

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Association Meeting
Shenandoah County Government Building, Woodstock
October 21, 2012

Announcements

Association Meeting to follow Orchid Talk: President Cy Haley asked the group if we could begin with our speaker, and then follow with our meeting, which was met with enthusiastic agreement. Gary DeOms then gave a fascinating overview of orchids and orchid growing.

Annual Project Recap Meeting Scheduled: Cy encouraged all Advisory Board Members, Committee Chairs, Project Leaders, and our Extension Agent, Mark Sutphin, to attend a Project Recap and Discussion meeting scheduled to meet at the Front Royal Diner on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Cy will email directions to the Front Royal Diner.

Free Flower Starts: Belinda Palmer brought plant cuttings to the meeting to share.

Free Orchids: James Jones brought potted orchids to the meeting share.

Reports of Boards

Vice President's Report: Angie Hutchinson held a drawing for a Garden Gate Magazine Subscription and Clarisse Bushman was the lucky winner. Angie explained that our November meeting will be held at Warren County Government Center (WCGC), and the meeting's focus will be NSVMGA business and elections. The **January meeting** will be held at **Fort Valley Nursery in Woodstock**. Emeritus members will be invited, the meeting time will be **2:00 p.m.** and MGs are encouraged to bring **finger foods** rather than potluck dishes.

Treasurer's Report: Cy Haley reported that one of our two CDs will mature in January and will be rolled into a separate account to fund our annual scholarship. Cy reviewed this month's Treasurer's Report prepared by Luann Laundry as follows:

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association

**Treasurer's Report
Friday, August 31, 2012**

<u>FINANCIAL POSITION</u>				
Checking Balance - July 31 2012				\$ 7,499.74
INCOME:	MG Dues (dep made Aug 12)		\$ 20.00	
		Total Income		\$ 20.00
EXPENSES:	# 1315 - Carolyn Wilson - potting soil		\$ 70.00	
	# 1316 - FOSA		\$ 50.00	
	# 1317 - Treasurer of VA - Frog & Snake Books		\$ 757.25	
		General Sub Total		\$ 877.25
	2012 MG Class			
		2012 MG Class Sub Total		\$ -
		Total Expense		\$ 877.25
Checking Balance - August 31 2012				\$ 6,642.49
Investments				
	CD	12 mo. 5/4/12 Maturity	\$ 6.48	\$ 5,158.08
	CD	18 mo. 1/21/12 Maturity	\$ 12.76	\$ 5,075.67
		Net Worth		\$16,876.24

Secretary's Report: Suzanne Boag reported that the September Association 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 carried with no objections.**

Standing Committees

Communications and Publicity: No report.

Education

2013 Symposium: Lynn Hoffmann reported that the MG Symposium will be held at Shenandoah University (SU) on Saturday, March 16, 2013. Evelyn

Haden is a confirmed speaker. Topics will include: No Mow Lawns, Edible Landscapes, and Bugs (solutions, veggies). Volunteers are needed for registration, please contact Lynn at: gwendydog@gmail.com .

GardenFest 2013 Meeting: The GardenFest Meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. on November 18 at the WCGC prior to the Association Meeting. Please plan to attend if you are interested in helping and/or contact Lynn.

Christmas Decorations at Belle Grove: The Decorating Committee will meet on Monday, October 29, 10:30 a.m. at Belle Grove. (**Note:** This meeting will be rescheduled due to the storm.)

Junior Master Gardener Lunch: Tuesday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church in Winchester.

Two Junior Master Gardener Classes for 2013: MGs will hold Jr. MG classes for home schooled children on Tuesdays at the Methodist Church in Winchester. Tammy Epperson is the contact person; there will be about 25 students. MGs will also hold Jr. MG classes at Greenwood Mill Elementary on Thursdays during the school day. Please contact Lynn if you would like to volunteer to teach classes, research, help with classes or just observe. Classes are 45 minutes long and Jr. MG Guidelines will be provided.

80th Annual VA Garden Week: April 20-27 at Belle Grove will host this event which will include tours, historical, and garden talks and demos. This program is educational and there will be many opportunities for MGs to contribute. Cy Haley reminded the group that MG hours devoted to this event would count as project hours.

