

# NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION NEWS

June, 2013

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings will be the third Sunday of the month, and we will meet at 4pm. All will be pot luck. Each county coordinator will be responsible for providing the eating utensils, plates, coffee/drinks. (Check with hosts of private homes if you have any questions.)

- **June 9, 4 p.m.** – David Sours will speak on will speak on the "Buy Fresh, Buy Local" movement in our area and the impact it has on our communities and on MG'ers. The meeting will be held at his farm, Public House Produce in Luray, Page County.

**Directions:** 0.4 miles west of where U.S. 340 coming south from Front Royal joins U.S. 211 turn north onto Cottage Drive. In 0.2 of a mile turn left on Yagers Road. In 0.9 of a mile take the first right onto Liberty Bell Lane. Go 0.2 of a mile to 357 Liberty Bell Lane on the left.

- **July 21, 4:00 p.m.** Dr. Steve Carroll of Blandy, topic is "Tomatoes and other Garden Obsessions". The meeting will be held in the Warren County Government Building in Ft. Royal.
- **August 18, 4:00 p.m.** – Speaker TBA. John Stevens, former President of NSVMGA and active member of the Frederick County community. His home is located on the outskirts of Winchester.
- **September 15, 4:00 p.m.** Speaker: Carolyn Farouki, who will be hosting the meeting at her home and will be leading tours of her gardens Carolyn lives in Clarke County.
- **October 20, 4:00 p.m.** – MG Richard Stromberg will speak on, "Native Plants" at the Valley Farm Credit Site Bureau located in Winchester.
- **November 17, 4:00 p.m.** – Annual Election to be held at the Warren County Government Center located in Front Royal.

## OTHER EVENTS

- **June 19-23, Master Gardener College;** Virginia Tech, Blacksburg

## PRESIDENTS REPORT by Cy Haley

Join me in welcoming our 24 new Interns from the class of 2013. I've heard nothing but praise for this class. Their enthusiasm is insurmountable. As with all our classes in the past 20 years we are fortunate to have volunteers join our ranks who are knowledgeable, energetic, caring, and gung-ho to get started educating the public on the best practices for caring and tending to their yards and gardens. If you're a project leader be sure to reach out to the new Interns and get them signed up. They're hungry for hours so be sure to keep them in the loop. Here's the list broken down by county:

Clarke	Frederick	Shenandoah	Warren
Cathy Dickey	Cathy Andriola	Kris Behrens	Glenn Martin
Barbara Gorham	Tricia Boyd	Barb Hallar	Ginny Reed
Pam Hough	Kathy Clevenger	Marlynne McCullough	Sherry Boyce
Kelly Kunkel	Stan Corneal		
Bryan Shepherd	Anne Dewey-Balzhiser		
Ginny Smith	Sally Hale		
	Lynda Hale		
	David Look		
	Joel Lowery		
	Enid McConnell		
	Emily Wickham		
	Beth Williams		

I also want to thank the class coordinators; VCE Agent Mark Sutphin, MG Elizabeth Bevan, MG Janet Keithley, and MG VC Susan Garrett and all their many wonderful helpers. With strong leadership and organization they pulled this class together and gave us our new volunteers. We are fortunate as an association to have such outstanding leaders in our ranks.

Next year's class will be in Woodstock. Class coordinators will be Bob Carlton and Rich Howell. These two talented MGs have already started putting things in motion and have a new class signup sheet for potential enrollees. The new form will be posted soon on the website under Members /Member Forms. If you are a project leader please take a form with you and be sure to turn it in to Bob or Rich as soon as the project is done. If you are giving a presentation or lecture to a group please take a form with you. We have a lot of MG who are also members of various garden and civic clubs and you never know who might be interested in becoming a Master Gardener.

**Garden Fest** I have no pearls of wisdom or long winded stories this time. I just want to say ahead of time a big Thank You to MG Lynn Hoffmann for her tireless efforts to pull Garden Fest together. Lynn has coordinated Garden Fest for several years now and it just gets better and better. Be sure to thank Lynn and give her all the support she needs at one of our biggest annual events.

