

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Meeting
Sunday, March 21, 2010
Belle Grove, Frederick County

President Bob Carlton called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. He assured MGs that our organization was secure for the foreseeable future with regard to the state budget.

Secretary's Report: Bob C. noted that the minutes from our previous meeting were posted to the website. No additions or corrections were made and Lynn Hoffman made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried with no objections.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Powell was not present at the meeting. His Treasurer's Report and Budget Report follow:

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Association
Budget Report
March 17, 2010

INCOME	BOD Budget	Actual YTD	+/- Budget	
Total dues, members & interns		\$1,200.00	\$1,108.00	-\$92.00
Plant sales, net of expenses	2,000.00	0.00	-2,000.00	
Other income, CE, donations, etc		600.00	1,565.50	965.50
MG class tuition	4,125.00	2,625.00	-1,500.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,925.00	\$5,298.50	-\$2,626.50	
EXPENSE				
Property	0.00	593.00	593.00	
MG class	4,125.00	1,681.12	-2,443.88	
CE programs	1,000.00	1,539.66	539.66	
CE travel	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00	
Administrative	100.00	41.80	-58.20	
Publicity & materials	600.00	0.00	-600.00	
Donations, awards & gifts	500.00	0.00	-500.00	
Newsletter & web	300.00	17.60	-282.40	
County projects (\$200 each)	1,000.00	34.00	-966.00	
Belle Boyd project	100.00	0.00	-100.00	
Belle Grove intern scholarship	250.00	0.00	-250.00	
VT Endowment (2008-2013)	250.00	250.00	0.00	
VC travel	250.00	0.00	-250.00	
MG College scholarship, BOD (\$250) & other		750.00	0.00	-750.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$10,225.00	\$4,157.18	-\$6,067.82	
Surplus/-deficit funds to/-from reserves		-2,300.00	1,141.32	3,441.32

EXPENSE net of surplus/-deficit	<u>\$7,925.00</u>	<u>\$5,298.50</u>	<u>-\$2,626.50</u>
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Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Association
Treasurer's Report
March 17, 2010

FINANCIAL POSITION

Checking balance - February 21, 2010		\$3,774.62
INCOME		
Member dues	416.00	
Manual sales, 'Bugs & Blooms'	1,565.50	
MG class tuition	1,750.00	3,731.50
EXPENSE		
Property, MG handbook sold (1)	-77.00	
MG class ads	119.32	
CE programs - Bugs & Blooms	1,039.66	
Admin	15.60	
MG county projects	34.00	
MG newsletter postage	8.80	-1,140.38
Checking balance - March 17, 2010		6,365.74
CD balance - includes interest earned	\$22.12	<u>5,066.07</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		<u>\$11,431.81</u>

OTHER NSVMGA TREASURY ITEMS

1. DUES REMINDER - please pay your NSVMGA annual dues by 02/28/2010; \$10 per member, or \$16 per couple or partners. The Treasurer's mailing address is:

Bob Powell, 1101 Whittier Ave, Winchester, VA 22601

2. REQUEST FOR BOD DISBURSEMENT APPROVAL

- a. VA Tech Foundation - \$250, for MG Endowment
- b. VCE-Shenandoah Co - \$50, 4-H Council Extension Showcase Dinner

3. DONATIONS APPROVED, BUT NOT DISBURSED

- a. Woodstock Rescue Squad - \$100, 'Susie's Garden, waiting for sign & invoice
- b. New Market Garden - \$150, waiting for sign & invoices
- c. Belle Grove Scholarship - \$250

Respectfully submitted,
 Bob Powell
 Treasurer, NSVMGA
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Committee Reports:

Publicity: Not present.

Membership: Mary Craig noted that we have 15 Interns in our current Master Gardener class, and 8 are present at the meeting tonight.

