



VNLA February 13, 2025 Annual Business Meeting Summary Recap@ St. Michael's College – 11am – 12:15pm.

The summary is based upon the 2/13/25 agenda.

1. Welcome and call the meeting to order.
2. Review Minutes of 2024 VNLA/Green Works Business Meeting.
3. Recognition of 2024 New Members as follows:
 - **Bartlett Tree Experts – Emmett Heckman**
 - **Clark Brook Designs, LLC – Rachel Grigorian**
 - **Clear Brook Farm – Andrew Knafel**
 - **Champlain Valley Site Work & Building – Brian Cota**
 - **Galipeau Gardens LLC – Wyatt Galipeau**
 - **Gardenessa - Kristina Stykos**
 - **Green Mountain Gardening – Danielle Lacroix**
 - **Mother Nature's Helper, Inc – Theresa Carroll**
 - **NutriHarvest – Anju Krivov**
 - **Oak and Ember Landscapes, LLC – Leland Ooms**
 - **Rootamentary – Adam George**
 - **Spring Ledge Farm**
 - **Tall Grass LLC – Lindsay Colburn**
 - **Vermont Gardenworks LLC – Stacey Jorschick**
4. Dr. Leonard Perry Scholarship Fund.
5. Committee Reports.
 - a) The Annual Report / Year in Review – 2024 – emailed link – Gabe Bushey
 - b) Treasurer's Report – Bruce Gagne
 - c) 2025 Vermont Flower Show – Gabe Bushey
 - d) Membership – Aaron Smith
 - e) VPOC – Holly Greenleaf
 - f) Program – Ralph Fitz-Gerald
6. Unfinished Business.
7. Election of Officers and Board Members .
 - a) Thank you's to Ashley Robinson, Annie White and Ray DeFeo who are stepping off the board.
 - b) Re-elections: Gabe Bushey as President and Marijke Niles as a Board of Director. New elections to fill vacancies: Gavin Boyce-Ratliff, Mike Lizotte and Tanya Retz.
8. Adjourn.

The VNLA Awards Presentation was held from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. The winners were as follows:

1. Young Nursery Professional of the Year Award 2025 – Danielle Norris, Greenhaven Gardens & Nursery, New Haven, VT
2. VNLA 2024 Environmental Awareness Award – Marijke Niles, Starksboro, VT
3. VNLA 2024 Retailer of the Year Award – Golden Russet Farm, Shoreham, VT
4. Allen B. Crane Horticultural Employee Acknowledgement Award, 2024 – Todd Bailey, Cobble Creek Nursery, Monkton, VT
5. VNLA Horticultural Achievement Award 2024 – Peter Hauserman, Shelburne, VT
6. VT Presentation of UVM Student Merit Award 2025 – Stella Shaw
7. Presentation of VTC Student Merit Award 2025 – Kaleb Swett
8. VNLA/Green Works 2024 Industry Awards Presentation
 - a. Gavin Boyce-Ratliff GBR | LandscapeDesign, LLC -Honor Award
 - b. Church Hill Landscapes, Inc, Nate Carr - Honor Award
 - c. Ginkgo Design,LLC, David Burton - Merit Award
 - d. Mama's Garden, Tanya Retz - Merit Award