

## **Educational Scholarships Available from The Rockport Garden Club, Rockport, MA**

The Rockport Garden Club awards two different scholarships, one to a graduating senior, and one to a college or graduate school student.

1. A scholarship is available to a graduating Rockport high school student "who has demonstrated leadership in a 'Green' initiative (e.g. sustainability, ecology, environmental protection or conservation). The guidance department traditionally chooses the recipient, and a Rockport Garden Club member awards this at the Rockport High School graduation.
2. The Rena Kurth Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduate (or graduates) of Rockport High School who has successfully completed one year at an accredited institution of higher education pursuing studies in horticulture, ecology, environmental studies or conservation. The recipient (or recipients) of this scholarship will be presented with the award at the Rockport Garden Club's August picnic meeting.

Applicants must submit a letter of interest detailing their career plans, as well as a summary of school and/or community activities during the previous year and a summary of volunteer and/or employment since finishing high school. A copy of final grades for the school year just completed should be included with the letter of interest.

Last year we awarded one high school scholarship to James Fritz; and two Rena Kurth scholarships to Sarah Visnick and William Gleckner. Each individual received \$2000. The amount of the scholarship is determined each year by the Rockport Garden Club Board members.