

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Meeting  
Toms Brook, Shenandoah County  
May 18, 2014**

President Bob Carlton brought the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Announcements:** Bob Carlton announced that Emily Wickham has volunteered to be the new Frederick County Coordinator.

**April's Minutes:** Bob Carlton reported that the minutes had been circulated to the membership and asked for a motion to approve them. ***Sharon Bradshaw noted that the meeting location was incorrect and Cy Haley made a motion to accept the minutes as amended with Helen Lake seconding the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.*** Bob explained that Secretary Suzanne Boag was not able to attend the meeting and Stacey Smith volunteered to take the meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Carlton reviewed the May report as follows:

<i>Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association</i>			
Financial Statement for Period Ending			
5/12/14 (covering 4/30/14 – 5/10/14)			
<b>Checking Opening Balance – April 30, 2014</b>			<b>\$11,272.07</b>
<b>Income: Deposit</b>		\$214.50	
			<b>\$11,486.57</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	Checks outstanding as of May, 12, 2014		
	Ck # 1440 R McDuffie	\$50.00	
	1464 S Edmundson	\$50.00	
	1466 R Howell	\$17.87	
	1465 S Garrett	\$106.51	
	1471 C Wilson	\$376.70	
	1472 A Hutchison	\$173.60	
	1473 Sodexo, I & A	\$1774.50	
	Total checks outstanding	\$2,549.18	
<b>Checking Closing Balance – 5/12/14</b>			<b>\$11,478.18</b>
<b>Investments:</b>	CD	Cert of Dep., United Bank (11/4/13 Maturity)	<u>\$ 5172.24</u>
	Savings Acct	Savings Acct, United Bank (12/31/13)	<u>\$ 5103.36</u>
		<b>Total Cash on Hand 5/10/14</b>	<b>\$21753.78</b>

Submitted by: Sandra Lee Demko, Treas. 5/10/14

Bob reported that the Audit Committee had raised questions about the number of bank accounts NSVMGA holds and he explained that we have three accounts at two banks that are conveniently located for the Treasurer (Lee Demko) and President (Bob Carlton, for co-signing). The checking account is used most often, the CD is a contingency fund, and the money market is used for the scholarship fund (no penalty for withdrawals).

**Vice President's Report:** Ginny Smith reported that our next meeting will be held in Page County at Tom and Lesley Mack's home; it will be held on Sunday, June 29 at 4:00 p.m.

### **Standing Committees**

**Publicity:** No report.

**Education:** Helen Lake reported that the Scholarship Committee has awarded two high school scholarships, one to a Clarke County student and the other to a Shenandoah County student. She thanked the Scholarship Committee and Committee Chair Lynn Hoffmann for putting in the time and effort to review the applications. Committee members Bob Carlton and Frank Baxter were present at the meeting and were recognized. Helen added that it has been good to see the money come in, and it is good to see it going out.

**Finance:** No report.

**Membership:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Please send MG articles and photos to Editor Richard Stromberg, [risy@embarqmail.com](mailto:risy@embarqmail.com).

### **Special Committees**

**GardenFest:** Cy Haley reported that the Committee did a walk-through yesterday at Belle Grove. If you need flyers, get them from her. She said that 32 children had signed up so far for the Children's Activities, so there will be room for walk-ins. Cy asked that everyone get their Second Hand Rose items to Coordinator Angie Hutchinson: 540.722.3336 or [angelikihutchinson@comcast.net](mailto:angelikihutchinson@comcast.net). Angie asked that donated items be garden related: only gardening books and no clothing. Consider donating curtains, household goods, old hoses, chicken wire, shovels, rakes, Christmas lights, or anything that could be repurposed. Leftovers will be donated to the library, C-Cap, or the Salvation Army. Carolyn Wilson reported that she has pots for the Plant Sale, although everything should already be potted. She also has labels. She asked that we use plastic labels for big pots and craft sticks for 4" or herb pots. Carolyn asked that plants be labeled with the common name, scientific name (if known), sun or shade, and flower color. She also asked that we bring a picture of the plant in bloom! Carolyn will send out an email about labeling next week. Leftover plants can go to Samuel's Library for landscaping. Any questions, Carolyn can be reached at: 540.477.3836, [cmwilson22842@gmail.com](mailto:cmwilson22842@gmail.com).

