

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Meeting
Warren County Government Center, Front Royal
November 17, 2013**

President Cy Haley brought the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Announcements

Calling All County Coordinators: Cy Haley asked that all County Coordinators let Sharon Bradshaw and Helen Lake know where ads can be placed in their respective counties for the 2014 MG Class and 2014 Symposium. Sharon is leading the publicity charge for the 2014 MG Class: bradrod573@gmail.com , and Helen is coordinating the 2014 NSVMGA Symposium: ALYENA@shentel.net.

Guidelines Revision Meeting: Cy Haley reported that December 4, at 6:00 p.m. at the Strasburg Community Center, the Guidelines Committee will meet to review and revise the guidelines. Please send ideas for input and change to: Bob Carlton: bobnsam@shentel.net .

GardenFest 2014 Meeting: Cy Haley reported that we need to schedule our first GardenFest meeting soon. She suggested the possibility of the first week in December or early in January at the latest. She asked that anyone interested in a leadership position or chairing an activity please contact her: cdh@brs.org .

Public Speaking Workshop: Anne Dewey Balzhiser will be offering a PowerPoint presentation on public speaking tips for the 2014 Interns during class time and an additional workshop will be available to MGs interested in improving their public speaking skills or just learning new tips. The MG Workshop will be held Saturday, February 22nd at 2-3:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Shenandoah Learning Center, and attending this will count as Education Hours for time keeping purposes.

Reports of Boards

Vice President's Report: Helen Lake reported that the next Association Meeting will be held at Fort Valley Nursery located in Woodstock at **2:00 p.m., Sunday January 19th**; Terry Fogle will be the guest speaker.

Treasurer's Report: Cy Haley presented the Treasurer's report for November as follows:

<i>Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association</i>			
Statement of Cash Operations for period ending			
10/31/13 covering October 2013			
Opening Checking Balance - September 30, 2013			\$ 8,668.07
INCOME:	DEPOSIT (NONE)		\$ -
Total Income during Oct 2013			\$ -
EXPENSES:			
	#1407- Reimb. L. Hoffman		-100.00
	#1408 - Reimb H Lake		-674.84
	#1409 - VT Endowment		-250.00
	#1410 - Piccadilly Printing		-237.95
	#1411 - Belle Grove		-250.00
	#1412 - Reimb. S. Boag		-50.00
	#1414 - Reimb. H. Lake		-61.67
	#1415 - Reimb L. Cocina		-50.29
		\$	(1,674.75)
Total Expenses during Oct '13			\$ (1,674.75)
Closing Checking Balance - Oct 31, 2013			<u>\$ 6,993.32</u>
Investments			
	CD	Cert Dep, United Bank 11/4/13 Maturity	\$ 5,172.24
	Savings Acct	Savings Acct, United Bank	\$ 5,102.08
Total Cash on Hand, Oct 31, 2013			<u>\$17,267.64</u>
<i>prepared by David Freese, Treasurer</i>			

The Board asks that volunteers turn in receipts to the Treasurer within 60 days to help keep our account up to date.

Secretary's Report: Suzanne Boag reported that the minutes were posted on the website and asked for any changes or corrections. **Bob Carlton made a motion to accept the minutes as posted, Lynn Hoffmann seconded, and the motion passed with no objections.**

VCE Agent: Mark Sutphin thanked everyone for learning about and using the VMS. Cy Haley presented Mark with a gift card and plaque in thanks for all the time and support he has given to NSVMGA, which was followed by hearty applause.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

Milestone Awards: Susan Garrett announced that we have 3 new MGs:

Class of 2013:

Tricia Boyd - 50 hours
Kathy Clevenger - 50 hours
Sally Hale – 50 hours

All three were present and received their certificates and much deserved applause. Susan reported that we have a total of 13 new MGs. Before Susan had a chance to sit down, Cy Haley presented her with a beautiful poinsettia in thanks for all she does for us as our VC, which was followed by more applause.

Civil Rights Certificates: Susan circulated the certificate for those who completed the training.

