

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Meeting  
Mackintosh Fruit Farm, Clarke County  
April 27, 2014**

President Bob Carlton brought the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**February's Minutes:** Bob Carlton noted that the minutes were posted on the website and asked for a motion to approve them. ***Mary Craig made a motion to accept the minutes as posted, Angie Hutchinson seconded, and the motion passed with no objections.***

**Treasurer's Report:** Lee Demko presented the April report and a summary of the symposium's expenses and income as follows:

*Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener's Association*

Financial Statement for Period Ending

4/14/14(covering 3/ /14-4/14/14

<b>Checking Opening Balance – March 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$14,657.09</b>
<b>Income:</b> Deposit (None)	
<b>Expenses:</b> ( )	
Total expenses for April, 2014 (as of 4/10/14)	
Ck # 1440 – R McDuffie	\$50.00
1452 – Sherand Smith	\$100.00
1464 – S Edmundson	\$50.00
<b>Checking Closing Balance – April 10, 2014</b>	<b>\$11,432.72</b>
<b>Investments:</b> CD	<b>\$ 5172.24</b>
Cert of Dep., United Bank (11,4,13 Maturity)	
Savings AcCnt	<b>\$ 5103.36</b>
Savings AcCnt, United Bank (12/31/13)	
<b>Total Cash on Hand 4/10/14</b>	<b>\$21,708.82</b>

Submitted by: Sandra Lee Demko, Treasurer 4/10/14

March 2014 Symposium

**Income:**

Book sale	\$1249.15	
Rain Barrel Raffle (donated)	\$ 114.00	
Registration	\$4930.00	
Total received -		\$6,293.15

**Expenses:**

Bill for books	\$951.17	
Gifts to speakers		
(wine, wine bags, books)	\$128.27	
Speaker fees	\$400.00	
Sign (Suzanne Boag purchased)	\$ 9.26	
A sign Place	\$67.76	
General purchases (H Lake)	\$266.81	
Speaker Davis (food items for presentation)	\$48.83	
Sodexo (No bill received to date 4/9/14) estimated bill	\$1700	
Total Expenses		\$1,872.10
Estimated Sodexo bill		\$1700.00
<b>Estimated total expenses</b>		<b>\$3572.10</b>
<b>Income less Expenses (gain)</b>		<b>\$2721.05</b>

**Vice President's Report:** Ginny Smith reported that NSVMGA had received a thank you note from Beth Nowak for the honorarium (March meeting). Ginny stated that May's meeting would be held at Country Gardens located in Toms Brook.

## Standing Committees

**Publicity:** No report.

**Education:** Ginny Smith read Helen Lake's report as follows:

1. **MG Symposium:** Total income (after all expenses and reimbursements) was over \$2,700. Proceeds will go to the NSVMGA Scholarship Fund. Approximately 130 people attended the symposium from a wide geographical radius including large contingent of MG'ers from Berkeley/Jefferson County WVA, Fauquier County VA, Northern VA chapters along with a larger general public presence from Frederick, Clarke, Warren, Shenandoah, and Rockingham counties. Questionnaires to attendees have provided good information on potential topics for future symposiums and events. Winchester Star article about the symposium made a big impact in the community and attracted many to attend. Also aggressive publicity (thanks to Sharon Bradshaw) efforts pulled in new attendees to the forum.
2. **Jr. MGs at Greenwood Mill Elementary:** Principal Waldrop has invited NSVMGA to return. We will have only a fall session of the program at the school which will begin September 4, 2014 to allow for a longer growing (and teaching season. Science Committee of teachers was highly complementary of the level of instruction and quality of our program. During my meeting with the teachers, they had specific examples of how the MG instructors had 'made a difference' in their students understanding of science and math and in their enthusiasm for the classes. I will be sending out an email for a planning meeting in July for the fall session, and provide you details of teacher's and principal's comments. If anyone who has not been part of the program at Greenwood Mill to date is interested in participating in any capacity, please contact me so I can include you on all correspondence. This is a Unit Project and any MG'er from our five counties is invited to participate for project hours.
3. **Information Table at Lowe's in Winchester:** Garden Center at Lowe's was very welcoming of NSVMGA at yesterday's first information table in Winchester. Denise Howe, Rita Guevremont, Brenda Powell, and Helen Lake manned the table. Still need at least two more volunteers to help man the info table for May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 p.m. And at least one more volunteer for the last time slot on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Lowe's advertised our 'event' in the Winchester Star's Community ads this past week.

