

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Meeting
Museum of the Shenandoah, Winchester
May 20, 2012**

President Cy Haley brought the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.

Announcements

MG Recertification Form: Cy explained that all MGs are being asked to complete a recertification form annually, which is something that we have not been doing in the past, but should have. She continued to say that the forms are available for all MGs present today to be completed sometime after the meeting. She added that MGs can also pay their dues today if they have not done so already for 2012. MGs not present today will receive their recertification form in the mail and can return it to either Cy or our Time Keeper, Susan Garrett.

Reports of Board

Vice President's Report: Angie Hutchinson announced that next month's meeting will be held at Lee Ruddle's house on Sunday, June 24. Lee will talk about how he went about designing his lovely garden and attendees will also be treated to a tour.

Treasurer's Report: Luann Laundry reported that we had received a \$25 donation from a garden club in appreciation of a talk given by MG Paula Brownlee. Regarding Garden Fair feedback received by the Board, Luann asked that MGs include suggestions along with comments. Cy Haley added that if a problem is noted, to then please provide a potential solution. Luann presented the report as follows:

<i>Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association</i>					
Treasurer's Report					
Monday, April 30, 2012					
<u>FINANCIAL POSITION</u>					
Checking Balance - March 31 2012					\$ 7,057.58
INCOME:	MG Dues			\$ 40.00	
	MG Shirts			\$ 208.75	
			Total Income		\$ 248.75
EXPENSES:	# 1290 - Cabin Hill T's LLC - MG Shirts			\$ 201.15	
	# 1291 - Carolyn Wilson - Gardenfest Reimb			\$ 87.97	
	# 1292 - Void			\$ -	
			General Sub Total		\$ 289.12
	2012 MG Class				
	# 1293 - Virginia Tech - Intern Handbooks			\$ 450.00	
	# 1294 - Cabin Hill T's LLC - Intern Shirts			\$ 144.00	
			2012 MG Class Sub Total		\$ 594.00
			Total Expense		\$ 883.12
Checking Balance - April 30 2012					\$ 6,423.21
Investments					
	CD	12 mo. 5/4/12 Maturity		\$ 6.48	\$ 5,158.08
	CD	Renewal July 21, 2013	18 mo. 1/21/12 Maturity	\$ 12.76	\$ 5,075.67
			Net Worth		\$16,656.96

Secretary's Report: Suzanne Boag stated that the minutes for April's Association Meeting had been posted on the website and asked for any corrections or changes. **Bob Carlton made a motion to accept the minutes as posted, Angie Hutchinson seconded, and the motion passed with no objections.**

Standing Committees

Communications and Publicity: Donna Funk-Smith asked that MGs email her any information that needs to be added to the calendar at: 2work4good@gmail.com . Cy Haley noted that Donna had gotten GardenFest listed on online calendars as well as in **Virginia Gardener** magazine.

Education: No report.

Finance: No report.

Membership: Mary Craig reported that the membership list has been updated on the webpage. She reminded MGs that they must pay dues and complete their annual hours requirement in order to be considered "Active."

Newsletter: No report.

Program: Nothing additional.

County Coordinators Reports

Clarke: Mary Craig reported that MGs have been at the Berryville Farmers' Market for 2 weeks so far and have received lots of gardening questions. MGs man the table every Saturday from 9 to 12 during the growing season.

Frederick: Teri Merrill reported that Frederick's green-line began last week. MGs will be keeping track of the questions they receive. MGs will be able to sign up for manning the booth at the Frederick County Fair – Teri will email the details. Saturday, June 9 MGs will set up a table at Lowes and the plan to do this for several Saturdays. She stated that Frederick now has a publication box to bring to events. Teri added that she has received a couple of consult requests including a possible speaking opportunity at Westminster Canterbury. Teri said she appreciates responses to her emails.

Page: No report.

Shenandoah: Carolyn Wilson reported that her county is participating in two Farmers' Markets: 1) second Saturday in Woodstock, and 2) third Friday evening in Strasburg. MGs will speak at 4-H Camps at the end of June. Bob Carlton has organized a Fair Judging Workshop to be held Saturday morning, August 18. Bobby Clark and Carol Moyer will be the speakers and the workshop will be held in the Woodstock Government Center, where the Extension Office is also located. MGs from all counties are welcome to attend.

Warren: Marsha Burd reported that the help desk is up and running at the Extension Office every Monday from 9 to 12. Belle Boyd Cottage Garden has been planted. David Freese needs help with the Elementary School Garden every Monday. She reminded volunteers that they will receive 2 project hours each day for being a speaker at the 4-H Garden (talks are daily a week at a time and should be about an hour long). Marsha will be giving a talk to the Kiwanis on May 30.