NSVMGA Facebook Page: Intern Kelly Kunkel has volunteered to keep our Facebook page updated.

Standing Committees

Communication and Publicity: No report.

Education: Lynn Hoffmann reported that this would be her last meeting as chairperson. Helen Lake presented Lynn with a beautiful wine carrier complete with wine in appreciation of Lynn's many years of dedication to the Education Committee for NSVMGA, which was followed by cheers and applause. Helen reported that the **NSVMGA Symposium 2014 will be held Saturday, March 15th**, and it is fully booked with speakers whose topics include container gardening, preparation of garden fresh foods, health benefits of gardening, weekend landscaping and incorporating native plants. Lynn Hoffmann will help Helen send out 500 emails to advertise the symposium to the public. Helen asked that anyone interested in setting up a school program in any one of our five counties, please contact her as she has collected many resources while chairing the Junior Master Gardener Program held at Greenwood Mill Elementary and is happy to share: ALYENA@shentel.net .

Newsletter: No report.

Special Committees

Scholarship Committee: Lynn Hoffmann asked for a vote on the guidelines that were approved by the Board and circulated to the membership. **Bob Carlton made a motion to create a high school scholarship in addition to the college scholarship and to accept the guidelines as circulated; Suzanne Boag seconded the motion.** Cy Haley asked for any discussion, and Theresa Krause listed suggestions for amending the proposed guidelines which included eliminating GPA for both scholarships and including "equivalent" to high school diploma for the college scholarship. Theresa also suggested changing the number of life science courses taken to three for the high school scholarship. This spurred lively discussion with suggestions to include FFA membership and/or working in the field, incorporating

changes on the application form, a question about sending the check directly to school, making presentations at high school ceremonies to promote NSVMGA, and having a committee make the final decision about whether or not to include GPA as a requirement, and if so, what should it be. **Bob Carlton made a motion to table the discussion and suggested that the committee meet and revise the guidelines; Angie Hutchinson seconded Bob's motion to table.** However, the discussion continued. Lynn Hoffmann explained that the scholarship applications needed to go out in January. **Lynn Hoffmann made a motion to amend the proposed guidelines to eliminate GPA from both scholarships, add "or equivalent" to the college scholarship requirement for a high school diploma, remove the requirement for a high school diploma for the high school diploma (scholarship description includes, "graduating senior from an accredited county or private high or home school program in the counties in the NSVMGA area..."), and change the high school requirement to have taken at least two HS classes in the sciences to three. Theresa Krause seconded the motion, and the membership voted in favor with no objections; the motion passed. (Note: a quorum of 17 Active members was required for the vote, and 30 were present.)**

2014 MG Class Update: Bob Carlton reported that the 2014 MG Class cost will be \$225 per student. So far over 50 applications have been received; only 20 will be accepted.

Nominating Committee: Lynn Hoffmann reported that the slate for 2014 was as follows, and asked if there were any nominations from the floor:

President: Bob Carlton
Vice President: Ginny Smith
Treasurer: Lee Demko
Secretary: Suzanne Boag

Nominees stood **and Frank Baxter made a motion that the nominations be closed, and Lynn Hoffmann seconded. Lynn Hoffmann made a motion to accept the slate of nominees, Angie Hutchinson seconded, the membership voted in favor with no objections and the motion passed. (Note: a quorum of 17 Active members was required for the vote, and 30 were present.)**

County Coordinators Reports

Clarke: Mary Craig reported that Clarke's brag board was on display with pictures of Clarke's projects and she thanked all who had volunteered in Clarke County.

Frederick: Angie Hutchinson reported that the rain garden will need a clean-up. Mark Sutphin thanked MGs for the 175 contacts that were made via the Frederick green-line. He said the green-line had been very helpful and successful, and added, "Good job!"

Page: Elke Thomas reported the green-line was up and running.

Shenandoah: Carolyn Wilson reported that Shenandoah had a very successful “Eat Your Veggies” Program presented to 4-H. Carolyn, Bob Carlton, and Sharon Bradshaw presented this program to numerous children, and Carolyn brought a display board to the meeting to show everyone what they presented to the children. Carolyn even “rapped” the veggie song to the amazement of all present, which was followed with spontaneous cheers, laughter and applause.

