

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Meeting**  
**AREC Building, Winchester**  
**February 17, 2013, 2:00pm**

The presentation by Robert McDuffie, Associate Professor Virginia Tech Department of Horticulture, began at 2:00 p.m., preceding the Association Meeting. He presented a beautiful Slide Show of the Gardens of Spain and Portugal.

President Cy Haley brought the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. She welcomed the Class of 2013 Trainees attending the meeting.

**Announcements**

**MG Dues:** Annual MG dues are due and can be paid to Treasurer David Freese. The cost is \$15 and payment can be mailed to David at his home address: 128 Autumn Hills Lane, Front Royal, VA 22630.

**Miniature Garden Workshop, Sunday, March 17:** The workshop will be held concurrent with the March Association Meeting. The cost is \$15, preregistration is required. Please contact Helen Lake to preregister for this fun event: [alyena@shentel.net](mailto:alyena@shentel.net).

**PMGs for Sale:** The latest PMG edition is out and can be purchased for \$15. Please make payment to Mark Sutphin to reserve your copy.

**Seed Catalogs Needed:** MG Theresa Krause is in need of seed catalogs for a project. Please contact her if you can help: [treck@visuallink.com](mailto:treck@visuallink.com).

**MG 2013 Symposium, Saturday, March 16:** The Symposium costs \$40 for MGs and \$45 for the public. Please send registration payment to Lynn Hoffmann: P.O. Box 411, Capon Springs, West Virginia 26823.

**MG College, June 19-23:** MG College will be held at Virginia Tech.

**International MG College:** This event has been scheduled for September 7-14, 2013.

**MG Class of 2012:** Cy asked the 2012 Class members to talk to her after the meeting.

**NSVMG Lanyards for Sale:** Please see Marianne Pagington after the meeting if you would like to purchase a NSVMG Lanyard for \$3.50.

**Free Canna Lilies and Books:** Suzanne Boag brought Canna Lilies and books to give away.

**Reports of Boards**

**Vice President's Report:** Helen Lake reported that March's Association Meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 17, at Natural Arts Garden Center, located in

Tom's Brook. Lynn Phillips, owner of the Center, will present a workshop on miniature gardens. The preregistration cost is \$15 for those wishing to participate, but all MGs, Interns, and Trainees are welcome to observe the process. Participants can bring their own container.

**Project Highlight:** Mary Flagg gave an overview of Clarke County's Millwood Community Garden Project. The garden is 20'x30', located adjacent to the Millwood Post Office, and raised beds and companion gardening are being used. The harvested food goes to the local food bank.

**Treasurer's Report:** David Freese reminded the group that MG annual dues are due to be paid now. Dues are \$15 and payment can also be mailed to David's home address, checks made out to NSVMGA: 128 Autumn Hills Lane, Front Royal, VA 22630. He stated that the Audit will be held Tuesday, February 19. He presented the Treasurer's report as follows:

<i>Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association</i>			
Statement of Cash Operations for period ending			
Thursday, January 31, 2013			
Opening Checking Balance - December 31, 2012			\$ 5,289.94
INCOME: DEPOSIT 2013 - 1 Dues, Other		\$ 530.00	
		Total Income during Jan '13	\$ 530.00
EXPENSES: #1332- M. Gordy, MG College		\$ 50.00	
#1342 - H. Lake, Reimb Misc Exp		\$ 107.46	
#1338 - T. Fogle, Speaker Fee		\$ 47.81	
#1340 - P. Burslem - Reimb Misc Exp		\$ 50.00	
#1329 - M. Stickley - MG College		\$ 50.00	
		Total Expenses during Jan '13	\$ 305.27
Closing Checking Balance -January 31, 2013			<u>\$ 5,514.67</u>
<b>Investments</b>			
CD	Cert Dep, United Bank 5/4/13 Maturity		\$ 5,172.24
Savings Acct	Savings Acct, United Bank		<u>\$ 5,101.10</u>
		Total Cash on Hand, Jan 31, 2013	<u>\$ 15,788.01</u>
<i>prepared by David Freese, Treasurer</i>			

**Secretary's Report:** Suzanne Boag thanked Mary Craig for taking the January minutes. She stated that the minutes were posted to the website and asked if there were any changes or corrections. ***Bob Carlton made a motion to accept the minutes as posted and Janet Keithley seconded it. The motion passed with no objections.***

## **Standing Committees**

**Communication and Publicity:** Donna Funk-Smith will have flyers/registration forms for the MG 2013 Symposium to be held Saturday, March 16 posted to the website soon. Please email updates for the website calendar and events to Donna: [2work4good@gmail.com](mailto:2work4good@gmail.com) .

