

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Meeting**  
**Warren County Government Center**  
**March 18, 2012**

President Cy Haley brought the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Announcements**

**Volunteer Coordinator Needed:** Cy Haley reported that Randy Langford had resigned from our Association, but not VCE. Cy asked MGs to consider volunteering for the vacant Volunteer Coordinator (VC) position for which she is currently covering. She explained that the VC passes on VCE information to MGs, reviews projects, and generally serves as our cheerleader. Cy asked that any interested MGs please send her an email at: [cdh@brs.org](mailto:cdh@brs.org) or contact any Board member. Bob Carlton explained that both he and Carolyn Wilson have served as VC and will be a resource for anyone willing to serve in this position.

**Word Scrambles:** Cy Haley called for a show of hands to determine if MGs wished to continue with Word Scrambles and Crosswords at meetings. The group voted to discontinue.

**Vice President's Report:** Angie Hutchinson announced that our April meeting will be held at Blandy and we will be given a tour of the conifers.

**Treasurer's Report:** Luann Laundry-Woodard presented the report as follows:

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

<b>Checking Balance - January 31, 2012</b>					<b>\$ 4,240.59</b>
<b>INCOME</b>					
Donation - Winchester Clarke Garden Club				\$ 25.00	
MG Dues				\$ 50.00	
Symposium				\$ 4,170.00	
Donation - Glen Burnie Garden Club				\$ 25.00	
MG Dues				\$ 130.00	
MG Class 2012				\$ 2,955.00	
			<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 7,355.00</b>
<b>EXPENS</b>					
# 1272 - R. Langford - Travel exp				\$ 250.00	
# 1273 - H. Callahan - Speaker Fee				\$ 100.00	
# 1274 - L. Phillips - Speaker Fee				\$ 100.00	
# 1275 - Dr. G Peck - Speaker Fee				\$ 100.00	
# 1276 - S. Gill - Speaker Fee				\$ 450.00	
# 1277 - P. Deahl - Speaker Fee				\$ 250.00	
# 1278 - Lynn Hoffman - Symposium Expense				\$ 152.28	
# 1279 - Holy Cross Abbey - Symposium Expense				\$ 50.00	
#1280 - Sodexo - Caterer - Symposium Expense				\$ 1,398.40	
# 1281 - Lynn Hoffman -Labels - Gardenfest				\$ 149.75	
# 1282 - August Home Publishing - Gardenfest				\$ 18.18	
# 1284 - Mountain Courier - Advertising				\$ 46.40	
# 1285 - Mary C Craig - Reimb. Arborfest/Gardenfair				\$ 65.00	
				\$ -	
			<b>General Sub Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,130.01</b>
2012 MG Class					
# 1283 - Treasurer of Virginia Tech - MG Books				\$ 1,044.00	
Supplies				\$ -	
			<b>2012 MG Class Sub Ttotal</b>		<b>\$ 1,044.00</b>
			<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$ 4,174.01</b>
<b>Checking Balance - February 29, 2011</b>					<b>\$ 7,421.58</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
CD		12 mo. 5/4/12 Maturity		\$ 6.48	<b>\$ 5,158.08</b>
CD		18 mo. 1/21/12 Maturity			<b>\$ 5,062.91</b>

**Secretary's Report:** Suzanne Boag reported that the minutes from the February Association Meeting were posted on the website and asked if there were any changes or corrections. *Bob Carlton made a motion to accept the minutes as posted and Lynn Hoffmann seconded it. The motion passed with no objections.*

## **Standing Committees**

**Communications and Publicity:** No report.

**Education:** Lynn Hoffmann announced that she had already booked a speaker for next year's education symposium to be held on March 30, 2013 at Shenandoah University. The topics will revolve around vegetables, edible landscaping, and lawn alternatives.

**Timekeeper's Report:** Susan Garrett reminded MGs that timesheets are due at the end of the month. Please call or email her with questions: [SusanSGarrett@yahoo.com](mailto:SusanSGarrett@yahoo.com). Susan thanked Page County for reviewing historic membership lists for current members and provided an update. She asked that County Coordinators review their lists of members in respective counties. She reminded MGs that VCE needs accurate contact lists from MG events and green lines.

**Membership:** Mary Craig reported that she is updating the membership list.

**Newsletter:** No report.

**Finance:** No report.

**Program:** Angie Hutchinson covered this in the VP Report.

## **Special Committees**

**GardenFest:** Lynn Hoffmann explained that Mary Romanowski will be organizing table top displays and needs volunteers for topics like rain barrels, composting and cold frames. Elizabeth Bevan volunteered to do cold frames. Cy Haley is heading up Children's Activities. Suzanne Boag will organize the Propagation Table and there will be animals for the kids to check out. Sid Rowlett is in charge of set up. Other organizations might help with the event. Lynn asked for two volunteers to pick up wagons from Blandy explaining that a pickup truck will be necessary. Sandra Dee Thompson offered to pick up the wagons. Suggestions are welcome for possible Belle Grove vendors. Vendors will pay a \$50 fee to Belle Grove. Belle Grove has a tractor that can be used for clean up after the event. Donna Funk-Smith, Publicity, will print out information on GardenFest and send it out to MGs for distribution. Carolyn Wilson requested that volunteers donate trees and shrubs for the plant sale. She said she will bring pots and labels to meetings for those who will be donating plants. Carolyn asked that people contact her at [cmwilson22842@gmail.com](mailto:cmwilson22842@gmail.com) with questions and suggested that everyone check out the newsletter for tips on potting and labeling plants. She

added that it helps to divide plants while they are small. Plants can be delivered until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 1. Angie Hutchinson will be organizing the Second Hand Rose Booth. Items can be dropped off at Belle Grove during the week. She offered to pick up donations and said items do not have to be garden related, but no clothing please! Email Angie at [angelikihutchinson@comcast.net](mailto:angelikihutchinson@comcast.net). Cy Haley offered her shed for storage of items for those who live in Warren County and she can be contacted at: [cdh@brs.org](mailto:cdh@brs.org).