Volunteer Coordinator

VC Volunteer: Cy Haley announced that Elizabeth Bevan has volunteered to train with Cy Haley for the position of Volunteer Coordinator.

Speaker Project Applications: Cy explained that speakers need to turn in a general project application form to their county coordinator for talks (multiple talks can be listed on one form). The County

Coordinators will then forward the applications to the Volunteer Coordinator who will send it on to VCE. Bob Carlton reminded speakers that preparation time for talks counts as project hours too.

Farewell and Thanks to Johan and Ron Guss: Cy and fellow Board members presented a certificate to Johan Guss in appreciation of her dedication to NSVMGA and naming our scholarship the “Johan Guss Scholarship” in her honor. Both Johan and Ron received Emeritus membership status in recognition of their years of dedication to NSVMGA. They received a hearty round of applause and MGs wished them well in their new home in the Charlottesville area.

VMGA Liaison Report

Cy Haley introduced Mary Stickley as our new VMGA liaison.

Old Business

2012 GardenFest Update: Lynn Hoffmann announced that Sid Rowlett will be in charge of set up, which will begin Friday, June 1 at 10:00 a.m. All volunteers are welcome to come and help out! The FFA will help with set up and Sid will direct them as needed. Malinda Gordy and Carolyn Wilson will be there on Friday to accept plant donations from MGs. Angie Hutchinson and Donna Funk-Smith will be in charge of the Second Hand Rose Booth. Friday, volunteers who work at least 2 hours will be given an opportunity to purchase \$15 worth of plants and/or Second Hand Rose items. Vendors will set up on Friday night or early Saturday morning. GardenFest will be open to the public at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday (volunteers please do not show up earlier than 6:30 a.m.!), June 2, with speakers starting at 9:00 a.m., Cy Haley’s Children’s Program, workshops, graduation and more speakers and workshops will follow. There will be lots of raffles, which will include 2 baskets donated from local nurseries, a rain barrel, and Mary Carlton’s quilted table runner. Breakdown will start around 2:30 p.m. and should be completed by 4:30 p.m. Junior Master Gardeners will receive tees for graduation. Lynn reminded everyone that the purpose of GardenFest is education and getting out name out there. She asked that people bring donations for Second Hand Rose on Friday or early Saturday morning. Donations can include old gardening books and magazines. Plants left over from the plant sale will go to D.G. Cooley Elementary in Berryville and Strasburg Park. Donna and Sid will bring their chickens for the petting zoo. Llamas will be there too. The Voglers will bring miniature horses. Strawberry shortcake will be sold and the Gourd Society will be there. Mary Romanowski is in charge of the educational tables. Mary Stickley will talk about Espalier, Karen Riding about canning, Luann Laundry about composting, and Elizabeth Bevan about cold frames. We will have a speaker from Proven Winners as well. Carolyn Wilson has pots and labels and asks that the following be included on the label: name, scientific name, size, bloom color, bloom time and growing conditions. There will be a display board for plant donators to post pictures and a few lines of cultural information.

Bob Carlton made a motion to adjourn, Mary Stickley seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. Mary Stickley gave an interesting talk about roses laced with humorous anecdotes, which was followed by another sumptuous MG Pot Luck.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag
Secretary, NSVMGA

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Loretta	Allison	Guests	
Robbin	Arnold		
Elizabeth	Bevan	Garry	Bevan
Suzanne	Boag	Mark	Sutphin
Sharon	Bradshaw (I)		
Marsha	Burd		
Pat	Burslem		
Clarisse	Bushman (I)		
Bob	Carlton		
Mary	Craig		
Ryan	Cress		
Donna	Downing		
Georganna	DuBois		
Randy	Embrey		
Mary	Flagg		
Donna	Funk-Smith		
Malinda	Gordy		
Rita	Guevremont		
Johan	Guss		
Ron	Guss		
Cy	Haley		
Anita	Harris		
Larry	Haun		
Scott	Hinkle		
Lynn	Hoffmann		
Denise	Howe		
Rich	Howell (I)		
Angie	Hutchinson		
Roberta	Johnson		
James	Jones (I)		
Janet	Keithley		
Shan	Kilby		
Sarah	Kohrs (I)		
Theresa	Krause		
Helen	Lake		
Mart	Makowski		
Teri	Merrill		
Belinda	Palmer		
Brenda	Powell		
Katherine	Rindt		
Donna	Rowlett		
Sid	Rowlett		
Mary	Stickley		
Robert	Vazquez (I)		
Carolyn	Wilson		
Luann	Woodard		