**MG Class of 2014:** Rich Howell reported that the class organizers were a great team: Kris Behrends, Enid McConnell, David Look, Barb Hallar, Sue Rogers, Pam Hough, Marlynn McCulloch, Janet Keithley, Bob Carlton, Rich Howell, and Sharon Bradshaw. Everybody worked hard and Sharon especially kept things on track. The class has completed coursework (class sessions, two field trips and the Symposium), and everybody passed. Now class members are working on project hours. The class will graduate at Belle Grove Plantation, 12:30-1:00 at GardenFest, Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Class of 2015:** Rich Howell reported it is getting started. If anyone is interested in taking the class, send contact information (name, email, mailing address, and phone) to [greenhelpline@gmail.com](mailto:greenhelpline@gmail.com) Rich will monitor.

### **County Coordinators Reports**

**Clarke:** Ginny Smith reported that the Xeriscape Garden project continues with two work sessions so far this spring to clean up.

**Frederick:** Helen Lake reported that Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, MGs will man an information table at Lowe's; one more volunteer is needed that day. MGs have been well received by the staff and management at the Winchester Lowe's in the past. MGs will return to the Winchester Lowe's June 28<sup>th</sup> 9-12 and one more volunteer is needed to make the total three. In the past, it has been very busy and having three volunteers makes it easier to handle all the questions and interest. Please contact Helen if you are interested in helping with the Lowe's information table: [alyena@shentel.net](mailto:alyena@shentel.net).

**Page:** Elke Thomas reported that the Greenline, Saturday Farmers' Market, and school garden projects are ongoing.

**Shenandoah:** Carolyn Wilson reported that the Greenline and Woodstock Farmers' Market are going well. Rain garden work sessions and school programs will be held in July. The Strasburg Farmers' Market is off to an iffy start, coinciding with Mayfest. Georganna Dubois asked how the Woodstock Farmers' market compares to the Greenline. Carolyn shared that there is generally more exposure at the Farmers' Market, and Bobby Clark is happy with the alternating weekend schedule.

**Warren:** Frank Baxter reported that the next Samuel's Library program will be held June 14<sup>th</sup>, "Growing with Herbs." Paula Brownlee will be the speaker. Two people showed up for the last workday at the library.

**VCE Agent Report:** No report.

**Volunteer Coordinator's Report:** No report.

**Old Business:** No reports.

**New Business:** Helen Lake reported that Junior Master Gardeners with Lynn Hoffmann and Tammy Epperson will be at the C-Cap garden half days in July. A Garden Adventures 4-H camp (unit project) will be offered in July beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> and will run for three weeks.

***Adjournment: Cy Haley made a motion to adjourn, Rich Howell seconded, and the motion passed with no objections.*** The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. and was followed by Country Gardens owner Rhonda Stevens presentation on creating flower vignettes and vertical gardening in wall-mounted racks.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Smith for Suzanne Boag  
Secretary, NSVMGA

**NSVMGA Association Meeting Attendance May 18, 2014**

Frank	Baxter	<b>Guests</b>	
Sharon	Bradshaw	Susan	St. Amand
Bob	Carlton	Rhonda	Stevens
Georganna	DuBois		
Rose	Fairman		
Malinda	Gordy		
Cy	Haley		
Rich	Howell		
Angie	Hutchinson		
Janet	Keithley		
Helen	Lake		
Belinda	Palmer		
Ginny	Smith		
Stacey	Smith		
Elke	Thomas		
Carolyn	Wilson		