanded into Maine as well. All though all the figures are not yet available, reports to date show that the VVP delivered 12,571 pounds of food providing vegetables meals to 21,722 people and saving organizations over \$8,500. Season end interviews show that the monies saved helped the Ossipee Concerned Citizens group prepare and distribute a 'Meals on Wheels' and congregate meal program in Moultonborough that served an additional 60 people per week.

The success of the program can be measured not only by numbers as reported but also by the enthusiasm of the volunteers, the number of repeat volunteers, and the comments

made by the recipients. Comments such as “You can’t put a price on generosity – Thank you to the volunteers and the Sherman Farm.” “It is great having fresh vegetables --- a saver. We’ve been able to replace canned goods for fresh ones and the clients love it.” “Very good quality --- so fresh. It made lots of people very happy and well fed.”

This year Master Gardener interns were encouraged to participate to ensure their fulfillment of the required 45 hours. Interns strongly promoted the program by recruiting and organizing volunteers, writing news articles, working at the farm and demonstrating leadership skills as “captains” for the day. The next step for the VVP is to develop an organizational structure and “how to” manual that can be presented to other counties so they may develop the program in their area. An Appreciation Awards party is scheduled for October 16 for all who participated in the VVP. This year proved that the success of last year could be sustained and expanded into a program that serves the needs of our communities. The Veggie Volunteer Program is a program of people helping people! Master Gardener volunteers included: **Brooks South ('01), Elaine South ('00), Carole Stabile ('03), Elaine Cleveland ('04)** ( V V P and After School V V P ), **George Walker ('04), Jennifer Smith-Manson ('03), Joan Theve ('04), Jory Sivin ('02), Julia Blazek D'Arrezo ('03), Ralph Lutjen ('04), Wendy Gaal ('04), Linda Wilberton ('04), and Mary Lahut ('97)** ( After School V V P only), **Muriel Hughes ('95)**

In addition to this worthwhile program Master Gardeners continue to volunteer in other ways throughout the county. For example **Glenn Saunders ('01)** reports that he has continued with the Gibson Center's Herb Garden and with the Conway Library landscape project. **Nancy Collins ('02)** and **Judi Soja ('02)** work together on the Loon Center project. **Karis Beggs ('00)** has worked on the Jackson Town Hall and speaks to garden clubs and church groups. **Julia Blazek D'Arrezo ('03)** and **Ralph Lutjen ('04)** worked with teens to create a garden at the Madison Library. **Muriel Hughes ('95)** also worked at the Elaine Connor Garden and Wildlife Center. **Susan Poirier ('02)** has written two articles for the County newsletter and has assisted with landscaping for a Habitat for Humanity house in Wolfeboro. **Jory Sivin ('02)** gardened at the Conway Historical Society. **Brooks ('01)** and **Elaine ('00) South** continue to work with children at the Freedom Elementary School. **Carol Stabile ('03)** has worked with the Ossipee Conservation District, several libraries and is starting an “Angels in the Garden” program. **Vikki Thelemarck ('03)** spoke at the Madison Garden Club. **Peg Verney ('99)** participated in the Home and Garden Show. **Barbara Wood ('97)** planted at Castle in the Clouds for the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, worked at the Ossipee Library, and landscaped for Habitat for Humanity.

# C H E S H I R E C O U N T Y

By Ann Sweet

The Master Gardeners of Cheshire County were jolted this spring by the possible loss of the Maplewood Demonstration Garden, which has been the focus of Master Gardener activity since 1997. The county commissioners had decided that the logical place for expanding the county jail was next to the current building, right on the garden site. Master Gardeners were feeling quite depressed at the thought of losing the wonderful soil and the handsome infrastructure, including an arbor, a water feature, and a perimeter fence, not to mention more than a score of mature fruit trees, a large raspberry patch, and a handsome herb garden. Several of the Master Gardeners joined with town residents to protest the paving over of some of the best agricultural soil in the country, if not the world. After two or three meetings, one attended by 300 residents of the town of Westmoreland, the commissioners agreed to return the decision to the county delegation of legislators, who decided to rethink the location of a new jail. That task will probably be left to the legislative delegation that takes office in 2005. At any rate, we hope the Maplewood Demonstration Garden, and the soils next to it, will be productive gardens forever.

The Maplewood Demonstration Garden was especially beautiful on Open Barn Day at the county complex in June. Many people came to walk among the flowers, herbs and vegetables, to sit next to the little waterfall in the water feature, and to buy some of the garden plants offered for sale. During the summer, beans, squash, lettuce, beets, and eggplant were taken to the Community Kitchen in Keene. Volunteers at the garden this summer included **Donna** and **Richard Allard ('01)**, **Julie King ('99)**, **Mary Mcphie ('04)**, **Heather Schlerf ('03)**, **Susan Sudsbury ('00)**, **Joan Taylor ('01)** and many others.

Last year we wrote about the dilemma we faced regarding management of fruit trees (to spray or not to spray) in the garden. Given the prospect of having to move the whole garden, we delayed doing anything drastic with the little orchard. There were no apples this summer, but there were no apples in many places.

An attempt was made by two Master Gardener interns to create a wildflower meadow in a part of the garden. Despite their frequent watering and two major attempts at weeding, **Karen Berkeley** and **Leslie Kreek** acknowledged that crab grass grew faster than wildflowers in the rich soil.

The Maplewood Demonstration Garden was lucky to have **Bruce Clement**, former agricultural extension educator whose ideas and labor had created the garden originally, now retired as state supervisor of agricultural extension educators, return to the garden as a faithful volunteer. He kept the grass between the vegetable rows mown and laid down plastic to keep down weeds. Carl Majewski, current agricultural extension educator, Planted corn and pumpkins.

Several other interns had projects throughout the county. For example, **Beth May** created a lovely garden around the base of the Civil War Monument in Winchester to honor the memory of the local historian Edith Atkins. In Gilsum, **Valerie Piedmont ('04)** worked with students to create a wheelchair accessible garden at a former logging landing.

