

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Meeting
Blandy, Clarke County
October 16, 2011

President Cy Haley brought the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

Announcements

Word Scramble: Vice President Angie Hutchinson announced that the prize winner for today's word scramble would receive, "Naked Ladies" bulbs donated by Carolyn Wilson.

Reports of Board

Vice President's Report: Angie Hutchinson reported that our next meeting, to be held November 20, will be at the Warren County Government Center. The focus of the meeting will be our annual elections and a vote on proposed Bylaw changes. Cy Haley added that the proposed Bylaw changes had previously been circulated, and we would vote on them at the November meeting since we did not have a quorum present today.

Treasurer's Report: Anita Harris presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

| <i>Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Association</i> | | | | |
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| Treasurer's Report | | | | |
| October 12, 2011 | | | | |
| <u>FINANCIAL POSITION</u> | | | | |
| Checking balance - August 31, 2011 | | | | \$5,225.22 |
| INCOME | | | | 0.00 |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| | Jr. MG Tshirts | | 208.12 | |
| | Burwell Morgan Tour & Demonstration | | 100.00 | |
| | Frog & Toad Guides (14) | | 130.00 | |
| | Shenandoah County Supplies | | 24.25 | 462.37 |
| Checking balance - September 30, 2011 | | | | 4,762.85 |
| | | | <u>Int YTD</u> | |
| | CD balance with interest, 12 mo, .5%, 05/04/201 | \$31.87 | | \$5,145.11 |
| | CD balance with interest, 18 mo, 1%, 01/21/201 | \$37.58 | | 5,050.18 |
| TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE | | | | <u>\$14,958.14</u> |
| Respectfully, | | | | |
| Anita Z Harris | | | | |
| Treasurer NSVMGA | | | | |
| azharris@comcast.net | | | | |
| 540-869-0642 | | | | |

Cy Haley added that MG College funds are available for those who attended in June 2011. She asked that those MGs contact Anita for reimbursement at azharris@comcast.net .

Secretary's Report: Suzanne Boag stated that the minutes from the September 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 Anni Sherman seconded it. The motion passed with no objections.***

Standing Committees

Communications and Publicity: No report.

Education: No report. Cy Haley mentioned that Lynn Hoffmann is coordinating an educational seminar to be held at Shenandoah University on February 4. Lynn will provide more information as it becomes available. Theresa Krause reminded the group that an educational lecture, "The Future of American Landscape: Getting off the Turf Treadmill" will be presented at Shenandoah University on October 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Simpson Auditorium. The speaker will be Neil Diboll of Prairie Nursery. Randy Langford will send out an email to the membership about this event.

Finance: No report.

Membership: No report.

Newsletter: No report.

Program: Angie Hutchinson covered this in her Vice President's Report. Bob Carlton announced that a fun and free MG activity would be held tentatively on November 12, from 10 to 12, at the Catocin Creek Distillery. He said that fellow MG, Lance Braun, has invited MGs to participate in a tour/bottling workshop and lunch. There will be no charge to members, and the Board approved a small donation to go to this nonprofit. Bob will keep us posted on this upcoming event by email. There may be a limit on the number of attendees, so let Bob know if you are interested at bobnsam@shentel.net .

Special Committees

Nominating: Randy Langford asked that MGs send nominations for office to him at shortmountainfarm@gmail.com . Randy stated that our current Treasurer, Anita Harris, will be stepping down from her position, and that Luann Laundry has volunteered to fill that job for the coming year.

County Coordinator's Reports

Clarke: Suzanne Boag said that MGs had great weather for ArborFest. She added that Clarke County had donated a rain barrel for a raffle, and MGs raised \$75 in ticket sales. Mary Craig notified the raffle winner, Teresa Peters, by telephone. Teresa picked up her barrel and was quite pleased with her win.

Frederick: Angie Hutchinson reported Teri Merrill held a county meeting at her house.

Page: No report.

Shenandoah: Johan Guss reported that Shenandoah MGs will be participating in a Halloween children's activity on October 29.

