

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Association Meeting
Tom and Lesley Mack's Home, Page County
July 22, 2012

Opening Remarks: President Cy Haley brought the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. Georganna DuBois led a prayer for dedicated MG and Page County Coordinator George Hadel, who recently passed away.

Announcements: Cy Haley announced that MG Mary Stickley is in need of volunteers for the Tomato and Garlic Festival to be held at the Museum of the Shenandoah on August 25. Please contact Mary if you are interested in volunteering:

Gardener@shenandoahmuseum.org .

Reports of Boards

Vice President's Report: Angie Hutchinson discussed a possible future MG trip to Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens in Richmond sometime in late November or early December. The trip would include a Schrock bus ride, a guided tour of the gardens, and a dinner buffet with a total cost of approximately \$90 per person. We need to fill at least 36 seats on the bus. Angie is looking into a weekday trip, possibly on a Tuesday, which is a caroling day at the Ginter Gardens. Lynn Hoffmann pointed out that November 27 and December 4, both Tuesdays, are decorating days for Belle Grove and the Museum. Angie said that December 11 would be the latest date for us to schedule this trip on a Tuesday. She said that Sunday was a possibility too, but it would be more crowded on a weekend. The Ginter trip will be open to anybody. Angie is requesting feedback on this idea, dates for and interest in this trip. Please contact her at: angelikhutchinson@comcast.net . Other ideas for future trips by bus or MG caravan included: Mt. Cuba Native Gardens, Delaware; the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.; Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Maryland; Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens in Washington, D.C., and the National Botanical Gardens also in Washington, D.C. Angie reported that the August 19 Association meeting will be held at Blandy and will include a tour of the Herb Garden. Carrie Whitacre will be our speaker.

Treasurer's Report: Luann Woodard-Laundry explained that the application for a \$25,000 bond to cover five people (the Board positions) was approved and would cost \$170.10. She presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

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**Treasurer's Report
Saturday, June 30, 2012**

FINANCIAL POSITION

Checking Balance - May 31 2012				\$ 5,577.38
INCOME:	6/5/2012 Gardenfest (Plants \$2465.10, Raffle \$440.50)		\$2,905.60	
	6/24/2012 Gardenfest (Plants) \$46.00 and Dues \$100.00		\$ 146.00	
		Total Income		\$ 3,051.60
EXPENSES:	# 1307 FFA - Donation Gardenfest		\$ 100.00	
	# 1308 Suzanne Boag - Gardenfest & Sec Supplies -- Reimb		\$ 53.81	
	# 1309 Larry Haun - Jr MG Exp - Reimb		\$ 25.00	
	# 1311 Cynthia Haley - Gardenfest Exp - Reimb		\$ 599.58	
		General Sub Total		\$ 778.39
	2012 MG Class			
	# 1310 Virginia Tech - MG Handbooks		\$ 270.00	
	# 1312 Virginia Tech - Finance Charge		\$ 1.13	
		2012 MG Class Sub Total		\$ 271.13
		Total Expense		\$ 1,049.52
Checking Balance - June 30 2012				\$ 7,579.46
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		\$17,813.21

Secretary's Report: Suzanne Boag stated that the June minutes were posted on the website and asked for any changes or corrections. **Bob Carlton made a motion to approve the minutes as posted, Lynn Hoffmann seconded and the motion was approved with no objections.**

Standing Committees

Communication and Publicity: No report.

Education: Lynn Hoffmann reported that we will hold an MG Seminar on January 30, 2013. The primary topics will be vegetable landscaping and no mow lawns. Lynn will email an announcement with more details sometime in the future.

Finance: Cy Haley reported that this committee will be formed and is responsible for drawing up the 2013 budget.

Membership: Mary Craig stated that the cut-off for responses to the member recertification letters is August. Once all responses are recorded the membership list will be updated.

Newsletter: No report.

Special Committees

Nominating Committee: Lynn Hoffmann is heading up this committee and asks that anyone interested in running for a Board position contact her at: gwendydog@gmail.com . You can nominate another MG only if he/she agrees to be nominated.

County Coordinators' Reports

Clarke: Mary Craig reported that the Berryville Farmers' Market is doing great and that we have had plenty of volunteers this season. MGs will have a table at the Clarke County Fair the week of August 12 through 18. If you are interested in volunteering, you do not have to be from Clarke County. Please contact Mary to volunteer at: MCorneliaC@centurylink.net . The Millwood Community Garden is Clarke's newest project and Mary Flagg is the project leader.