Many of the Master Gardeners, organized by **Susan Chapman ('00)**, helped with the Breath of Spring Flower Show in March. Raffle tickets brought in almost \$600 for the treasury. Participants included **Julie King, Leslie Kreek, Beth May, Heather Schlerf, Susan Sudsbury, and Joan Taylor.**

**Donna and Richard Allard** worked at the Ashuelot Park garden. **Beth May** wrote an editorial for the *Keene Sentinel* and represented Master Gardeners at Standing Ovation in the Keene Recreation Center. **Mary Mcphie ('04)** helped restore a garden for the Rindge Historical Society and worked on the Courtyard Garden at the Rindge Memorial School with **Ann Royce ('00)**. **Carol Ann Rocheleau ('95)** worked on public gardens in Fitzwilliam and Fitzwilliam Depot. **Susan Sudsbury** also gardened at the Walpole Church.

As we clean up the Maplewood Demonstration this fall, we are thankful that this wonderfully productive garden by one of the most beautiful rivers in the country will continue to provide ideas for local gardeners and food for the Community Kitchen, as well as inspiration for everyone who works there.

# C O O S C O U N T Y

By Jo Ann Platt

**Aggy Chase ('00)** and **Marion Dunham ('00)** continue to work with the Whitefield Common Committee to improve and maintain the Common area gardens.

**Jennifer Hanlon ('00)** lives in Island Pond, (Brighton) Vermont and remains very active with gardening projects that benefit the town. She is working with the Brighton Elementary School to create one garden with four themes. The fourth graders will make a Native American "Three Sisters" garden, the third graders will make a butterfly garden, the second grade plans an heirloom "old-time flowers" garden, and the first graders will plant a "smelly/feely" texture and scent garden.

Another project is a more formal garden between the Sunrise Manor building and the town hall parking lot. A centerpiece fountain has been chosen and many volunteers are being lined up to work on the project.

A multi-year project is the clearing and replanting of a steep, 45° hillside behind a new pedestrian railroad bridge in town. This site is highly visible to people driving through town, stopped at a main intersection, and walkers on the footbridge -- who will have the best view. An old stone block retaining wall that was overgrown will be reclaimed and planted with flowering phlox, alyssum, or other creeping plants to flow over the edge. Jennifer and her team of fellow MGs plan to have daffodils (lots!) irises, daylilies, flowering crab trees and rhododendrons, along with some of the larger native trees already on the site. The majority of the site will be planted with wildflowers. Clearing of the site began in July. This project has no funding so Jennifer is actively soliciting donations of plants, supplies, and volunteer time.

Jennifer's reporting on garden club and Master Gardener activities has led to a full time job as a news reporter for her local paper.

**Patricia Hey ('00)** is now very active in District One of the National Federation of Garden Clubs.

**Deborah Joyce ('00)** obtained two more Coos County 4-H Clubs grants this year. The first was to install another welcome sign and garden on the highway entering the town of Stark (this one from the east.) The second grant was to replace plantings by the signs that were installed for Stark and Groveton with grant monies she obtained in 2003. Working with Debbie was a core group of five 4-H members.

**Cheri Lottero ('00)** worked with Annetta McGinnis and a volunteer group to maintain the "9/11 Memorial Garden" in the center of Lancaster, a garden planted in 2001 with over 5,000 daffodils and other perennials. As in previous years, she also worked this year with a local florist and members of the Main Street Assoc. planting and maintaining flower boxes on Lancaster's Main Street.

She is in her fourth year as Treasurer and Executive Committee member for The North Country Garden Club, Inc.

**Annetta McGinnis ('00)** maintained the 30-foot diameter "9/11 Memorial Garden" in Soldiers' Park at a main intersection in Lancaster. The garden was planted in 2001 with 5,000 daffodils and contains other perennials as well, which provide flowers after the daffodils have bloomed. She organizes volunteer teams to weed, plant more perennials as needed and generally maintain the overall appearance.

As Chairperson of the Garden and Grounds Committee of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lancaster, she and other volunteers maintain the church Memorial Garden by planting, weeding and watering throughout the summer. Ilex was planted this year in the center quadrants to provide winter color.

She is in her fourth year as Secretary and Executive Committee member of The North Country Garden Club, Inc. She organized a chartered bus trip this summer to the Montreal Botanical Gardens for the club. Almost 60 members and friends made the trip.

**Lori Morann** and **Brenda Tibbetts ('00)** did a four-week teaching project for the Colebrook Recreation Department's summer camp group. The project was a pumpkin patch. They met for four one-hour sessions to sow, weed, fertilize (organic only) and transplant. The pumpkins were used in Colebrook's Halloween pumpkin carving/decorating contest. The site was donated by The Colebrook Development Corp., loam and site work by JR Logging, tools by The Colebrook Garden Club, seeds by Steve Turaj (Coos County Extension Educator) and Lori, and fertilizer by L. Tillotson and Lori.

Lori also did a program on the topic of "Growing Unusual Perennials" for The North Country Garden Club.

**Jo Ann Platt ('00)** She presented a program on "Collecting, Saving and Storing Your Own Seeds" for The Four Seasons Garden Club, Inc. based in Orleans County, Vermont. The invitation was extended by fellow NH MG Jennifer Hanlon, who is Vice President of this club. Besides doing demonstrations, Jo Ann brought 19 of her own books on the subject, had many handouts, and brought examples of the items she uses for collecting and storing seeds. Each attendee was given two packets of seeds from Jo Ann's gardens: poppies and *baptisia*.

Jo Ann is in her fourth year as President of The North Country Garden Club, Inc., which she founded in 2001, mostly as a result of the Master Gardeners' desire to stay together after completion of the MG course in 2000.