County Reports:

Frederick: Paula Brownlee reported that 10 MGs met at Mary Stickley's office on March 3 to discuss projects. Paula sent out questionnaires to Frederick MGs, and so far 23 out of 54 have been turned in to her. Frederick County has 14 ongoing projects. Eight include MGs from all counties and six are represented primarily by Frederick MGs. Projects include: a rain garden, church garden, Lowe's invitation, the Frederick County green-line, helping Mary S. with gardening chores at Glen Burnie, and helping out with GardenFest. March 31 docents at Belle Grove will be given training by MGs so that they can include garden, orchard, and beehive information in the tours at Belle Grove.

Clarke: Ernie Polanskas reported for Marilyn Thuss. Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. the Clarke MGs will hold their annual meeting at Marilyn's house in Berryville. The Farmer's Market will be starting up soon. Clarke MGs answer green-line questions at the Farmer's Market. Ernie asked that MGs please contact Marilyn if you are interested in helping out with Clarke projects.

Page: Not present.

Shenandoah: Carolyn Wilson reported for Johan Guss. Carolyn and Johan are co-coordinating Shenandoah County. Shenandoah needs a county coordinator. Carolyn and Johan will mentor anyone who volunteers for this position. The Intern class is going well. Johan set up a green-line schedule. Friday green-line sessions in the office will begin in May. Fran Gregory wants to continue to be an active MG. She will continue to be state representative for us. The scholarship given this June will be given in Bud Gregory's name.

Warren: Marsha Burd reported that Wednesday from 9-12, there will be a clean-up of primarily damaged boxwoods by the Heritage Society in Front Royal. Cheryl Crowell recommended that the boxwoods be fertilized with plant tone. April, May and June, the help desk has been scheduled. April 12 will be the start-up date for the help desk.

Volunteer Coordinator: Ernie Polanskas noted that over 40 people attended the wildlife management workshop on Saturday. The workshop will be worth 6 education hours for those who attended. Thanks to Bob Carlton, Mary Craig, Lynn Hoffman, Henry Noble, and Josie Engle. Josie pointed out that Ernie handled all the details of the event.

Martha Mitchell will send out a GardenFest update. GardenFest will be held on Saturday, June 5 at Belle Grove. It is an educational event and Ernie asked that everyone try to get involved. Janet Keithely, chair of the Second-hand Rose Committee, asked that MGs leave donations for Second-hand Rose at her house with the exception of heavy items like clay pots. She asked that people leave heavy items at Belle Grove to be stored until the event. Items can also be brought to meetings and someone will get them to Janet's house. Janet also has flyers to hand out to everyone. Suzanne Boag asked if any MGs had brought small clay pots for Marianne Paging ton, chair of Children's Activities. Ernie reminded the group that we are expecting around 200 children at GardenFest and we need small clay pots that can be painted.

Three MG Interns completed their 50 volunteer hours and received a certificate: Angie Hutchinson (class of 2008), Theresa Krause (class of 2008), and Joan Sarna (class of 2009). Both Helen Lake (class of 2005) and Cindy Quinelly (class of 2004) each received a certificate for 250 hours for their volunteer hours through 2008.. Please see or email Ernie if you need a nametag. Ernie will be ordering them soon. Please send in timesheets to cjstone@shentel.net – they are due March 31. Contact Carolyn Stonesifer if you want to know what your cumulative hours amount to. Bob C. urged everyone to turn in their hours. MG hours justify the Master Gardener Program. Hours carry weight with the Assembly. It is still not too late to let your delegates and senators know how you feel about funding for Master Gardener programs.

