

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Meeting
The Museum of the Shenandoah
Frederick County
June 19, 2011

President Cy Haley brought the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Reports of Board

Vice President's Report: Angie Hutchinson announced that the July 17 Association Meeting will be held at Lee Ruddle's house, which is located in Warren County. The speaker is from Bland and is the President of the Native Plant Society and she will talk about invasive plants.

Secretary's Report: Suzanne Boag reported that the minutes from the May Association Meeting were posted on the web page and asked if there were any changes or corrections. *Mary Stickley made a motion to accept the minutes as posted, and Mary Craig seconded it. The motion passed with no objections.*

Treasurer: Anita Harris summed up GardenFest with over \$2300 in plant sales and \$477 from the raffles. The Second Hand Rose booth generated \$700 plus, which will go to Belle Grove as agreed upon. In addition, Margaret Pagington, Marianne Pagington's daughter, raised \$577 for children's programs by selling NSVMG lanyards for a school project. The Treasurer's Report follows:

| <i>Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association</i> | | | |
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| Treasurer's Report | | | |
| Wednesday, June 14, 2011 | | | |
| <u>FINANCIAL POSITION</u> | | | |
| Checking balance - April 28, 2011 | | | 4,164.39 |
| INCOME: | Member dues deposit | 290.00 | |
| | MG Class Tuition | 80.00 | |
| | Member donation | 10.00 | |
| | Pest Management Guides Sold | 20.00 | |
| | Total Income | | 400.00 |
| EXPENSE: | MG Class Expenses | 151.23 | |
| | GF Children's Patches (\$224) & Plant Labels (\$161.82) | 385.82 | |
| | Printing MG Bookmarks, Notepads, Signs, & Business Cards | 610.28 | |
| | Page County Project - Fair | 69.87 | |
| | Postage Expense | 31.94 | |
| | US Treasury for Tax Exempt Application & CPA fee to file | 650.00 | |
| | Total Expenses | | 1,899.14 |
| Checking balance - May 31, 2011 | | | 2,665.25 |
| CD Balance with interest, 12 month, .5%, 05/04/2012 maturity, | | | 5,138.64 |
| CD Balance with interest, 18 month, 1%, 01/21/2012 maturity | | | 5,037.62 |
| Total Funds Available | | | \$12,841.51 |
| Respectfully, | | | |
| Anita Z Harris | | | |
| Treasurer NSVMGA | | | |
| azharris@comcast.net | | | |
| 540-869-0642 | | | |

Standing Committees

Communication and Publicity: No report.

Education: Helen Lake announced that 38 Interns graduated this spring. Helen recognized the following MGs for volunteering to role play as part of the class instruction: Paula Brownlee, Cy Haley, Theresa Krause, Siobhan O'Brien, Marianne Pagington, Chuck Walters, Sally Walters and Kate Shantz. Helen went on to recognize her "pit crew", those who helped to keep the class going from day to day: Anita Harris, who was the chief organizer; Pat Burslem, Donna Downing, Mary Flagg, Angie Hutchinson, Martha Mitchell, Marianne Pagington, Ernie Polanskas, and Kate Shantz.

Finance: No report.

Membership: Mary Craig reported that we have 106 active members, 59 of which are MGs and 37 Interns. The total number of members is 141, with 2 Emeritus, 1 Honorary, and 34 inactive. She asked for ideas on how to reach out to the inactive members and encourage involvement. Cy Haley offered to send letters and make phone calls to the inactive members.

Newsletter: No report.

County Coordinators' Reports:

Clarke: Mary Craig said the Farmers' Market was getting a lot of questions. She asked for volunteers for the month of August and passed around a signup sheet. She reported that Susan Garrett had not had many green line questions, but pointed out that many Clarke residents bring their questions to the MG booth at the Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings.

Frederick: Teri Merrill reported that both Mary Stickley and Paula Brownlee spoke at the VA Herb Festival. She announced that Belle Grove will be holding a kid's camp on June 22 and volunteers are needed. Teri asked that volunteers contact her for more information. She told the group that there will be a GardenFest Recap meeting on June 30 at 3:30 p.m. that will be held at Belle Grove. Teri asked that anyone who was helped with GardenFest this year or is interested in helping with GardenFest next year please try to attend. Teri said that on July 16 from 9 to 12, the Virginia Cooperative Extension will be hosting a Food Expo at the Winchester Hospital. Volunteers are needed – if you are interested in helping, please contact Teri Merrill at moved2va@comcast.net. Teri added that Junior Master Gardeners is an extension project and volunteers are needed to water, weed, and teach – please contact Teri if interested in helping. Teri asked that MGs/Interns read the newsletter to keep informed about what our organization is doing. Mary Stickley added that the Tomato and Garlic Festival is coming up on August 27, 10 to 4, and she is in need of volunteers so please contact her at Gardener@shenandoahmuseum.org.