# **FAMILY, HOME & GARDEN EDUCATION CENTER**

By Anne Krantz

The Family Home and Garden Education Center, staffed by specially trained Master Gardeners, answered 6,898 calls in 2004. These Ed Center volunteers provided scientifically accurate answers to a huge array of homeowner questions. Thank you to the 165 Master Gardeners who volunteered for 3,347 hours. We all know that we are learning along with the callers and that these statistics represent thousands of hours of additional learning for Master Gardeners. Congratulations to the 2004 volunteers:

Ellen Alexander  
Susan Andersen  
Raymond Aubut  
Kathleen Avedisian  
Maria Awad  
Mary Jo Baker  
Jim Barker  
Sally Bartels  
Cheryl Barvoets  
Sacha Begg  
Kathleen Berglund  
Fran Better  
Barbro Bohl  
Katherine Boire  
Madeline Boulanger  
Debbie Brennan  
Spencer Brookes  
Kathy Brundage  
Diane Buckner  
Patricia Caisse  
Jeanne Caron  
Pete Caron  
Charlene Carr  
Theresa Ciulla  
Michelle Clark  
Jerry Cline  
Doreen Colburn  
Nancy Cole  
Pamela Condon  
Laurie Conrad  
Stephen Cornish  
Sara Cox  
Liz Dance  
Juanita Dangel  
Steve Davidson  
Michelle Demars  
Rita Desruisseaux  
Nancy DiMattia  
Bev Dickey  
Lynn Dini  
Martha Doelle  
Chong Suk Dwyer

Stephanie Eno  
Michele Estey  
Carol Figueroa  
Clare Flynn  
Martha Fountain  
Robert Fox  
Beth Gage  
Sarah Giles  
Jack Gleason  
John Gleeson  
Maureen Hamel  
John Herper  
Sally Hewett  
Jeffrey Hidalgo  
Frances Hill  
Carole Hockmeyer  
Carol Howard  
Jana Howe  
Judi Hull  
Marion Jacobi  
Jackie Jendrick  
Gayle Jureka  
Thomas Kamberis  
Jane Karavas  
Sidney Kaylor  
Marion Keith  
Marilyn Kelley  
Sara Kjendal  
Lisa Komm  
Susan Kroehl  
Lisa LaFleur  
Elaine Lander  
Elizabeth LeClair  
Carol Mackell  
Judith Maclean-Whalen  
Lynn Marion  
Casey Martel  
Mary Mattingly  
Pamela Mikkola  
William Moreen  
James Nelson  
Tami Newman

Stacy Norford  
Fran O'Brien  
Evelyn Ogle  
Alice Pennell  
Gerard Powers  
Jacqui Pyzocha  
Susie Rentas  
Anthony ReSavage  
Kay Risler  
Maureen Riordan Mann  
Diana Rouleau  
Mary Salmon  
Cynthia Saxon-Hoffman  
Judy Siemonsma  
Amy Sletten  
Jim Smith  
Eleanor Spencer  
Jane Stefanik  
Heather Strong  
Pat Tedesco  
Sharon Thompson  
June Travis  
Kathy Turcotte  
Evelyn Verbeck  
Jan Ward  
Carole Whitcher  
Cara Whittum  
Susan Wiles  
Shelly Wolcott  
Cheryl York-Cail  
Kay Young

The Center opened just five years ago and undergoes constant tuning to provide even faster and more efficient answers to ever tougher questions. From our humble start with a class of 30 recruits we have become a state-of-the-art operation, respected by other states.

We who were in the first class remember our anxiety about our ability to do such sophisticated work - to simultaneously use the computers to quickly enter information and to do searches while talking to the callers. In class we worried about the Y-2K scare and anticipated questions about disasters – how long could water be kept in plastic jugs? When we graduated and began to staff the Ed Center we were swamped! I remember having 6 or 7 pending questions, and fearing that I would get the answer to the wrong client because our computer program was very primitive and we could not go back to previous calls. But it was so exciting – it seems like another century now!

We expected calls about gardening topics that we were comfortable with – what flowers to plant where. But as Ed Center volunteers now know that hardly ever happens, the questions are usually very difficult. This past year the top category was ‘Trees and Shrubs’ indicating that home landscaping is a big interest and generates lots of questions, and lawn concerns make up the third biggest category. It is no surprise that callers inquired about household insects for the second most popular category. For this reason, The Center Coordinator and entomologist Rachel Maccini expanded the Info Line training to include more information about insects and pest control. This fall an excellent presentation about Urban Pest Control updated the Master Gardeners trainees about new control methods for termites, ants and household pests. IPM, pond maintenance, water quality, mold and mildew, new insects to NH, and forest entomology are other topics covered in the most recent training schedule.

The huge diversity of questions keeps the center’s staff and volunteers on their toes. Rachel and Margaret regularly update the information in the monthly notebook *Get a Clue*, and the *Hot Topics* folders. Peg Boyles continues to work with our staff of experts to update the accurate and concise Fact Sheets. More and more Fact Sheets are available on the UNHCE web site, providing instant information to callers who are on-line. The Center can also provide instant information to callers who are not connected to the web via their home fax machines.

Director Margaret Hagen’s excellent and topical WMUR TV shows generated 445 calls for requests for further information, indicating the public’s interest in accurate unbiased information.

