

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Meeting
Belle Grove, Middletown, VA
May 21, 2013**

President Cy Haley brought the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m., following a wonderful presentation by herbalist, Phoebe Reeve, on Herbs and Healthcare.

Treasurer's Report: David was not able to attend but sent the following report:

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association
**Statement of Cash Operations for period ending
Tuesday, April 30, 2013**

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| Opening Checking Balance - April 30, 2013 | | \$ 11,287.44 |
| INCOME: DEPOSIT 2013 - 7: | \$ | 356.00 |
| | Total Income during Apr '13 | \$ 356.00 |
| EXPENSES: #1353 - B. McKintosh - speaker fee MG class | \$ | 50.00 |
| #1351 - VA Tech Treas - speaker fee MG class | \$ | 50.00 |
| #1354 - James Messick - speaker fee MGM class | \$ | 50.00 |
| #1374 - VA Tech (MG Handbooks) | \$ | 2,044.00 |
| #1352 - T. Fogel - speaker fee MG Class | \$ | 50.00 |
| #1376 - H. Lake remb. Symposium | \$ | 73.98 |
| #1375 - P. Burslem JRMG class | \$ | 21.00 |
| #1355 - C. Frenzel speaker fee MG class | \$ | 50.00 |
| #1376 - Woodward Bousquet -speaker fee | \$ | 50.00 |
| #1373 - VMGA dues 8 persons, class 2012 | \$ | 96.00 |
| | Total Expenses during April 2013 | \$ 2,534.98 |
| Closing Checking Balance -April 30, 2013 | | <u>\$ 9,108.46</u> |
| Investments | | |
| CD | Cert Dep, United Bank 5/4/13 Maturity | \$ 5,172.24 |
| Savings Acct | Savings Acct, United Bank | <u>\$ 5,101.44</u> |
| | Total Cash on Hand, April 30, 2013 | \$ 19,382.14 |

prepared by David Freese, Treasurer

Secretary's Report: The April minutes were posted on the website. *Bob Carlton made a motion to accept the minutes as posted. It was seconded and the motion passed.*

Standing Committees and Special Committees:

Communications: Donna Funk-Smith reported that she has sent GardenFest information to all the papers except the Northern VA Daily; she needs a contact there, if anyone has one. Carolyn Wilson asked if every county could bring their two yellow MG at Work signs. Susan

Garrett has sent out copies of the bookmarks and posters; please print out some and post them. James Jones has posted some at Horton's. Cy said GardenFest was listed in the Virginia Gardener.

Education: Lynn reported that they are having a children's program at Bowman Library. There will be three sessions on Wednesdays at 2:00pm; the first one is June 26 and there will be two in July. They need someone to teach the sessions. The plan is the children will read a book then move outside to the pond area. One session will be on fairy gardens.

GardenFest: June 1st is the date, set up will be on Friday at noon; Sid Rowlett is in charge of set up. Counties should bring their tents and tables. The major speakers will start at 9:30 and have about 45 minutes each. Teri Merrill will be showing how to make lavender bath salts as one of the presentations.

Carolyn Wilson said she will have people there Friday arranging the plants into the various areas, i.e. shade plants, drought tolerant, etc. She will be there at 1:00 p.m. and they will be pricing everything.

Robert Vazquez will be sharpening tools, so bring your tools. Things for Second Hand Rose are being kept in the cat shed. They will be pricing these things on Friday, as well. There will be 9 educational tables and Horton's donated a raffle basket. There is an outdoor sink that hooks up to a hose that is new and still in the box. This will be raffled off as well. Rich Howell has a hypertufa pot and Mary C. will bring small succulents to fill it with. Mary Stickley-Godinez will help out with whatever is needed. Sarah Kohrs is in charge of the children's program this year and still needs some help. Belinda, David and Marsha will be manning the Cashiers table. Lynn said anyone coming to help Friday may buy up to \$15 worth of plants and/or Second Hand Rose items. There are 9 vendors signed up. There will be a separate animal area and a sheepdog demonstration. Elizabeth will be in charge of collecting the wagons from Blandy. The 4-H will be selling hamburgers and hotdogs and Mary Haskins will have the strawberry waffles that she had last year.

Sid said there is good news and bad news. The good news is that we have enough tents and tables. They will all be clearly marked; it was suggested that each county have a different colored ribbon to tie on their things. The bad news is there is not going to be any help from FFA or any other group. Set up will start at noon Friday. Carolyn will have 4 people helping unload. Melinda is her second in command and will be there at noon. What she says goes. Carolyn will send out one final short e-mail reminder to fertilize and have plants ready to go. She also pointed out that the bookmarks have GardenFest listed as the first weekend in June. They should probably say the first Saturday in June so people don't think it's a two-day event. If you have a doubt about whether a plant is invasive, she has Blandy's list. It has three categories of invasive plants. Suzanne will take the leftover plants to Cooley.