Warren: No report.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

MG Class of 2012: Randy announced that the MG Class of 2012 will be held at the Shenandoah County Government Center in Woodstock, and Anni Sherman will be co-coordinating the class with him. The classes will begin on Thursday, February 16, 2012.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

New Time Keeper: Cy Haley introduced Susan Garrett as our new timekeeper. Susan said she would send an email acknowledgement of receipt for hours emailed to her in an effort to improve communication with members about their hours. She emphasized that it is important for us to turn in our hours as those numbers affect state funding. She asked that MGs keep a copy of their hours for their own records. She promised to provide a yearly hours total also. Susan's email address is SusanSGarrett@yahoo.com and MGs should send their third quarter hours in to her. Cy Haley reminded the group to include administrative hours as well.

Membership Status: Cy passed around a membership list for MGs to check and verify if their information and status was correct. She said determining membership status was important for voting, which is a privilege of Active and Intern members; a quarter of the Active and Intern members establish a quorum for voting purposes. Cy clarified that "Active" status is determined by the previous year's hours and "Paid" status reflects payment of dues for the current year. Bob Carlton explained that Interns are an exception because they pay their dues as part of their class enrollment fee. Susan offered to verify hours and status for members on her laptop after the meeting as well.

Bylaw Amendments: Cy Haley reminded everyone that bylaw changes had been circulated to the membership and will be voted on at the November 20 meeting to be held at the Warren County Government Center, so long as a quorum is present. Susan Garrett suggested that we do away with the quorum requirement and allow those present at meetings to represent the membership for voting purposes. Cy said that Susan's idea can be submitted to the Bylaws Committee for consideration.

New Business

Belle Grove Discovery Path Pledge: Larry Haun presented an overview of Belle Grove's new educational project for which MG Lynn Hoffmann is a spokesperson. Lynn presented a request to the Board at the October meeting for a \$1000 pledge over four years, which the Board approved, but will require a membership vote as well. The project will cost approximately \$35,000 and will require the purchase of a tractor to develop the path and quarry. The historical path will be located on the Belle Grove Plantation grounds and will include the history of slavery in the Shenandoah Valley, historic apple orchard, beehives, historic demonstrations gardens, corn, wheat and hay cultivation, pastures with Black Angus, lime kiln, Battle of Cedar Creek and Belle Grove, 1780 stone quarry and he added that the plantation house itself is maintained by volunteers and a permanent staff of four people. Cy explained that the proposed pledge will

have to be voted on by the membership at the November meeting because a quorum is not present today. Larry said that MGs work on the demo garden at Belle Grove from 9 to 11 on Tuesdays and he encouraged all MGs to consider participating in this weekly effort.

Word Scramble Winner: Denise Howe won the “Naked Ladies” bulbs, and Ryan Cress won a PMG for being the top gardening word unscramblers.

Free Canna Lilies: Marilyn Cross of Middletown is offering free Canna Lilies to MGs willing to dig them up. If interested, please telephone Marilyn at (540) 869-4963 to make arrangements.

Adjournment

Bob Carlton made a motion to adjourn and Suzanne Boag seconded it. There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Aquaponics Speaker: Angie Hutchinson introduced our speaker and Volunteer Coordinator, Randy Langford, who gave an overview presentation of the world of hydroponics. Following Randy’s interesting talk, MGs gathered for another great potluck and caught up with friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag
Secretary, NSVMGA

MG Association Meeting Attendance**16-Oct-11**

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| Loretta | Allison |
| Suzanne | Boag |
| Bob | Carlton |
| Mary | Carlton |
| Ryan | Cress |
| Shelley | Duffus |
| Susan | Garrett |
| Rita | Guevremont |
| Cy | Haley |
| Anita | Harris |
| Larry | Haun |
| Jonathan | Hisghman |
| Virginia | Hisghman |
| Denise | Howe |
| Angie | Hutchinson |
| Janet | Keithley |
| Theresa | Krause |
| Randy | Langford |
| Belinda | Palmer |
| Sid | Rowlett |
| Donna | Rowlett |
| Anni | Sherman |
| Nancy | Specht |
| Luann | Woodard |
| Johan | Guss |
| Ron | Guss |