The Center also provides classroom space for unique and interesting evening workshops taught by Master Gardeners. This past year 18 volunteers spent 204 hours preparing 16 workshops for 118 participants. They came to the Ed Center to learn about:

- “Are You Ready?” by **Priscilla Donahey ('02)**
- "Shortcut Holiday Creations," by **Joan Pushee ('99), Anne Krantz ('97)**
- "Beautiful Gourds," by **Barbara Hughes ('99), Jackie Winn ('00)**
- "Starting Plants from Seed and Cuttings," by **Connie Campbell ('00)**
- "Computers a Gardening Tool," by **Jim Ramanek ('03)**
- "Herb Creations," by **Maddy Perron ('93), Monica Gallant ('02)**
- "Basic Houseplant Care," by **Lois Scotto ('00)**
- "Hydroponic Gardening," by **Marcy Stanton ('02)**

"Organic Vegetable Gardening," by **Janet Towse ('01)**  
"Gardening and Quilting, A Connection," by **Pam Mikkola ('03)**  
"Benefits of Composting," by **Priscilla Donahey ('02)**  
"Breaking All the Rules in Garden and Landscape Design," **Marion Jacobi ('03)**  
"Painting Flowers from your Garden in Oils," by **Maria Awad ('03)**  
"Starting from Scratch," by **Ginger Brown ('02), Pam Mikkola ('03)**  
"Hosta & Orchids- What Do They Have in Common?" by **Sue Anderson ('03), PK  
Dulong ('00)**  
"Annuals in the Garden," by **Connie Campbell ('00)**

Finally, sincere thanks to our talented and faithful Executive Assistant **Pam Doherty** who manages the calendar, lets us know where we should be and when and generally keeps track of everything, including all our volunteer hours.

# HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

By Noele Martin

Once again we've had an extremely busy season as over **51** Hillsborough Master Gardeners volunteered more than **1045** hours on many and varied projects. Our talented Master Gardeners worked on gardening and renovating parks and landscapes, giving classes and presentations, writing articles, and serving on committees. Reports continue to come into the office telling of the active involvement of our gardening graduates in the community. What a great group!

Hillsborough Master Gardeners donated their time generously this year to many worthy projects.

Amherst Gardening Camp: **Anne Krantz ('97), Joan Pushee ('99), and Cheryl York-Cail ('03)** ran this successful program of five years that provides a six-week gardening summer camp experience for elementary students and their junior high mentors.

Amherst Garden Club Tour: **Tabby Burak ('01) and Joan Pushee ('99)** ran an information booth for this event.

Beaver Brook Wildflower Trail, Hollis: **Mary Hoppe ('00)** continued work revitalizing the plantings and signage on the trail.

Butterfly Gardening: **Monica Gallant ('02)** helped plan this garden for the kids at the Birch Hill Elementary School in Nashua.

Deering: **Pia Sunderland ('96)** raised \$1,400 for the Deering Town News by holding a plant sale. She also was involved in the cleanup of the Deering flower gardens.

Ed Center Planters: **Jan Litvin ('00) and Connie Campbell ('00)** donated gorgeous plants for summer and fall that were established in containers at the entryway to the Ed Center.

Farm and Forest: **Eleanor Dumont ('93) and Martha Coutts-Eisenberg ('00)** staffed this interactive educational exhibit.

4-H Green Thumb Team: This is another successful, ongoing project for UNH Master Gardeners. This year's team was involved in planning and planting theme gardens, teaching at the summer gardening camp, as well as grant writing to obtain financial support for a long-term youth gardening program. **Connie Campbell ('00), Susan Kroehl ('03), Maddy Perron ('93), Riekie Sluder ('01), and Susan Wiles ('03)** participated in this successful program this summer.

Friends of the Orchard: **Jan Brown ('01)** serves on the planning committee, "Friends of the Orchard", for Amherst's newly acquired orchard.

Goffstown Landscaping: **Christy Belvin ('00), Connie Campbell ('00), Eleanor Dumont ('93), Alice Morris ('01), and Russell Scheider ('01)** designed and installed two perennial gardens at the new Hillsborough County Extension Office in Goffstown.

Hillsborough NHMGA Summer Twilight Meeting: **Eleanor Dumont ('93)** hosted this year's meeting in her extensive gardens. She was aided by the co-chairs of the group, **Christy Belvin ('01)** and **Mary Hoppe ('00)**.

Landscaping: **Sara Dowse ('93)** contributed to several landscaping projects, including the Harris Center, the Conval Schools, and the Great Brook School in Antrim. **Kelly Merryfield ('95)** was very active in Mont Vernon this year with work on the Margaret Clark Bird Garden, at the town library, at the town hall herb garden and in putting in a new memorial garden at the Lamson Farm. **Diane Williams ('02)** worked in the gardens at the Currier Museum as well as with a group of children at the Nashua Public Library.

Manchester VA Hospital: **Kathy Dillard ('00)** worked on the arboretum gardens and helped with an Eagle Scout project to buy and install park benches.

MG 2004 Project Report: **Noele Martin ('00)** compiled and wrote Hillsborough County Master Gardener Report for 2004

MG Annual Meeting Display: **Kathy Dillard ('00)** put together a display of last year's master gardening projects and endeavors.

MG Continuing Education Committee: **Joan Bonnette ('01)**-chair, **Tabby Burak (2001), and Rieke Sluder ('01)**.

Master Gardener Training: **Connie Campbell ('00)** and **P K Dulong ('00)** taught perennials. **Paul Belhumeur ('93)** instructed the new master gardeners in houseplant gardening.

NHMGA Membership Committee: **Bev Dickey ('03)** served on this committee.

NHMGA Spring Symposium: **Pam Condon ('03) and Rieke Sluder ('01)**.

Nashua Pocket Gardens: **Joan Bonnette ('01)** and **Lois Scotto ('00)** combined forces with members of the Tree Steward Program to design, plant, and maintain pocket gardens in and around the city of Nashua.

NH State Women's Prison: Continuing a new program from last year, a number of Master Gardeners worked to educate inmates about gardening. **Carol Whitcher ('03)** coordinated efforts and brought inmates to the Manchester training program. Inmates then designed a curriculum to be used in teaching science classes for other inmates. Plants were contributed by **Russell Scheider ('01)**, as well as by the Amherst and Frankestown Garden Clubs. Pleasant View Gardens contributed proven winners to the project. **Anne Krantz ('97)** and **Eleanor Dumont ('93)** gave a hands-on gardening class. Inmates also planted iris and daylilies in the Stark Street Park.

Nursing Home Projects: **Susan Kroehl ('03)** worked at the Villa Crest Nursing and Retirement Center. **Maddy Perron ('93)** spent lots of time at the Hillsborough County Nursing Home.

