

There's no question that Growing Places relies on the commitment of our friendly, knowledgeable and dedicated Mentors. This year, we recognized two outstanding Mentors by presenting them with our Rooted and Budding Volunteer awards at our recent Backyard Bash. We define a Rooted Volunteer as someone who's made significant contributions to our work by taking on many roles and demonstrat-ing long-standing commitment to GP; this undoubtedly describes former board member, Mentor, and current Teaching Garden Guru Connie Grabowy! Our Budding Volunteer, Heather Munkacsy, has been with us less than three years, but has already stood out for her contributions as Mentor and Guru—congratulations to both!

Photos, clockwise from top: Connie and the 2014 Leominster Teaching Garden crew, Connie supervising cabbage worm hunting, Heather demonstrating pest management with soapy water