MG Intern Class of 2010: Carolyn commented on the enthusiasm of the class and noted that many of them are attending the meetings, which is a testament to their enthusiasm. Carolyn reminded all that Tuesday, April 20, is Volunteer Night. The class is held from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. and volunteer coordinators and project coordinators should attend and be ready to sign up intern volunteers. Carolyn will send out an email about this. Carolyn asked that pots for GardenFest be left in her car after the meeting. She asked that MGs start thinking about plants to donate for GardenFest. Carolyn has labels for anyone donating plants to GardenFest. She said last year the autumn joys sold out quickly. Plants that have sold well in previous years include, daylilies and iris (please label with color), hostas and gallardia. Carolyn asked that everyone consider donating at least one plant. With regard to hours, if you spend an hour digging plants for GardenFest, then that counts as one project hour, but please don't count time if you are digging plants anyway and just setting a few aside for GardenFest. Carolyn will be bringing pots and labels to every meeting. Josie added that we don't want invasive plants for the sale. Email Carolyn with any questions about invasive plants. Carolyn said that MG shirts are normally ordered once a year. . She sent out an email with specifics about ordering shirts. She prefers checks made out to her so that she can send one check with the order. Please note size and style on the Memo line of your personal check.

Education: Lynn Hoffman encouraged all MGs to attend the upcoming rain garden training session, which all interns will be attending. There are three rain gardens: (1) Hedgebrook Farm in Frederick County, project manager Theresa Krause; (2) Douglas Center in Winchester, and (3) will be in New Market because of the intern class. We will maintain all three gardens. Please contact Theresa if interested in helping with the Hedgebrook Farm garden. Signs will be erected to mark the gardens and give credit to NSVMGS. Thursday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m., a group from Rutgers will do the training session. The talk will be on the topic, "Stormwater Management in Your Backyard". It will take place at the Extension Office in Shenandoah County, located in Woodstock at the Government Center. It is open to the public. Landscapers will be invited. Fort Valley Nursery is supporting us and we will be getting the plants for the garden from them. This will be a three day project. There will be three or four instructors teaching on Thursday. Friday the hole will be dug. MGs don't have to be there for this unless they want to be. Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. there will be a train the trainer session and all interns are required to attend. Everyone else is invited to attend. This will take place at the site of the rain garden. The rain garden training will start around 10:00 a.m. in New Market right next to the New Market Library. Once the training is completed, we will go outside and plant the garden.

There will be Junior Master Gardener training on Friday March 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Belle Grove. Stephanie Huckenstein, Virginia Tech's Horticulture Coordinator will be instructing. Lunch will be served at 12:00. This is free training open to all MGs and will count as education hours. Interns are welcome to attend. The Junior Master Gardener Program will have 6 to 7 MGs teaching 8 to 10 year old, home schooled children (15 children are in the class) every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Wesleyan Methodist Church on Virginia Avenue. MGs are welcome to attend the classes too. It is part of 4-H. The children in the program will receive a Junior Master Gardener Certificate at GardenFest. The Mount Cuba trip has been cancelled. Thirty people had signed up for the trip. Lynn asked that MGs send educational project ideas for the fall to Theresa Krause.

New Business: Josie Engle reminded everyone that we are raffling off a rain barrel provided by Clarke County and the drawing will be held at GardenFest. The tickets cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Ernie reminded everyone to make sure to sign the sign-in sheet.

Liz Valiulis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried with no objections.

Theresa Krause introduced our speaker, Lynn Hoffman, who gave an interesting presentation on Turf, which was followed by another great MG potluck feast.

.Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag
NSVMGA Secretary

March 21, 2010 Meeting Attendance

Suzanne	Boag
Tom	Brownlee
Paula	Brownlee
Marsha	Burd
Bob	Carlton
Laurie	Cocina
Mary	Craig
John	Dickhute
Shelley	Duffus
Josie	Engle
Scott	Hinkle
Lynn	Hoffman
Kevin	Hollingsworth
Sally	Humphrey
Angie	Hutchinson
Roberta	Johnson
Janet	Keithly
Sylvia	King
Theresa	Krause
Linda	Kusior
Helen	Lake
Randy	Langford
Luann	Laundry
Esther	Miller
Anna May	Ortgies
Belinda	Palmer
Ernie	Polanskas
Cindy	Quinelly
Randie	Robinson
Joan	Sarna
Malcolm	Sarna
Kate	Shantz
Mary	Stickley
Barbara	Thompson
Sandra Dee	Thompson
Liz	Valiulis
Carolyn	Wilson

March 29, 2010