SARE (Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education Program): **Martha Coutts-Eisenberg ('00), Eleanor Dumont ('93), Joan Pushee ('99), and Kay Young ('03)** participated in this project that encourages vendors at local farmers' markets to accept food stamps. Master Gardeners and Nutrition Connections staff brought educational exhibits and demonstrations to the markets to help promote this effort.

Stark Street Crossing: Many individuals helped continue the progress at this downtown park by participating in a spring and fall cleanup, planting sessions for viburnums and numerous other perennials and annuals, and the installation and maintenance of planters near the Mill Girl. A sign was created to show passersby that the gardening efforts in the park were a UNH Master Gardeners' project. **Kathy Dillard ('00), Clare Flynn ('03), Anne Krantz ('97), Jan Litvin ('00), Noele Martin ('00), Alice Morris ('01), and Russell Scheider ('01)** all contributed to this ongoing effort. Jan took care of the summertime mowing and watering needs of the park.

Zimmerman House: **Christy Belvin ('00), Eleanor Dumont ('93), Kathy Dillard ('00), Clare Flynn ('03), Anne Krantz ('97), Joan Pushee ('99), Jayne Spaulding ('99), Diane Williams ('2)** worked this fall to tear out the old garden and replant the perennial bed following the original gardening scheme for this Frank Lloyd Wright home in Manchester. **Paul Belhumeur ('93)** continued to renovate turf areas.

Hillsborough Master Gardeners shared their wealth of knowledge with many organizations this year by giving presentations on numerous subjects.

<b>Paul Belhumeur ('93)</b>	Manchester GC	Pruning, Stonewalls
<b>Connie Campbell ('00)</b>	-Herb & Flower Day	Edible Landscapes
	Canterbury Shaker Village	
	-Hooksett GC	Seed Starting, Wildflowers
	-Nashua GC	Annuals
<b>PK Dulong ('02)</b>	Redland Women's Club	Orchids
<b>Eleanor Dumont ('93)</b>	-Bedford GC	English Gardens
	-Women's Prison	Plant Propagation
<b>Anne Krantz ('97)</b>	-Women's Prison	Plant Propagation
<b>Russell Scheider ('01)</b>	Goffstown GC	Gardening from A-Z
<b>Maddy Perron ('93)</b>	-Bedford GC	English Gardens
	-New Boston GC	Montreal Botanical Garden
<b>Joan Pushee ('99)</b>	-Parkhurst Place Senior Ctr.	Indoor Plants
<b>Marcy Stanton ('02)</b>	-Antrim GS Camp	Native landscaping
	-Herb & Flower Day	Hydroponics
	Canterbury Shaker Village	
	-Middle School Enrichment	Seed starting, Milford Service Planting

Hillsborough Master Gardeners were prolific newspaper column writers for all things gardening:

<b>Nancy Adams ('96)</b>	A Kitchen Garden
<b>Joan Bonnette ('01)</b>	African Violets
<b>Jackie Bower ('02)</b>	Holiday Greens, Poison Ivy
<b>Jan Brown ('01)</b>	9 seasonal columns for Amherst GC newsletter
<b>Marilyn Kelley ('03)</b>	Lupines
<b>Marion Keith ('03)</b>	What I Did Last Summer
<b>Anne Krantz ('97)</b>	Numerous contributions to the <u>Amherst Citizen</u>
<b>George Mallette ('01)</b>	Extending the growing Season, Linus and His Blue Blanket
<b>Maddy Perron ('93)</b>	Sage, Lovage, Herbs As Companion Plants, Weed or Wonder, Herbs for Relaxation
<b>Mary Wardman ('96)</b>	Edible Flowers

## G R A F T O N C O U N T Y

In Grafton County this year **18** Master Gardeners volunteered more than **682** hours on various projects. Our busy Master Gardeners worked on gardening and renovating parks and landscapes, giving classes and presentations, writing articles, and serving on committees. Reports continue to come into the office telling of the active involvement of our gardening graduates in the community. What a great group!

Grafton Master Gardeners donated their time generously this year to many worthy education efforts. **Judith Kraemer ('99)** developed a Flower Power Point. **Shirley Yorks ('98)** spoke on perennials to the New Hampton Garden Club and remains a member of the Continuing Education Committee. **Marian Rollings ('02)** presented a program on growing vegetables at the Lyme library. **Marilyn Fuller ('96)** presented a workshop to 4-H leaders, put together an exhibit for Conservation Field Day in North Haverhill, and worked on a school science program in Bath. **Carol Hard ('00)** gave two talks at Woodland Gardens and one to the Monroe Garden Club. **Faye Grearson ('03)** led several Pardon My Garden tours. **Jane O'Donnell ('00)** gave a talk in Monroe on "Flower Power." **Frances Taylor ('04)** worked with 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders in Plymouth to reclaim a memorial garden. **Laura Richardson ('99)** enjoyed advising a Life Skills class at Rivendell High School how to raise vegetable and flower sets for sale to the public. **Kathie Lovett ('03)** managed a weekly display, "What is in Bloom This Week?" at the Lafayette Center in Franconia. Kathie is also working on a wildflower guide for children. **Dick Flanders ('01)** spoke on "Planting a Vegetable Garden at Eaton Agway.

Both **Judy Kraemer** and **Helen Downing ('03)** participated in the Farm and Forest Expo in Manchester in February. **Helen Downing** and **Shirley Yorks** also serve on the Continuing Education Committee. **Marsha and John Paul Downs ('01)** write articles for their local bi-weekly newspaper, *Northcountry News*, in Warren.