## County Coordinators' Reports

**Warren:** Marsha Burd announced that next Saturday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m., Lynn Hoffmann will give a talk at the Samuel's Library called, "Let's Plan Your Garden!" The Help Desk will start up on March 26, which is manned every Monday from 9 to 12. If interested in volunteering for the help desk on Thursday or Friday, please contact Marsha. The Farmers' Market table, which operates from 9 to 1, is in need of volunteers. Please contact Marsha if interested, [marshaburd@yahoo.com](mailto:marshaburd@yahoo.com). MG David Freese is heading up the 4-H Center garden plans for summer camps that begin in June. Volunteers are needed to teach classes at the 4-H camp. There will be a clean-up at the Belle Boyd garden on March 28 from 9 to 12. Frank Baxter continues to organize care for the Library and Memorial gardens. Frank added that the Samuel's Library is having a fund raiser on April 4 called "A Taste of Books". MGs will have a table and their representative book will be, *Jack in the Beanstalk*. Tickets are \$25, and food, drink, and an upscale auction are some of draws for this event. Please see Frank for ticket purchase.

**Shenandoah:** Carolyn Wilson will reschedule the county planning meeting for some time in mid-May. The green-line continues to operate 24/7. May 1 green-line office hours will begin. The Farmers' Market will be held on Saturdays. The rain garden in New Market will require volunteers sometime in the near future.

**Page:** Elke Thomas reported that Page County will host an Extension Expo for Habitat for Humanity. MGs will be presenting information on gardening and landscaping.

**Frederick:** Teri Merrill reported that Frederick's virtual green line involves phone or email answers. MGs will have a table at Lowe's for a face to face green line. Teri will host a Frederick County meeting in an effort to connect county MGs. Teri asked that everyone read the newsletter and MG emails to stay informed about what NSVMGA is doing.

**Clarke:** Mary Craig reported that Clarke MGs met at Janet Keithley's house to discuss local projects. The Farmers' Market is Clarke's primary green-line and MGs man a booth on Saturdays from 9 to 12. Susan Garrett answers green-line questions online. Nancy Specht will organize the MG booth for the Clarke County Fair in August. Suzanne Boag announced that MGs will have a booth at Blandy's Garden Fair to be held May 11 to 13. She passed around a sign-up sheet and said a sign-up would also be circulated via email.

**Volunteer Coordinator's Report:** Cy Haley reminded the group that MGs can volunteer for events anywhere in the valley with the next one being Blandy's Garden Fair. Cy urged MGs and Interns to contact their county coordinator to learn about MG Projects in need of volunteers. Cy reminded the group that contact information for county coordinators can be found on the website at: [www.nsvmga.org](http://www.nsvmga.org) .

**VMGA Liaison Report:** No report.

## **Old Business**

**Jr. MG Class Update:** Lynn Hoffmann reported that Jr. MGs began two weeks ago we have 17 new students, 5 who are returning as counselors, all of whom are homeschoolers. The Frederick County School Board is interested in the Jr. MGs program and they have already picked out a school. Lynn said there is a possibility of expanding the afterschool program. This may be an opportunity for those who want to teach kids about gardening.

## **New Business**

**MG Class of 2012:** Co-class Coordinator, Anni Sherman, noted many class interns were present at the meeting. The class will grow seeds for GardenFest. A stepping stone workshop will be held and the resulting creations will be sold at GardenFest. If interested in the workshop, please contact Anni at [newanni2011@gmail.com](mailto:newanni2011@gmail.com) .

**Plant Swap:** Marsha Burd asked about a plant swap for our next meeting. Terri Whitacre has offered to coordinate this if MGs are interested. Please contact Marsha if interested in this idea.

**Seed Exchange:** Cy Haley announced that MGs had brought seeds for an exchange and everyone was welcome to take home seeds.

*Bob Carlton made a motion to adjourn, Rita Guevremont seconded it, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.*

Lynn Hoffmann was our guest speaker and she gave a VT created presentation on everything you would ever want to know about grass. Lynn's interesting talk was followed by another sumptuous MG Potluck.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag  
Secretary, NSVMGA

<b>MG Assn Meeting Attendance March 18, 2012</b>			
Frank	Baxter	<u>Guests</u>	
Elizabeth	Bevan		
Suzanne	Boag	Garry	Bevan
Skip	Bowling	Frank	Demko
Paula	Brownlee		
Marsha	Burd		
Calrisse	Bushman (I)		
Bob	Carlton		
Mary	Carlton		
Gayle	Corrado (I)		
Mary	Craig		
Lee	Demko (I)		
Randy	Embrey		
Susan	Garrett		
Rita	Guevremont		
Johan	Guss		
Ron	Guss		
Cy	Haley		
Elaine	Harshman		
Larry	Haun		
Scott	Hinkle		
Lynn	Hoffmann		
Denise	Howe		
Rick	Howell (I)		
Angie	Hutchinson		
Emily	Huttar		
James	Jones (I)		
Janet	Keithley		
Sarah	Kohrs (I)		
Doris	MacMillan		
Teri	Merrill		
Belinda	Palmer		
Katherine	Rindt		
Sue	Rogers (I)		
Donna	Rowlett		
Sid	Rowlett		
Lee	Ruddle		
Anni	Sherman		
Elke	Thomas		
Sandra Dee	Thompson		
Robert	Vazquez (I)		
Phillip	Wilkinson		
Carolyn	Wilson		
Matt	Windt (I)		
Luann	Woodard-Laundry		

I = 2012 Intern