Frederick: Lynn Hoffmann reported that MGs will meet with the Frederick County School Board in September to discuss a Junior Master Gardener Program at Greenwood Mill Elementary. Lynn added that we may have two Junior Master Gardener Programs underway next year if the Greenwood School moves forward with this. Mary Stickley has volunteers working hard at the Museum of the Shenandoah and Larry Haun has put in succulents at Belle Grove garden. Teri Merrill has signed Frederick up for the Frederick County Fair, which runs from July 30 to August 4. Please contact Teri if you are interested in volunteering at the Frederick County Fair MG table: moved2va@comcast.net .

Page: Shelby Hadelers reported that the green-line is being run from home and needs a contact person as well as more volunteers. She said the green-line is very active in Page. There has been a lot of interest in the Emerald Ash Borer and tomato blight. Shelby added that our new Agent, Mark Sutphin, has been very helpful and highly recommended using him as a resource for green-line gardening issues being encountered in the valley. The Page County Fair runs from August 18 to 21. If you would like to volunteer for the MG table at the Page County Fair, please contact Shelby at: sheldar70@embarqmail.com .

Shenandoah: Carolyn Wilson reported that the green-line is going and she is pleased with the 2012 class volunteers. Several Interns have completed their 50 hours. One of

the 4-H classes will have to be cancelled due to low registration. Carolyn stated that the rain garden work session had to be cancelled due to rain. Saturday, August 18 at the Woodstock Government Center, an overview of fair judging will be presented by Carol Moyer and Bobby Clark from 9 to 12. This workshop will help MGs understand the fair judging methods and process and does not qualify attendees to be judges. Bob Carlton arranged this class and all MGs and Interns are invited to attend. If you are planning to attend the Judging workshop, please let Bob know: bobnsam@shentel.net . The Shenandoah County Fair runs August 24 to September 1. If you are interested in volunteering for the MG table at the fair, please contact Carolyn at: cmwilson22842@gmail.com .

Warren: Cy Haley reported that David Freese is working on an elementary school garden and a committee is being put together for the landscaping of the Samuels Library. The 4-H Camp is winding down in a few weeks and the Board has approved funding for the 4-H Camp Garden with an annual budget of \$250 so long as there is a MG leader for the project. We will not fund the garden if an MG leader is not available to manage the project.

Volunteer Coordinator

2013 MG Class: Cy Haley reported that the Board had discussed holding the 2013 class in Page County, which would require a Class Coordinator and meeting space. Cy asked that Page County MGs give her feedback on whether or not the class should be held in Page County, the goal being to increase the number MGs in Page County. If Page decides not to hold the class, then it will be held in the northern part of the valley.

Old Business

GardenFest Wrap-up: Lynn Hoffmann is planning a meeting in September to discuss GardenFest – she will email details. Lynn stated that a coordinator will be needed for next year and asked that MGs contact either her, gwendydog@gmail.com , or Cy Haley, cdh@brs.org , if interested in volunteering. She said we had a gift basket left over from GardenFest and suggested raffling it off among MGs.

New Business

Raised Bed Demo: Cy Haley reported that Larry Haun was interested in doing a raised bed demo at events and in each county as an annual demo theme. Other ideas for demos included displays, rain barrels and worm bins.

MG Inventory: Mary Craig asked all MGs to let her know who has MG equipment and where it is being stored: MCorneliaC@centurylink.net . Mary would like to compile the list so that MGs can easily locate equipment needed for events or projects.

Bob Carlton made a motion to adjourn, Lynn Hoffmann seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The meeting was followed by lovely garden tours given by Lesley and Tom Mack and another delightful potluck.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag
Secretary, NSVMGA

MG Attendance July 22, 2012			
		Guests	
Suzanne	Boag		
Bob	Carlton	Ayla	Laundry
Mary	Carlton		
Mary	Craig		
Georganna	DuBois		
Malinda	Gordy		
Shelby	Hadeler		
Cy	Haley		
Anita	Harris		
Larry	Haun		
Lynn	Hoffmann		
Angie	Hutchinson		
James	Jones (I)		
Helen	Lake		
Luann	Laundry		
Tom	Mack		
Lesley	Mack		
Martha	Mitchell		
Sue	Rogers (I)		
Anni	Sherman		
Anne	Stillwell		
Elke	Thomas		
Robert	Vazquez (I)		
Carolyn	Wilson		
I = 2012 Intern			