In other projects, **Judy Kraemer** is advising historical societies in Alexandria, Danbury and Bristol about garden reclamation projects. **Shirley Yorks** and **Timothy Ford ('02)** continue to garden at the Tappley-Thompson Community Center, and Shirley works at various locations in the town of Bristol. **Janice Hale ('02)**, **Jane O'Donnell** and **Linda Shaw ('01)** garden at the Robert Frost farm in Franconia. Jane organizes plantings at the River Glen Retirement Center as well. **Bonnie Sue Riberdy ('04)** worked with some boys from the former Wreath School to clean up and plant the Newsome Teaching Garden at Whole Village Resource Center in Plymouth. **Peggy Aurelio ('01)** gardened at the Kirkwood Gardens in Holderness, at the Lincoln Public Library and at Soldiers' Park in North Woodstock.

**Dick Flanders** continues his long term commitment to Gardens for All, the community gardens in Plymouth. He also spoke on "Establishing a Community Garden" at the NH Community Loan Fund. **Linda Shaw** also coordinated and designed a neighborhood vegetable garden in Hebron.

Congratulations to all these Master Gardeners for serving a wide range of needs in Grafton County!

# MERRIMACK COUNTY

This year the Merrimack County Master Gardeners continued a major project at the Visiting Nurse Association Hospice House. Interns **Joyce Kimball** and **Robin Lampron** worked with **Tina Larochelle ('93)**, **Helen Norton ('94)**, **Janet Helgemore ('02)**, **Glenna Nutter ('93)** and **Dean Lampron ('03)** to prune shrubs and redesign the perennial beds.

Interns **Gretchen Durack** and **Clinton Lank**, plus **Kim Chapman ('02)** continued to garden with the children at the NH Technical Institute's Child Development Center

Intern **Clinton Lank** and **Janet Helgemore ('02)** also joined **Gene Cote ('03)** working with a group at the Merrimack Academy, part of the alternative sentencing program for non-violent offenders.

In addition to these major efforts, Merrimack County Master Gardeners continued to volunteer their time and expertise on many other projects throughout the county. **Tina Larochelle ('93)** worked with a number of farms and food pantries to bring leftover produce to agencies serving low income county residents. **Fred Creed** worked to set up a county Speakers' Bureau. **Beth Cronin ('95)** judged 4-H exhibits at the Hopkinton Fair and wrote a gardening article for the county 4-H newsletter. **Barbara Frangione ('95)** gardened at the Chichester Grange and Town Hall. Intern **Gretchen Durack** worked with Girl Scouts at Land Dimensions in Epsom. **Marie Shaffer ('00)** presented several talks about "Super Soils" in Northfield and in Hopkinton. Intern **Doris Nuttelman** worked on a landscaping project at Tracy Library in New London. **Linda Maloof ('99)** gardened at both the Boscawen Town Hall and at the Merrimack County Office.

In Concord, **Gena Cohen Moses ('00)** participated in the Adopt a Spot program with a garden at the intersection of Auburn and Centre Streets. **John Phillips ('94)** spoke at Heritage Heights and served on the NHMGA Membership Committee. Meanwhile **Gusta Teach ('95)** spent many hours gardening at The Fells, the John Hay estate in Newport. **Glenna Nutter** gardened at the Epsom Town Hall and gave a program for the NE Seacoast unit of the Herb Society.

Both **Nancy Schlosser ('93)** and **Tabby Burak ('01)** served on the Continuing Education Committee. **Kim Chapman** served as the hard working Treasurer of the NHMGA.

Thanks to all of you for your efforts on behalf of the Master Gardener Program!

# ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

by Linda Thomas

In the spring of 2004, Rockingham County welcomed 10 new Master Gardener interns: **Tricia Carr** of Rye, **Kelley Corson** of Newfields, **Kathy Cypher** of Exeter, **Anne Fawcett** of Stratham, **Linda German** of Londonderry, **Joanne Marino** of Kensington, **Ted Pekalsky** of Newton, **Berit Sjuls** of Hampton, **Linda Thomas** of Candia, and **Jo Ward** of Stratham. Throughout the summer, they contributed many productive hours to the Rockingham County Botanical Garden while making new friends with the veteran Master Gardeners.

One of the major projects of Rockingham County Master Gardeners is volunteering at the Rockingham County Botanical Garden. This year Master Gardeners and interns planted a recreation of a 1940's Victory Garden; a cut flowers garden; trials of melons, various varieties of hot peppers; and brassicas including unusual varieties of broccoli, cauliflower, kale and kohlrabi. Various perennials continue to be planted and are being assessed for hardiness in our great New Hampshire climate. A border of spray millet, var. lime light, was planted along the edge of the property. The "house and yard" thrived throughout the summer with beautiful flowers, ornamental grasses, and a kitchen garden. For those who have not visited the Botanical Garden, make a note to do so in 2005!

Garden Expo 2004 was held on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Despite the grey day and cool drizzle about 200 people attended this, our first, fund raising event. Activities consisted of demonstrations, an auction of garden related items, raffles, and the all important food. All those who participated reported having lots of fun and plans are already under way for next year's event to be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

On a beautiful evening in July, **Betty Moore ('92)**, **Marilyn Wallingford ('96)**, and **Mary Hildreth ('97)** hosted a three-house tour of their respective gardens. The gardens of these talented women are each very different and unique. Participants enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and came away with new ideas to implement in their own gardens. The event was deemed a success and we hope to have another tour next year.

Garden Fest, our educational open house, was held on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year was "Trends and Traditions". Under clear skies, the Master Gardeners held demonstrations, passed out printed material pertaining to the different sections of the garden, offered tastes of salsas made with hot peppers and various items incorporating the use of herbs. Dr. Otho Wells, retired UNH Cooperative Extension Vegetable Specialist, spoke about extending your gardening season and water conservation and irrigation techniques. Guy Giunta, from the NH Department of Transportation, shared information about planting and maintaining a wildflower garden. Next year's Garden Fest will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to working 65 hours in the Rockingham County Botanical Garden, **Marilyn Wallingford ('96)** devoted 10 hours during the spring in the gardens at the historic Warner House in Portsmouth and another 37 hours planting and maintaining the landscapes around the Hampton fire station and town hall. In a cooperative venture, the

town purchased the flowers and Marilyn did the work! She also made sure the flowers around the gazebo in Marelli Square looked their best.