Cy asked if anyone knew of a charity that would like the leftover items from Second Hand Rose. Please let her know if you do. Donna Rowlett suggested the Salvation Army.

Membership: Mary Craig stated that the re-certification was finished and the list has been updated and is on the webpage.

Lou Powell Scholarship: Cy informed the group that Bob Powell, former NSVMGA Treasurer, had designated a scholarship fund in the name of his late wife, Lou. We need to form a committee to get working on this.

County Reports:

Clarke County: Mary Craig said the Farmers' Market in Berryville has started. There have been some fun changes this year and it should be a good year. Blandy was a great event and we made \$47 on the raffles, so far.

Frederick County: Angie Hutchinson said they will not be setting up a table at Lowe's this year. It was a good thing but there were not enough volunteers to staff it. Frederick has a rain garden that is in need of upkeep. It is a viable rain garden, in a beautiful location, but only a couple of people have helped take care of it. Mark Sutphin said the greenline has people helping out. And the Jr. Master Gardener program is going well.

Page County: Carolyn said the Macks are in New Market at a reenactment, their other love. They dropped by and gave her a brief update on Page happenings. The Antioch Church has a tree that was properly pruned by Shelby Hadelier; Page's only helpline need to report. They started their greenline at the extension office. April, who works at the office, takes the messages for Page and forwards them to one of the Page MGs for help. Page will be hosting a meeting at David and Heather's home/Public House Produce. Anne Stilwell will be receiving her Emeritus status. MGs are welcome to tour Tom and Lesley's garden after the meeting at the Sours, a few miles away, if they wish.

Shenandoah County: Carolyn said their greenline is up and running. Their rain garden needs mulching. The Farmers' Market in Strasburg started this past Friday. The Woodstock Farmers' Market is the fourth Saturday of the month at Fort Valley Nursery. It is in the morning. Larry Haun will be giving a talk the second week in June at Sunflower Cottage. Carolyn said Chapter 6 of the 2012 PMG is in. If you need a copy you can pick it up today or later at the extension office.

Warren County: Cy said they work day on the Bell Boyd gardens to be held on Tuesdays. David Freese is still trying to plan a project with the Hilda J. Barbour School to create a children's garden. One teacher and the principle are on board. Frank Baxter organized the 'A Taste for Books' table at the Samuels Public Library. The book was on herbs and MGs provided all kinds of herb dishes.

Carolyn Wilson added that the 4-H is having a children's program, 'Eat your Veggies'. There will be a planning meeting at 4 p.m. this Monday at the extension office in Woodstock.

VMGA: Mary Stickley-Godinez sent the minutes of the last meeting out to the group. Registration for Master Gardener College is open. If you can go, you should. It's a wonderful time. Larry Haun said there are lots of other things going on around town during the week of MG College too. You get discounts at 500 hours, 1,000 hours and every thousand hours after that. At 5,000 hours you can go for free. You can use your discount the year you earn it or the following year.

Logo contest: Mary Craig announced the winner of the logo contest - Sarah Kohrs. She presented Sarah with a gift bag as the prize. There was a copy of the winning logo passed around for everyone to look at.

NSVMGA Lanyards: Marianne has 15 lanyards left. The cost is \$3.50. Some of the interns may like to buy one.

2013 Class: Rich Howell said there were a few issues with gathering names of people interested in taking the class. Since he and Bob C. are coordinating next years' class, they came up with a form for all the information for those interested in the class. He asked that when we have people sign up, we get the sheet to him right away. Each county was given a stack of sign-up sheets. Bob also asked that we compile a list of questions that are asked at our farmers' markets and other events, so they can work them into the curriculum. Just list the basic area, i.e. plant ID, pest ID, etc.

Bob Carlton made a motion to adjourn at 6:13 p.m., it was seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was followed by the potluck meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Craig for Suzanne Boag
Secretary, NSVMGA

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Attendance

Loretta Allison
Karen Brill
Clarisse Bushman
Laurie Cocina
Mary Craig
Bob Carlton
Cy Haley
Larry Haun
Scott Hinkle
Virginia Hisghman
Lynn Hoffmann
Rich Howell
James Jones
Theresa Krause
Sarah Kohrs
Anna Mea Ortgies
Marianne Pagington
Belinda P. Palmer
Sid Rowlett
Donna Rowlett
Joan C. Sarna
Catherine Andriola
Kris Behrends
Anne Dewey-Balzhiser
Lynda Hale
Sally Hale
Pamela Hough
David Look
Enid McConnell