#### **VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT** by Helen Lake

Greetings to all of you from Spain. I am writing this while sitting at a Starbucks in Seville where the WiFi is free and cappuccino familiar. You may ask, "What the heck is Helen doing in Spain?" I was fortunate to have signed up for the "Gardens of Spain and Portugal" after professor McDuffie's presentation at our February meeting. I am one of 46 travelers, at least half of which are master gardeners from Virginia. We are on the eleventh day of the trip. I have toured world heritage gardens dating back to the times of Moors, Jews and Christians living side by side. I walked through narrow winding streets in Toledo and Granada where the windows of homes were covered with bright flowering geraniums, petunias, blue-collar and jasmine. The gardens of the Alhambra we're magical: herb gardens, edibles, tree roses of every color and variety planted amidst fountains and trickling water. The senses were on over drive not to mention tired feet. The love of gardening has persisted for thousands of years here from the majestic alcazars and castles of kings and queens down to the small shops adorned with terra cotta pots. I have so enjoyed communicating with the horticulturalists who were our tour guides. We all speak the same language.

#### **SHENANDOAH COUNTY COORDINATOR'S REPORT** by Carolyn Wilson

After getting off to a slow start (probably due to our late spring) Shenandoah County MGs have been very busy. Our green line, which operates 24/7 online with Friday morning office hours, has answered many questions, and we had people come into the office with gardening problems each Friday. Many of the questions are about starting vegetable gardens or fruit tree problems, but we are still getting a few questions about stink bugs in the house. This has really been a very bad year for them. I found one in my house the first of the week and at least several each week over the winter.

We have a MG booth at the farmer's market in Strasburg on the 3rd Friday of the month and one at Fort Valley Nursery in Woodstock the 4th Saturday of the month. After a slow start in May, traffic is picking up and both locations were able to pass out many Gardenfest flyers.

We have had 2 work sessions at the New Market rain gardens and they are looking pretty good. While I was working there last week the town manager came out and asked several questions about how the system worked and said how much the town employees liked the garden.

We had our planning meeting with Susan St. Armand (head of the summer 4-H programs) to discuss what the MGs would do to help teach good gardening practices to the children. We will be doing a program about vegetables this year. In addition to four weekly 4-H camps held at the county parks, we will be doing the vegetable program in the 3 elementary schools this year.

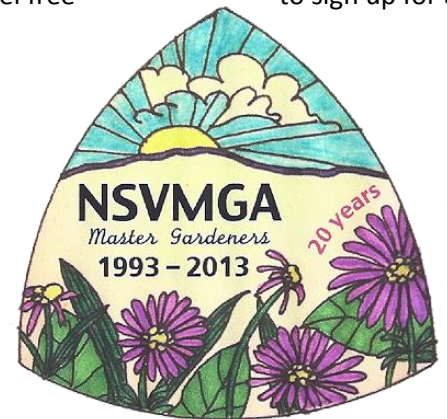
I hope everyone is ready to roll up their sleeves and help out because we have a very busy summer ahead of us.

#### **CLARKE COUNTY COORDINATOR'S REPORT** by Mary Craig

The Farmers' Market in Berryville started May 18th. There are new people in charge this year, and they are shuffling things up a bit. We are on the opposite side of the parking lot from previous years. There is a group of Bluegrass, Gospel, Country musicians, who were next to us last year. They are now at the end near the park. There are events for children, like storytelling, at the park. It should be a great year and a lot of fun! Feel free to sign up for a week, if you would like to help out.

**LOGO CONTEST** by Mary Craig

We have a winner! The Board voted on the entries, 8 in all. The winning logo was submitted by Sarah Kohrs. Great job, Sarah! She was awarded a gift bag full of gardening goodies at the May meeting. Keep your eyes open for this logo on MG fliers and if you have something coming up and would like to use the anniversary logo, contact me at [mcorneliac@centurylink.net](mailto:mcorneliac@centurylink.net). Thanks to all who submitted logos, they were all good entries.



**EDITORS CORNER** by Richard Stromberg

Blanca Vandervoort, my 1999 MG classmate, sent me an email on May 15<sup>th</sup>, "I'm emailing separately two pics of cedar-apple rust fungus on *Juniperus virginiana*. I have never seen it so bad in Calmes Neck right after the first rains last week!" Of course, this fungus is a curse to apple and other rose family members in our area. You can find out what to do about it in the Pest Management Guide. Blanca also sent a link (<http://www.ppd.purdue.edu/PPDL/weeklypics/4-23-07.html>) to a Purdue article that "...addresses the disease and how to remove the galls by hand without mentioning the use of fungicides." The article also describes two similar rusts in the same genus that look different and have different effects.