Master Gardener intern **Kelley Corson** initiated a garden project at the Newfields Elementary School in late spring. Noting that the school grounds needed sprucing up, Kelley worked with school administrators organizing a “Beautification Committee”. Comprised of both parents and children, the group worked for 7 hours in June adding plants to a 9-11 Garden and creating a perennial garden to enhance the new school sign. The Newfields Garden Club joined their efforts, working along side the committee and donating plants for the gardens.

The list of volunteers for the Rockingham County Master Gardener Program 2004 include:

<b>Harriet Cohen-Alexander ('01)</b>	<b>Mary Dillon ('00)</b>	<b>Joanne Marino ('04)</b>
<b>Marge Badois ('01)</b>	<b>Leslie Doherty ('02)</b>	<b>Thomas Mickey ('98)</b>
<b>Arthur Baker ('98)</b>	<b>Dianna Fallon ('03)</b>	<b>Betty Moore ('92)</b>
<b>Nancy Borden ('00)</b>	<b>Anne Fawcett ('04)</b>	<b>Diane Nugent ('01)</b>
<b>Loretta Campbell ('99)</b>	<b>Susan Ferber ('02)</b>	<b>Ted Pekalsky ('04)</b>
<b>Tricia Carr ('04)</b>	<b>Linda German ('04)</b>	<b>Ginny Shannon ('03)</b>
<b>Dorothy Cole ('98)</b>	<b>Diane Hardy ('03)</b>	<b>Berit Sjuls ('04)</b>
<b>Frank Cole ('98)</b>	<b>Mary Hildreth ('97)</b>	<b>Linda Thomas ('04)</b>
<b>Kelley Corson (04')</b>	<b>Jack Karcz ('00)</b>	<b>Marilyn Wallingford ('96)</b>
<b>Pauline Cross ('02)</b>	<b>Kathleen LaRochelle ('03)</b>	<b>Jo Ward ('04)</b>
<b>Kathy Cypher ('04)</b>	<b>Lise Mahoney ('03)</b>	<b>Dennis Waskiewicz ('03)</b>
<b>Laura Barker ('03)</b>	<b>Barbara Corbett ('99)</b>	<b>Nancy Goodwin ('99)</b>
<b>Wil Blackey ('98)</b>	<b>Margaret Crisler ('97)</b>	<b>Linda Smith ('93)</b>
<b>Jim Cameron ('01)</b>	<b>Mary Devlin ('02)</b>	
<b>Cynthia Cary ('03)</b>	<b>Pauline Francese ('00)</b>	

# STRAFFORD COUNTY

By Noreen Gaetjens

2004 Interns: **Quenby Jaus, Cindy McKenna, Hillary Myers** and **Don Hall** have been busy designing a landscape project for the new Strafford County Jail. Due to many construction delays, the final work is just being completed but all contributed many hours toward the project. The interns have also joined with other MG's to initiate and complete many town gardening activities.

In Lee, **Hillary Myers** worked with an Eagle Scout to landscape a picnic area near the new Safety Complex. She also directed the planning and planting of a new courtyard and gardens for the Lee Church which serves as a gathering center for 4-H, Girl and Boy Scouts, etc. **Marianne Earhart ('02)** coordinated plantings around an historical Lee family plot. **Lynn Kuegal ('94), Don Hall** and **Julie Butterfield ('03)** assisted with the publicity for the annual spring symposium and teaching a 4-H group perennial potting techniques for the annual Lee plant sale.

Another major project for the town of Lee was landscaping of the new Public Safety Complex. Many town residents joined with MG's **Gael Grant ('95), and Carolyn Bassage ('99)** who facilitated the planting of trees, shrubs, perennials and ground covers. **Ann Ury ('02)** led a successful drive for funds and memorial contributions and NHMGA provided a grant for purchase of several shrubs.

**Robyn Schlie ('99), Gail Mitchell ('93)** and **Noreen Gaetjens ('01)** revisited a garden for Senior citizens in Dover to freshen up the area and as always enjoyed visiting with the very grateful residents.

**Bonny Pope ('97)** was busy in Dover co-designing and coordinating the planting of four gardens at the Pedestrian River Crossing utilizing many donations of plants. Bonny also assisted the NHMGA with her expertise in graphic design for many projects.

In Durham, **Angie Hammond ('03)** has been working with the Oyster River Middle School on several projects including a major redesign of the landscape surrounding the school. **John Lowy ('99), Barbara Flynn ('98), Kelly Warren ('99)** and **Noreen Gaetjens** assisted with this as well as meeting with students to beautify the existing landscape.

In Madbury, **Noreen Gaetjens** has been working with town residents to create a Memorial Garden at the new town cemetery. Phase one was recently completed with planting of core trees and shrubs. In the spring, a labyrinth will be constructed to serve as the centering focus for this meditative and peaceful garden. Many other MGs staffed information booths at local fairs and plant sales, provided help and assistance to non profit agencies and contributed many hours to education efforts in our towns, schools and public areas.

# SULLIVAN COUNTY

By Adele J. Furdyna

Our members strove to bring education, beauty and assistance to the community members of Sullivan County through their various projects.

Educational projects, many involving children, were conducted in 2004. **Joyce Coviello ('04)** helped to plan the Grantham Village School sculpture garden. She met with members of the sculpture garden committee to plan the layout of garden, theme colors and plants. The name of the garden, chosen by the children, is "Pathway to Freedom". Appropriately, a red, white and blue color theme was chosen. Joyce met with teachers and 4th and 5th graders at the school each Wednesday to explain to them what was expected in planting and caring for their garden. The students were taught the importance of weeding, watering and general care. Schedules were set up for parents and children to care for the gardens throughout the summer. A garden club of 4th and 5th graders was formed and named "the Grantham Village School Dirt Hogs". Joyce also physically helped lay out plants in the garden, and at the end of May the garden planting was done by parents, children and Joyce. This project will be ongoing throughout 2004-2005. The October meeting at the school will establish children's and parents role in preparation of the garden for winter, and also further plans for "The Dirt Hogs".