**Finance:** No report.

**Membership:** Mary Craig reported that the membership list is up to date on VMS.

**Newsletter:** Please send MG articles and photos to Editor Richard Stromberg, [risy@embarqmail.com](mailto:risy@embarqmail.com) .

## Special Committees

**Guidelines Review Committee:** Suzanne Boag reported that the guidelines have been updated and posted to the website.

**GardenFest:** Cy Haley reported that all 2014 Trainees have signed up to volunteer at GardenFest. Carolyn Wilson reported that Terry Fogle of Fort Valley Nursery gave NSVMGA a \$30 gift certificate as a raffle prize. Carolyn reminded everyone to use a waterproof marker on plant labels and to use craft sticks for smaller plants (less than 4" pots) for the plant sale. Carolyn said that if anyone has a question to please call or email her: 540.477.3836, [cmwilson22842@gmail.com](mailto:cmwilson22842@gmail.com). Sharon Bradshaw asked that we save yogurt cups or Luigi Italian Ice cups for children's activities. Sharon also said that she still needs 3 volunteers for children's activities at GardenFest. Angie Hutchinson reported that pick up is available for large items, please contact Angie at: 540.722.3336 or [angelikhutchinson@comcast.net](mailto:angelikhutchinson@comcast.net) or Cy Haley at: 540.624.2428 or [cyhaley@comcast.net](mailto:cyhaley@comcast.net). Items can also be brought to meetings. The corn crib at Belle Grove will be used to store items. Please set aside gently used gardening items and books for Second Hand Rose. Helen Lake is working on speakers for the event. One topic will be the benefits of raising chickens. Mary Craig will need volunteers to help with the Hypertufa Workshop and Water Quality Display, please contact Mary at: 540.635.0688 or [mcorneliac@centurylink.net](mailto:mcorneliac@centurylink.net). Suzanne Boag will need volunteers to help with the Plant Information Booth (just like a farmers' market) and the Information Booth (raffles, maps, event schedule). Please contact her at: 540.533.0061 or [suzannemboag@gmail.com](mailto:suzannemboag@gmail.com). So far, we have a rain barrel (to be raffled off at ArborFest), a beautiful Mary Carlton original quilt, a Fort Valley \$30 gift certificate, and hopefully a Horton's basket and something from Weber's too. Janet Keithley reported that seven vendors have said they are coming and five have sent checks so far. Belinda Palmer will need volunteers to help her coordinate parking arrangements; please contact her at 540.465.8287 or [bpdailily@yahoo.com](mailto:bpdailily@yahoo.com).

**MG Class of 2014:** Ten class members present at the meeting!

### **County Coordinators Reports**

**Clarke:** Mary Craig reported that Clarke MGs Suzanne Boag, Mary Craig, Rose Fairman, Pam Hough, Janet Keithley, Marianne Pagington and Nancy Specht participated in a rain barrel building work session; the group completed nearly 20 barrels! Mary added that she has compiled a rain barrel information binder for each county. Each county has also been provided with a rain barrel raffle ticket bin and contact information for Alison Teetor, the Clarke County Resource Planner and contact for the purchase of rain barrels (cost is \$90). Mary Flagg is the project leader for the Millwood Community Garden and Rose Fairman is coordinating gardening activities and talks for children attending D.G. Cooley Elementary School in Berryville. Saturday, May 3, the Berryville Farmers' Market will be open 8 – 12; MGs will set up a table 9-12 most Saturdays during the growing season.

