

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Meeting  
EPS Building, Frederick County  
September 18, 2011**

President Cy Haley brought the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Announcements**

**GardenFest Patches:** Cy Haley announced that we had a surplus of GardenFest patches and that they would be available to MGs after the meeting for free.

**Reports of Board**

**Vice President's Report:** Angie Hutchinson announced that MGs who successfully completed the word match found on their chairs would be eligible for a prize to be given away at the end of the meeting. She reported that our next meeting, to be held October 16, will be at Blandy and Randy Langford will be the speaker. His topic will be Aquaponics.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anita Harris said that in preparation for the 2012 Budget, she would be emailing county coordinators and asking them to submit any anticipated expenditures beyond the allotted \$200 for each county. She presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

<i>Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association</i>				
Treasurer's Report				
Wednesday, September 14, 2011				
<u>FINANCIAL POSITION</u>				
<b>Checking balance - July 30, 2011</b>				<b>5406.40</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	Member dues deposit		42.00	42.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Belle Grove Garden Supplies		94.64	
	August Meeting Speaker		50.00	
	Shenandoah County 4H Day Camp Supplies		67.00	
	Clarke County Farmers Market Supplies		11.54	223.18
<b>Checking balance - August 31, 2011</b>				<b>5,225.22</b>
			<b>Int YTD</b>	
<b>CD balance with interest, 12 mo, .5%, 05/04/201</b>		\$31.87		\$5,145.11
<b>CD balance with interest, 18 mo, 1%, 01/21/201</b>		\$37.58		5,050.18
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>				<b><u>\$15,420.51</u></b>
Respectfully,				
Anita Z Harris				
Treasurer NSVMGA				
<a href="mailto:azharris@comcast.net">azharris@comcast.net</a>				
540-869-0642				

**Secretary's Report:** Suzanne Boag stated that the minutes from the August meeting were posted on the website and asked if there were any changes or corrections. *Roberta Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes and Lynn Hoffmann seconded it. The motion carried with no objections.*

### **Standing Committees**

**Communications and Publicity:** No report.

**Education:** Lynn Hoffmann said she had ordered the DGIF's new, *A Guide to the Frogs and Toads of Virginia*, and she distributed one book to each county coordinator. She has additional books that can be used for raffles or giveaways at Farmer's Market. The book costs \$10 and comes with a CD. She reported that she is continuing to plan our educational seminar for February.

**Finance:** No report.

**Membership:** No report.

**Newsletter:** No report.

**Program:** Angie Hutchinson covered this in her Vice President's Report.

### **County Coordinator's Reports**

**Clarke:** Suzanne Boag gave the report for Mary Craig. She reminded the group that ArborFest is October 8 and 9 at Blandy. She said we still needed a few more volunteers and circulated the sign-up sheet. Suzanne thanked Nancy Specht, Bryan McKay, and Mary Craig for helping with the Xeriscape Garden clean up at Chet Hobert Park in Berryville. She explained that Mary is exploring the possibility of a rain garden project at the Barns of Rose Hill and a butterfly garden at the Burwell-Morgan Mill in Millwood. Mary says these new projects will give members a choice of weekdays or Saturdays to volunteer. Mary is looking for ideas for 4 public workshops a year at Longbranch. She is considering roses since they have rose gardens, herbs because they have a kitchen herb garden, possibly rosemary topiaries, and one other. Suzanne announced that we need volunteers for the Berryville Farmer's Market held on Saturdays from 9 to 12 and she circulated a sign-up sheet.

**Frederick:** Teri Merrill reported that she will be having a county meeting at her house on October 4 at 6:00 p.m.

**Page:** Elke Thomas reported that their green line is receiving 12 to 16 calls per week. At the county fair, MGs manned an information and help desk and also put together a horticultural display.

**Shenandoah:** Carolyn Wilson reported that the green line will switch over to the computer for winter. She said a final rain garden clean up will be scheduled in Haymarket. She also announced that MG shirt orders were ready to be picked up.

**Warren:** Marsha Burd reported that the help desk will be up and running through October. She added that the Farmer's Market is in need of volunteers. Marsha announced that there will be a talk given on "Cooking and curing with herbs" at the Samuel's Library on Saturday, October 1 from 1 to 2 p.m. She also explained that there is an interesting website,

[www.bugoftheweek.com](http://www.bugoftheweek.com) that is worth a look. Dr. Michael Raupp is an entomologist at the University of Maryland, and his website contains a wealth of information about bugs.

### **Volunteer Coordinator's Report**

**Milestone Awards:** Randy Langford presented 50 hour certificates to Nancy Specht and Ryan Cress. He also presented corrected 50 hour certificates to Sid Rowlett, Niles Hokkanen, and Deborah Hokkanen.

**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.

**New Time Keeper:** Cy Haley announced that Carolyn Stonesifer is stepping down as Time Keeper and Susan Garrett has volunteered for the position. Cy reminded the group that time sheets are due October 1 and asked that everyone send their time sheets to Randy Langford at [shortmountainfarm@gmail.com](mailto:shortmountainfarm@gmail.com) until Susan is set up as Time Keeper. Once Susan is ready to accept time sheets, Randy will send out an email to the membership. Susan's email address is [SusanSGarrett@yahoo.com](mailto:SusanSGarrett@yahoo.com).

### **Unfinished Business and General Orders**

**IRS Bylaw Amendments:** Cy Haley called for a vote on the IRS amendments. *Marsha Burd made a motion to accept the first amendment, Article III, Number 5, and Lynn Hoffmann seconded it. A voice vote was taken; there were no objections, and the motion passed. Randy Langford made a motion to accept the second amendment, Article XIV, Section 2, and Theresa Krause seconded it. A voice vote was taken; there were no objections, and the motion passed.*

### **New Business**

**Bylaw Amendments:** Cy Haley reminded everyone that bylaw changes had been circulated to the membership and will be voted on at the October 16 meeting to be held at Blandy.

**Word Match Winner:** Katherine Rindt completed an amazing 21 of 26 word matches and won a camp chair.

### **Adjournment**

Theresa Krause made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Lynn Hoffmann seconded it, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

**Water Quality Speaker:** Angie Hutchinson introduced our speaker, Jed Rau, who gave an interesting talk about water quality. Jed works for the Lord Fairfax Water Conservation District, which includes a four county area. Afterwards, MGs feasted on another great potluck.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag  
Secretary, NSVMGA

<b>MG Meeting Attendance September 18, 2011</b>			
Loretta	Allison		
Elazabeth	Bevan	<u>Guests</u>	
Suzanne	Boag	Garry	Bevan
Marsha	Burd	Jed	Rau
Ryan	Cress		
Rita	Guevremont		
Cy	Haley		
Anita	Harris		
Scott	Hinkle		
Lynn	Hoffmann		
Debbie	Hokkanen		
Niles	Hokkanen		
Angie	Hutchinson		
Roberta	Johnson		
Theresa	Krause		
Helen	Lafferty		
Randy	Langford		
Thomas	Laourdakis		
Teri	Merrill		
Martha	Mitchell		
Belinda	Palmer		
Ernie	Polanskas		
Katherine	Rindt		
Donna	Rowlett		
Sid	Rowlett		
Joan	Sarna		
Malcolm	Sarna		
Anni	Sherman		
Nancy	Specht		
Elke	Thomas		
Carolyn	Wilson		
Luanne	Woodard		