**Henry Homeyer ('98)** developed and gave three Cornish school gardening programs (starting seedlings, raised beds, making a scarecrow). As a Master Gardener, **Henry Homeyer** answered numerous questions about organic gardening on NH Public Radio. **Sandy O'Dell ('01)** was involved with developing and presenting a four week educational program on herbs. **Cheryl Grabe ('01)** was involved with the Stryker Biotech planting and pruning demonstrations. With Stryker's purchase of the neighboring building, additional trees and shrubs were available to demonstrate new techniques. **Muffy Gibson ('03)** organized two "bird watching/wildflower" hikes on conserved property in Plainfield and wrote an article about it for a local paper. She gave a class on plant propagation to the local garden club. **Barbara Burt ('02)** held a soil sampling demonstration and lecture. **Cynthia Wilkie ('03)** gave a demo on seed harvesting. **Janice Whitcomb ('00)** and **Adele J. Furdyna ('00)** organized a tour to Van Berkum Nursery.

**Lauryn Moeller ('04)** and **Rachel Stoddard ('04)** developed an educational theme ("Good Bugs - Bad Bugs) based on the previous year's work by MG **Muffy Gibson** and **Cynthia Wilkie**. They added a collection of desiccated specimens with magnifying glass, books, and fake critters to the display. A "hands on" experience and challenge for children was conducted at the Cornish Farmers Market, as well as the Plainfield Library. **Rachel Stoddard ('04)** also developed an educational program on composting. She made a poster "Recipe for Making 'Hot' Compost" and set up a table with kitchen bowls full of either greens (the nitrogen providers) - tired flowers, vegetable and fruit remains and grass clippings or browns (the carbon providers) - leaves, twigs, brittle/dried stalks, sawdust, newspaper, and cardboard. She had a tall container marked off at every 4-6" with a wooden spoon and a watering can to complete the picture. The booth generated lots of interesting dialogues.

**Cynthia Wilkie ('03)** and **Muffy Gibson ('03)** also volunteered at the Cornish Farmers Market, answering questions and conducting a Kids' Challenge during which 24 kids adopted a flower or vegetable plant. The children earned a Green Thumb award when they returned with their plant or a photo of their plant in September. Their Master Gardener display and information was used by others to help with their projects all summer at the Cornish Farmers Market, Cornish Fair, and Lebanon Farmer's Market. **Sandy O'Dell ('01)** represented Master Gardeners at the Newport Farmers Market.

**Henry Homeyer** handled the vegetable and flower divisions of the Cornish Fair: organizing, supervising, judging, monitoring and cleaning up afterwards. **Lauryn Moeller** also worked at the fair, manning the vegetable display and directing people to the contests going on in this section.

**Barbara Burt, Kathy Higgins Doolan ('01), Rachel Stoddard, Sandy O'Dell and Lauryn Moeller** arranged the garden plantings to showcase the sculpture garden displays at the NH League of Craftsman Fair in Sunapee in August. Sullivan County Master Gardeners will again be invited next year to assist in this project.

Our members tackled the invasive plants in our communities. **Muffy Gibson** organized local residents and wrote an article on "Garlic Mustard Weed-Out" of NEWF Sanctuary on River Road in Plainfield. She organized the weed-out of Glossy Buckthorn from conserved town property to protect the rare wildflower, Virginia Waterleaf, and was involved with the capture and release of Gallerucella beetles on conserved properties to kill purple loosestrife. **Cheryl Kring Grabe** was involved with the weeding at the Silverwood Seep in Plainfield. Through persistent effort to eradicate it, the garlic mustard is diminishing in the Seep.

**Barbara Burt ('02) and Jan Carroll ('02)** continued to maintain and improve the herb and butterfly garden they established at the Grantham Post Office. They interacted with people, inviting and answering questions from people interested in gardening. **Barbara Burt** also continued her activities at the Kearsarge Regional High School gardens, improving the garden and perennial bed. **Barbara Holmes ('99)** cared for the Grantham Library gardens. **Adele J. Furdyna** and **Janice Whitcomb** maintained and planted new plants in the Grantham "little common" in the town center. **Jan Carroll** and **Adele J. Furdyna** were involved with planning and establishing planting beds and barrels in their home community, and educating the caretakers.

**Ellie Goddard ('02)** oversaw the volunteers of the Sunapee Gardens – 14 gardens in all. She led workshops, helped plan new garden plantings, educated new garden planters and assisted with solving problems. She personally planted and cared for the area window boxes and whisky barrels. She also worked with a George's Mills Committee on the plantings for their "Welcome to George's Mills" sign. **Muffy Gibson** and **Rachel Stoddard** were involved with the plantings at Zimmerman House in Manchester. **Cynthia Wilkie** and **Rachel Stoddard** assisted at the State Forest Nursery harvesting, sorting, and packing seedlings for distribution.

**Muffy Gibson** removed and replanted a perennial border for an elderly citizen, helping her pick out bulbs and new plants. She also raked out perennial gardens and divided perennials for another elderly citizen. **Cynthia Wilkie** helped a couple in designing several types of gardens for their property. **Barbara Burt** discussed fruit tree pruning and maintenance with a community member, giving recommendations for their care.

**Sandy Odell** and **Adele J. Furdyna** both served on the NHMG Membership Committee.

Joyce Coviello, Ellie Goddard, Rachel Stoddard, Lauryn Moeller, Janice Baker, Barbara Burt, Adele J. Furdyna, Cheryl Kring Grabe and Sandy Odell attended Sullivan County MG meetings to decide on projects and plan for 2004 gardening education and activities.