## **Education**

**2013 MG Symposium:** Lynn Hoffmann reported that the MG Symposium, to be held March 16 at Shenandoah University, had 80 people signed up so far. An article will appear in the Winchester Star about the event. MGs from both VA and West Virginia will be attending. She explained that NSVMGA presents an annual educational symposium; it is a way for MGs to get most of their required educational hours (note: annual education hours requirement is 8 hours). Various speakers are invited, and this year's speakers include Evelyn Hadden, author of ***No-Mow Lawns***; Mike Weber from Weber's Nursery; a Proven Winners representative; and Dr. Allen Straw from the SW Agricultural Research & Extension Center (AREC) will talk about veggies. There will be 7 door prizes given away during this event. Breakfast, lunch and coffee are included for \$40 for MGs and \$45 for the public. Please make checks out to NSVMGA and register with Lynn: [gwendydog@gmail.com](mailto:gwendydog@gmail.com) . Payment can be sent to Lynn Hoffmann, P.O. Box 411, Capon Spring, WV 26823.

**GardenFest:** Lynn explained that GardenFest is our annual MG Event held at Belle Grove and open to the public; this year it falls on Saturday, June 1. Interns are needed as volunteers for this event. Sid Rowlett will be in charge of set up and take down, Helen Lake is organizing tabletop educational displays, Sarah Kohrs is planning children's activities, Carolyn Wilson is in charge of the MG Plant Sale, and Angie Hutchinson will run the Second-Hand Rose Booth, which raises money to help pay for a Belle Grove Intern each summer. Angie added that just about anything is welcome as a donation except for old clothing and non-gardening books; please call Angie if you have donations, 540.722.3336. Any donations not sold will be donated to local thrift shops. If interested in volunteering, please contact Lynn, [gwendydog@gmail.com](mailto:gwendydog@gmail.com) .

**MG Scholarship:** Lynn explained that this is our first year to offer a \$1000 scholarship to a rising college senior majoring in Agriculture/Horticulture. Requirement include attendance in a VA college and hailing from our five county area.

**Junior MG:** Third, Fourth, and Fifth graders at Greenwood Mill Elementary are participating in Junior Master Gardeners, which is the first time NSVMGA has taught in public schools. Eleven instructors are teaching 25 students. Helen Lake is heading up the public school program offered on Thursdays and Lynn is running the home schooler program in Winchester, which is now in its fourth year. The home schooler program,

which begins March 12 on Tuesdays, also tends a garden located behind the C-Cap building. The garden is cared for during the summer and crops are donated to C-Cap for the homeless. Volunteers welcome, please contact Lynn if interested: [gwendydog@gmail.com](mailto:gwendydog@gmail.com) .

**Membership:** Mary Craig reported that the recertification letter is being worked on by the Board and Susan Garrett.

**Timekeeper:** Susan Garrett asked that MGs please turn in hours. She has extra time sheets and time sheets are also available on the website. Hours are important because the Department of Agriculture uses hours to help determine funding for volunteer organizations like MGs. Recertification forms will be sent out with a stamped return envelope; please complete the form and return to Susan Garrett, 303 Archer Court, Berryville, VA 22611.

**Newsletter:** Cy Haley asked that MGs send articles to Richard Stromberg for the newsletter: [risy@embarqmail.com](mailto:risy@embarqmail.com) . Cy also asked county coordinators to send something in to the newsletter each month.

### **Special Committee**

**Audit:** David Freese reported that the audit is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19.

### **County Coordinators Reports**

**Clarke:** Mary Craig reported that she has been busy updating hand-outs. She said that Clarke is hoping to get back the storage space adjacent to the Farmers' Market this year.

**Frederick:** Angie Hutchinson asked about interest in continuing with a Farmers' Market table at Lowe's for one month this season. She said both rain gardens in Frederick are in need of a clean-up; please contact Angie by telephone if interested: 540.722.3336. A green line will be offered this year and will be operated right from the Extension's Office, located in Winchester. Volunteers needed!

**Page:** No report.

**Shenandoah:** Carolyn Wilson reported that the Shenandoah Green Line is up and running 24/7. She said that during the non-gardening months MG volunteers handle it a month at a time. She mentioned that a lot of questions concerned stink bugs. She stated that a planning meeting will be held March 11 at 6:00 p.m. February 23/24 a Flower and Garden Show will be held at the Strasburg Recreation Center; MGs will have an information booth and Carolyn will give a talk on house plants.

