

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Meeting
EPS, Winchester
February 19, 2012

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

Announcements

Philadelphia Garden Show: Cy Haley announced that buses for the March 5 and March 7 shows were full.

Garden Educator Needed: Mary Stickley is searching for a garden educator. Please contact her if interested: Gardener@shenandoahmuseum.org .

2012 MG Interns Thanked: Cy thanked the Interns present at the meeting for attending and they were given a hearty round of applause.

Reports of Board

Vice President's Report: VP Angie Hutchinson reported that speakers are still needed for several of our upcoming monthly meetings. Angie presented future meeting locations, topics and speakers as follows:

- **March:** Warren, WCGC, **Lawns and Lawn Alternatives**, speaker MG Lynn Hoffmann
- **April:** Clarke, Blandy Arboretum, TBA
- **May:** Frederick, **Roses**, speaker MG Mary Stickley
- **June:** Warren, Lee Ruddle's house, TBA
- **July:** TBA
- **August:** Clarke, Blandy Arboretum, **Herbs**
- **September:** Frederick, **Fall Planting**
- **October:** Shenandoah, TBA
- **November:** Warren, WCGC, **Annual NSVMGA Election**

Angie announced that today's meeting topic will be Daylilies and Lisa Giles of Hillbilly Daylilies will be the speaker.

Treasurer's Report: Cy Haley reported that Luann Laundry had notified the Board that she intended to resign as Treasurer and we would be in need of a volunteer to fill that position. Cy noted that NSVMGA had received a \$25 donation from a garden club in appreciation of a talk given by MG Paula Brownlee. The February MG symposium cleared \$1369 in profit thanks to Lynn Hoffmann's tireless efforts. Cy reviewed the February Treasurer's Report prepared by Luann as follows:

<i>Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Association</i>					
Treasurer's Report					
January 31 2012					
<u>FINANCIAL POSITION</u>					
Checking balance - December 31, 2011					4,304.65
INCOME	Membership dues			150.00	
	Membership dues			42.00	192.00
EXPENSE	# 1269 - Anita Harris - Office Supplies			33.76	
	# 1270 - Sodex - Caterer			200.00	
	# 1271 - Randy Langford - MG Class 2012 Flyers			22.30	
					256.06
Checking balance - November 30, 2011					4,240.59
				<u>Int YTD</u>	
	CD balance with interest, 12 mo, .5%, 05/04/201		\$38.36		\$5,151.60
	CD balance with interest, 18 mo, 1%, 01/21/201		\$50.31		5,062.91
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE					\$14,455.10
Respectfully,					
Luann G. Woodard					
Treasurer NSVMGA					
lwlaundry@hotmail.com					
540-975-2819					

Secretary's Report: Suzanne Boag stated that the minutes from the January 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 Randie Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with no objections.**

Standing Committees

Communications and Publicity: No report.

Education: Lynn Hoffmann reported that next year's MG educational symposium will be held March 30 and she has already locked in one speaker.

Time Keeper: Cy Haley reported that Susan Garrett is currently accepting 2011 hours and the 2012 first quarter hours are due April 1. Please send time sheets to her at SusanSGarrett@yahoo.com .

Finance: No report.

Membership: Mary Craig stated that the Board has asked that County Coordinators contact people from their respective counties shown on the membership list to identify those who wish to be removed from our list.

Newsletter: No report.

Special Committees

GardenFest: Lynn Hoffmann reported that Mary Romanowski has volunteered to head up GardenFest's educational activities. Karen Riding from the Frederick Extension Office will do a presentation on Preserving. Mary Stickley has also offered to be a speaker. Angie Hutchinson will manage the Second Hand Rose booth. Please email her to make arrangements for pick-up of donated items at angelikihutchinson@comcast.net . Items can also be dropped off at Belle Grove.

Guidelines: Chairman Bob Carlton is seeking comments and suggestions for revisions to the NSVMGA Guidelines. He is especially interested in suggestions from MGs who have served as officers. Please send comments and suggestions to Bob at bobnsam@shentel.net .

County Coordinator's Reports

Clarke: Coordinator Mary Craig reported that MGs Randy Embrey, Suzanne Boag, Marianne Pagington, Janet Keithley and herself built 20 rain barrels along with Jennifer Willoughby, Potomac Watershed Partnership, and Allison Teetor, Clarke County Environmental Planner. A county meeting will be held at Janet Keithley's house on February 27 at 9:00 a.m. Mary has submitted the project forms for both the Farmer's Market and Blandy's Garden Fair and ArborFest.

Frederick: Coordinator Teri Merrill reported that the county meeting was well attended by MGs and Mark Sutphin was present as well. Plans are in the works for a table at the Frederick County Fair and a future email will explain all the details. Volunteers will be needed for a Green-line table to be set up at a local garden center on four Saturdays in June. Junior Master Gardeners (Jr. MGs) begins in March and classroom volunteers are needed as well as summer volunteers. In addition, the speakers list is being updated.

Page: No report.

Shenandoah: Co-Coordinator Carolyn Wilson reported that the Green-line is up and running 24/7. MGs will also have Green-line office hours beginning in April and there will be a county meeting early in March.

Warren: Coordinator Marsha Burd reported that she was disappointed that there were not enough volunteers to man the Farmer's Market booth.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

VC Randy Langford asked County Coordinators to turn in project forms for their respective counties. He announced that 16 students are enrolled in the MG class and one class project will involve growing plants from seed to be sold at GardenFest. Randy suggested a seed exchange be held at the March Meeting and a plant exchange at a future meeting. He reminded those present that all MGs are welcome to attend the MG classes.

VMGA Liaison Report

No report.

Old Business

Junior MG Class Update: Lynn Hoffmann said there was a great turnout. Tammy Epperson has 25 new kids and 5 who are returning as class counselors. Volunteers are needed every week during summer, and four classes will be held over the summer as well. Lynn suggested that an Association Meeting be held at the Jr.MG garden in September or October. MGs could tour the garden and hold the meeting outside. Volunteers are also needed for arts and crafts with the kids. If interested in helping, please email Lynn at gwendydog@gmail.com .

2012 GardenFest Update: Lynn Hoffmann explained that GardenFest will be held on Saturday, June 2 and we will need everyone to pitch in and help with set-up on Friday, June 1. Cy Haley will head up the kid's events, which will take place during the morning on June 2. She needs volunteers to call Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops to let them know about the event and sign up those who are interested in participating. Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a GardenFest planning meeting at the Shenandoah Extension Office. Carolyn Wilson added that GardenFest's purpose is to educate the public about what MGs do. She said that we also will have a plant sale and she will bring pots and labels to meetings for those who will be donating plants to be sold. She suggested that MGs divide plants sooner rather than later, requested more trees and shrubs, and asked that MGs contact her at cmwilson22842@gmail.com should they have questions about plant suitability.

New Business

Upcoming Events: MG Lynn Hoffmann will give a talk at the Samuel's Library on Saturday, March 24. Also, a Proven Winners Washington, D.C. Outdoor Living

Extravaganza will be held Saturday, April 21, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Arlie Conference Center with a cost of \$80. Call 877.865.5818 for more information.

Adjournment

Bob Carlton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Randy Langford seconded it. There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Angie Hutchinson introduced our speaker, Lisa Giles, owner of Hillbilly Daylilies. After Lisa's interesting presentation on Daylilies, MGs and guests enjoyed another all you can eat potluck.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Boag
Secretary, NSVMGA