Page: No report.

Shenandoah: Carolyn Wilson reported that the green line is up and running. She said that MGs have been teaching residents how to grow vegetables at the county farm and the garden is

now planted. Carolyn said Shenandoah MGs will begin 4-H programs next Wednesday. She explained that the Bryce 4-H camps will be starting in mid-July. MGs will be presenting the campers with a program on veggies. She mentioned the fair is coming and volunteers will be needed for the MG table. Carolyn announced that the MG Water Wise Workshop will be held on Saturday, August 6, from 9 to 12, at the Town Hall in New Market and the rain garden the Interns installed there last year will be used as a teaching tool. The workshop is open to both MGs and the public and will be free of charge. She added that MGs can earn 3 education hours by attending the workshop. Carolyn will need volunteers to help with the workshop as well, so please contact her at cmwilson@shentel.net or cmwilson22842@gmail.com if you can give her a hand that day.

Warren: Marsha Burd reported that Warren projects are up and running. She said MGs have set up a table at the Farmers' Market for the past two weeks and there was a lot of interest in signing up for the MG Class for 2012. Marsha said she needs an educational display for the Front Royal Garden Show to be held on July 30. Please contact Marsha if you are interested putting a display together for the garden show at marshaburd@yahoo.com.

Volunteer Coordinator: No report.

Unfinished Business

Recap on GardenFest: Cy Haley announced that there will be a GardenFest Recap Meeting on Thursday, June 30 at 3:30 p.m. at Belle Grove. She asked for those interested in helping next year to please attend. Cy noted that GardenFest pictures are posted on our Facebook page, which can be accessed through a link on our webpage. Mary Craig said she would also post some pictures on the webpage. Cy added that she will be posting the Interns Graduation pictures on Facebook as well.

MG College: Mary Stickley asked if NSVMGs would form a group at MG College. Carolyn Wilson offered to contact Randy Langford with the names of those MGs attending this year so the group can coordinate.

International MG Conference: Cy Haley announced that the International MG Conference will be held in Charleston, WV from October 11 to 14 this year. She urged those interested to register before July 9 so that they will qualify for the early bird registration fee of \$250. After July 9 the registration fee goes up to \$300.

New Business

Proposed requirement for Green Line, Help Desk and Farmers' Market: Cy Haley outlined a Board proposal for an amendment that would require volunteer hours at Farmers' Markets, Green Lines, and Help Desks for MG certification. Some felt this requirement should be limited to Interns of future classes. Cy assured the group that Interns would also be paired up with a Veteran MG. Cy mentioned that any questions or feedback on this idea could be sent to any Board member. Helen Lake noted that other MG groups she has had contact with do have Intern volunteer hour requirements for green lines. Teri Merrill suggested that the requirement be extended to all Extension projects since Extension projects are our number one priority. She

said this would include Junior Master Gardeners. Angie Hutchinson suggested the membership consider whether this requirement should be for all MGs or just Interns. Cy explained that the membership would be asked to vote on this once the Bylaws Committee has drafted an Amendment.

Program: Cy Haley introduced our speaker, MG Helen Lake, whose topic was Horticultural Therapy. Helen's presentation included PowerPoint slides and an enthusiastic, heartfelt overview of this growing field. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. and everyone enjoyed another great MG potluck feast.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag
Secretary, NSVMGA

MG Association Meeting Attendance for June 19, 2011

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| Loretta | Allison | | Julie | Juiard |
| Frank | Baxter | | Theresa | Krause |
| Suzanne | Boag | | Helen | Lake |
| Skip | Bowling | | Jo-Ann | Larrick |
| Marsha | Burd | | Teri | Merrill |
| Mary | Craig | | Belinda | Palmer |
| Kara | Dean | | Ernie | Polanskas |
| Georganna | DuBois | | Paul | Poston |
| Shelley | Duffus | | Brenda | Powell |
| Malinda | Gordy | | Katherine | Rindt |
| Rita | Guevremont | | Donna | Rowlett |
| Ron | Guss | | Sid | Rowlett |
| Johan | Guss | | Kate | Shantz |
| Cy | Haley | | Jan | Smith |
| Jon | Hisghman | | Mary | Stickley |
| Virginia | Hisghman | | Elke | Thomas |
| Denise | Howe | | Sandra Dee | Thompson |
| Angie | Hutchinson | | Carolyn | Wilson |
| Roberta | Johnson | | | |
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| | | | <u>Guests</u> | |
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| | | | Zane | Carten |
| | | | Ed | Powell |