**Warren:** Marsha Burd reported that a county meeting will be scheduled soon. MGs will participate in a Taste for Books Fundraiser, which will be held at the Samuel's Library April 20. MGs will have a table and hand-outs. Our book will be, ***The Backyard Herb Gardeners' Guide***, and demos with pots of herbs will be on display. Last year we won

the event's competition with our book/display of ***Jack and the Beanstalk***. Tickets are \$30 and include wine and food. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marsha at: [marshaburd@yahoo.com](mailto:marshaburd@yahoo.com) or call her at: 540.635.2903.

**VCE:** Mark Sutphin reported that Susan Garrett, Elizabeth Bevan and a few others will sit in on a session of the new time keeping system.

## **Volunteer Coordinator's Report**

**Welcome to Class of 2013!** Elizabeth Bevan welcomed the new class members.

**MG 2013 Class:** Elizabeth reported that the class was at capacity with 24 students. Elizabeth, Susan Garrett, Janet Keithley and Mark Sutphin are all class coordinators this year. Please contact Elizabeth if interested in volunteering to help out with the class: [ElizabethBevanMG@gmail.com](mailto:ElizabethBevanMG@gmail.com) . If interested in helping with the **Class of 2014**, please see Elizabeth.

**Milestone Awards:** Elizabeth presented certificates to the following newly certified MGs:

Sharon Bradshaw (2012), 50 hours  
Lee Demko (2012), 50 hours  
Patricia Dowell (2012), 50 hours  
Randy Embrey (2011), 50 hours  
Terri Flynn (2011), 50 hours  
Virginia Hisghman (2011), 50 hours

## **Old Business**

**Blandy's Garden Fair and ArborFest:** Mary Craig reported that applications and payment for MG Booths at both of these events has been sent in to Blandy.

**PMG for Sale:** 2013 PMGs are available for \$15, please see Mark Sutphin.

**Project Applications:** County coordinators please turn in project applications.

**MG Logo Contest:** There is one entry so far submitted by Eleanor Ames, our webmaster. Please send ideas to a Board Member. The deadline for entries is March 31.

**Educational Books:** Lynn Hoffmann distributed books that were ordered on snakes, native plants, frogs and landscaping to county coordinators, who can provide them to MGs in good standing. Angie Hutchinson will distribute some of the books to local libraries.

## **New Business**

**Greenhouse for Sale:** Scott Hinkle reported that a 30'x75' locally owned greenhouse frame is being dismantled and sold , “cheap”.

***Bob Carlton made a motion to adjourn and Lynn Hoffmann seconded. The motion passed.*** The meeting was adjourned at 3:55. It was followed by a finger food fest and MG camaraderie.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag  
Secretary, NSVMGA

**MG Assn. Meeting Attendance February 17, 2013**

Catherine	Andriola (T)	Roberta	Johnson
Kris	Behrends (T)	James	Jones
Elizabeth	Bevan	Janet	Keithley
Suzanne	Boag	Theresa	Krause
Sharon	Bradshaw	Kelly	Kunkel (T)
Paula	Brownlee	Helen	Lake
Marsha	Burd	David	Look (T)
Clarisse	Bushman	Joel	Lowery (T)
Patricia	Byrd	Glenn	Martin (T)
Bob	Carlton	Enid	McConnell (T)
Mary	Carlton	Thomas	McSweeney (T)
Kathy	Clevenger (T)	Siobhan	O'Brien
Laurie	Cocina	Marianne	Pagington
Stan	Corneal (T)	Belinda	Palmer
Mary	Craig	Ginny	Reed (T)
Lee	Demko	Kathrine	Rindt
Randy	Embrey	Sue	Rogers
Mary	Flagg	Mary	Romanowski
David	Freese	Sid	Rowlett
Donna	Funk-Smith	Donna	Rowlett
Susan	Garrett	Ginny	Smith (T)
Kris	Goff	Nancy	Specht
Lynda	Hale (T)	Elke	Thomas
Sally	Hale (T)	Sandra Dee	Thompson
Cy	Haley	Robert	Vazquez
Barb	Hallar (T)	Carolyn	Wilson
Larry	Haun		
Scott	Hinkle		
Lynn	Hoffmann	<b>Guests</b>	
Pamela	Hough (T)		
Rich	Howell	Garry	Bevan
Angie	Hutchinson	Jan	Corneal
		Ralph	Hensley
<b>T= 2013 Trainee</b>		David	Lawrence
		Robert	MCDuffie
		Mark	Sutphin