Finance: Lynn Hoffmann, Luann Laundry, and Helen Lake are working on the 2013 Budget. If you will need funds for a project next year, please contact one of them.

Membership: Mary Craig reported that the updated membership list is posted on the website. She reminded those who send mass emails to update their lists. Mary said she will move 2012 Interns into the main roster to make room for 2013 Interns on the List.

Time Keeper: Susan Garrett reported that quarterly time sheets were due October 1 and the 4th quarter's time sheets will be due December 20. She said it is important that MGs turn in their hours promptly because she has a January 14 deadline to turn in all of our hours to VA Tech – **any hours turned in after the January deadline will not be accepted by VA Tech.** Susan asked MGs/Interns to check the membership roster for their status, contact information and dues paid. She advised that we save copies of our time sheets. She stated that drive hours count towards milestone awards, but not project or education requirements. She added that a plus is that if you track your volunteer mileage, you can deduct it on your taxes.

Newsletter: No report.

Special Committees

Audit: Cy Haley reported that the Audit Committee will meet once Frank Baxter returns from an overseas trip.

County Coordinators' Reports

Clarke: Mary Craig reported that only one more week was left of Farmers' Market and thanked everyone who helped this past season. The County of Clarke donated a rain barrel for our ArborFest Raffle and \$82 was raised over that weekend. Tuesday, October 23 at 9:00 a.m. there will be a rain barrel building workshop which will be held at Chet Hobert Park in Berryville. All MGs are invited to help. The rain barrel winner was from Winchester and was very happy with her prize.

Frederick: No report.

Page: No report.

Shenandoah: Carolyn Wilson reported that the green line continues 24/7/364 (not on Christmas Day!). She thanked Kevin Hollingsworth for managing the Farmers' Market booth in Woodstock and Belinda Palmer for her efforts with the Strasburg Farmers' Market. Both markets were a success with excellent traffic.

Warren: Cy Haley reported that yesterday, October 20, the planting took place at the Samuel's Library with hundreds of plants that were donated.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

New Email: Elizabeth Bevan's new email address is:
elizabethbevanmg@comcast.net .

Class of 2013: The class will be held at Blandy. Janet Keithley facilitated the Blandy Class arrangements.

Recertification Letters for 2013: Recertification letters will go out in January.

2013 Dues: MGs should pay annual dues in January. MGs can pay dues at the Fort Valley Association Meeting to be held Sunday, January 20 at 2:00 p.m. or mail them in to Treasurer Luann Laundry-Woodard, 4420 Old Valley Pike, P.O. Box 1208, New Market, VA 22844.

50 Hour Certificates: 50 Hour Certificates were presented for/to the following MGs:

**Lee Demko
Sue Rogers
Virginia Hisghman
Anni Sherman
Robert Vazquez**

Robert was the only recipient present and he received a hearty round of applause along with his certificate. MGs not present will receive their certificates from their county coordinators.

VMGA Liaison Report

Cy Haley is looking into the new background investigation requirement for new Interns.

New Business

Cy Haley asked the group if they enjoyed having the educational talk before the business meeting which was met with a resounding, "Yes."

Adjournment

Bob Carlton made a motion to adjourn, Angie Hutchinson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

A fall feast followed the meeting with potluck dishes galore!

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Boag
Secretary, NSVMGA

MG Association Meeting October 21, 2012

Elizabeth	Bevan	<u>Guests</u>	
Suzanne	Boag		
Sharon	Bradshaw	Garry	Bevan
Clarisse	Bushman	Gary	DeOms
Bob	Carlton	Bob	Powell
Mary	Carlton		
Mary	Craig		
Randy	Embrey (I)		
Susan	Garrett		
Malinda	Gordy		
Cy	Haley		
Elaine	Harshman		
Larry	Haun		
Lynn	Hoffmann		
Kevin	Hollingsworth, Jr.		
Angie	Hutchinson		
James	Jones (I)		
Sarah	Kohrs		
Helen	Lake		
Belinda	Palmer		
Brenda	Powell		
Robert	Vazquez		
Carolyn	Wilson		
I=Intern			