Warren: Marsha Burd reported that Frank Baxter had the Samuel’s Library lecture series dates set for 2014.

VC Susan Garrett asked all the County Coordinators to come to the front of the room, and she presented them each with a thank you gift for all their collective hard work: Clarke’s Mary Craig, Frederick’s Angie Hutchinson, Warren’s Marsha Burd, Page’s Elke Thomas (Lesley & Tom Mack were not present), and Shenandoah’s Caroline Wilson. Marsha Burd stepped down as Warren’s Coordinator after years of service in that position and she received a special thank you gift certificate to Weber’s Nursery as well. Susan thanked them for all that they do, which was met with appreciative applause. She added thanks to Katherine Rindt for volunteering to be the new Warren County Coordinator.

Old Business

NSVMGA Says Good-bye to Former President: Cy Haley announced that our long time member and former President Mary Stickley-Godinez (Class of 2005), was resigning from NSVMGA due to travel time and distance to attend meetings. Mary was present and tearfully hugged Cy. MGs were sad to learn Mary was leaving NSVMGA, but hopeful that she will come back and visit us often.

VC Member Recognitions: Susan Garrett presented 50’s planters (from her personal collection) and plants to the following MGs:

Frank Baxter – Member of the first MG class (and first President too!).

Belinda Palmer, - Attended every Association Meeting in 2013.

Sally Hale – The youngest MG.

Mary Stickley-Godinez: MG traveling the farthest to attend our meeting.

Elke Thomas – MG wearing the most green.

Susan also presented gifts to the Board Members reminding them that they are gardeners; bright pink Tuff Chix gloves for Cy Haley, Helen Lake and Suzanne Boag, and manly black gloves for Bob Carlton and David Freese (not present). Susan also presented a special 50’s planter to Bob, our new President and another to Cy, now our Past President.

Board Recognition: The Board presented Cy Haley with a Fort Valley Nursery Gift Certificate and “I Play in the Dirt” tee, along with a shadowbox commemorating Cy’s reign as President for three challenging years along with two stints as VC as well.

New Business

Bob Carlton made a motion to adjourn and Angie Hutchinson seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. and followed by another sumptuous MG potluck and a whole lot of socializing.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag
Secretary, NSVMGA

NSVMGA Meeting Sign-in
November 17, 2013

Frank	Baxter (D)			
Suzanne	Boag (A)			
Patricia	Boyd (A)		Guests	
Sharon	Bradshaw (A)			
Karen	Brill (A)		Mark	Sutphin
Paula	Brownlee (A)			
Marsha	Burd (A)			
Clarisse	Bushman (A)			
Bob	Carlton (A)			
Mary	Carlton (H)			
Kathy	Clevenger (A)			
Laurie	Cocina (D)			
Mary	Craig (A)			
Lee	Demko (A)			
Anne	Dewey-Balzhiser (I)			
Susan	Garrett (A)			
Rita	Guevremont (A)			
Sally	Hale (A)			
Lynda	Hale (I)			
Cy	Haley (A)			
Elaine	Harshman (A)			
Larry	Haun (A)			
Scott	Hinkle (D)			
Lynn	Hoffmann (A)			
Denise	Howe (A)			
Angie	Hutchinson (A)			
Janet	Keithley (A)			
Sarah	Kohrs (A)			
Theresa	Krause (D)			
Kelly	KunkeI (I)			
Helen	Lake (A)			
Marlynn	McCullogh (A)			
Charles	Newton (D)			
Siobhan	O'Brien (D)			
Belinda	Palmer (A)			
Katherine	Rindt (A)			
Sid	Rowlett (A)			
Ginny	Smith (A)			
Mary	Stickley-Godinez (A)			
Elke	Thomas (D)			
Carolyn	Wilson (A)			
Active MGs	69		A = Active	
Quorum =	17		D= Adjunct	
Active MGs Present	30		H= Honorary	
			I= Intern	