**Frederick:** Angie Hutchinson reported that the greenline is up and running; Emily Wickham is in need of volunteers. Ginny Smith is heading up the Bowman Library children's program. Handley will have a garden club for kids. Handley High School

student volunteers will help with the rain garden clean up. Angie added that children's activity packets have been put together for each county and in addition to activity pages, include: colored pencils, markers, scissors, stickers, pencil sharpener, and a stamp pad. Additional copies of activity pages will be available at the Frederick County VCE Office (Mark Sutphin's office).

**Page:** Elke Thomas reported that Page MGs will man a booth at the farmers' market. MGs also helped school children with a vegetable/flower garden.

**Shenandoah:** Carolyn Wilson reported that she had MG shirts to distribute to those who ordered them. The 24/7 green line continues and Friday, April 25, the in-office green line began. Stink bugs were the primary topic of questions. Both farmers' markets are up and running; Fort Valley sets up the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month and Strasburg sets up the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month 6-8 p.m. Belinda Palmer and company collected 17 contacts at the Artisan's Trail; thank you to those who helped with that project: Belinda Palmer, Larry Haun, Diane Costello, and Stacey Smith.

**Warren:** Cy Haley reported that Frank Baxter is coordinating the Samuel's Library programs as well as library grounds work sessions.

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

**Milestones:** Susan Garrett reported that the following members of the Class of 2013 have completed their 50 hours and are now Master Gardeners:

Lynda Hale (Frederick County) – 50 hours  
Cathy Dickey (Clarke County) – 50 hours

Both were present to accept their certificates and they were also rewarded with enthusiastic applause.

**New Badge(s):** Anne Dewey-Balzhiser will now be the proud wearer of one of the newly designed VCE badges.

**VCE Recertifications Due:** Recertification forms are due May 1. Dues payment was due February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

**Garden Fair:** Mary Craig reported that NSVMGA will have booth #31 at Blandy's Garden Fair to be held May 9-11. She added to remember to wear MG shirt and badge if volunteering at that event.

### **New Business**

**Adjournment:** *Cy Haley made a motion to adjourn, Suzanne Boag seconded, the motion passed with no objections.* The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. and was

followed by Laurie Mackintosh's talk about the fruit farm operations, and then we were all treated to a ride around the farm with stops for questions and discussion. MG food and friends followed, and as always, everyone had a good time.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag  
Secretary, NSVMGA

<b>NSVMGA Meeting Attendance April 27, 2014</b>			
Loretta	Allison (A)	<b>Guests</b>	
Suzanne	Boag (A)		
Sharon	Bradshaw (A)	Lorie	Ashcolt
Paula	Brownlee (A)	Bill	Mackintosh
Joy	Brunk (T)	Laurie	Mackintosh
Dawn	Buehler (T)	Welton	Smith
Bob	Carlton (A)		
Laurie	Cocina (A)		
Mary	Craig (A)	<b>A=Active</b>	
Claire	DeMasi (T)	<b>D=Adjunct</b>	
Lee	Demko (A)	<b>I=Intern</b>	
Cathy	Dickey (A)	<b>T=Trainee</b>	
Rose	Fairman (A)		
Susan	Garrett (A)		
Kris	Goff (A)		
Malinda	Gordy (A)		
Lynda	Hale (A)		
Sally	Hale (A)		
Cy	Haley (A)		
Angie	Hutchinson (A)		
Kaye	James (D)		
Roberta	Johnson (A)		
Janet	Keithley (A)		
John	Kummer (T)		
Kelly	Kunkel (A)		
Jamie	Martin (T)		
Glenn	Martin (I)		
Mike	Marx (T)		
Enid	McConnell (A)		
Marlynn	McCulloch (A)		
June	Newcomb (T)		
Belinda	Palmer (A)		
Carol	Pittillo (A)		
Ginny	Smith (A)		
Stacey	Smith (T)		
Elke	Thomas (A)		
Cyndi	Walsh (T)		
Beth	Williams (I)		
Carolyn	Wilson (A)		