

Student Volunteers Help Spruce Up Grounds Of Spohr Gardens

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The grounds of Spohr Gardens are looking sharp after three groups of young people from Falmouth volunteered their time and energy to help with landscaping in November.

"These young people are fully engaged and have a sense of ownership and commitment to the place," said volunteer coordinator at Spohr Gardens Rosemary E. Hoskins.

Six students from Falmouth High School's Community Connections Club visited the gardens

on November 6 and spent the afternoon raking, clipping and doing general fall garden cleanup jobs, said Ms. Hoskins.

This is the third year that Falmouth High School students have donated their time to the maintenance of the gardens with faculty advisor Cynthia Rankin.

On November 11, a combined group of Falmouth Girl Scouts worked in the gardens. Troop leaders Amy Bruce, Stacy O'Malley, and Naomi Keeling directed their scouts through their assigned tasks. Parents also

helped out with the work, which resulted in a professional-looking job, said Ms. Hoskins.

Then on November 18, eight Falmouth Academy students went to the gardens as part of their landscaping course taught by Richard Sperduto. This is the fourth year Falmouth Academy students have worked in the gardens.

"It becomes clear that most of them are familiar with the gardens and come often with their families," Ms. Hoskins said.



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Members of the Falmouth High School Community Connections Club volunteer at Spohr Gardens last month. Sarah McBride (left), Jillian Alai, Bailey Alai, Gemma Tracy, Sarah Monteiro, and Veronica Neto spent part of a day landscaping as part of their commitment to volunteering.

