

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Meeting  
Tom and Lesley Mack's House, Page County  
June 29, 2014**

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

**May Association Minutes:** Bob Carlton noted that the May minutes had been circulated and asked for a motion to approve. Cy Haley made a motion to approve the May Minutes as circulated, Angie Hutchinson seconded, and the minutes were approved by the membership present.

**Vice President's Report:** Ginny Smith reported that next month's Association Meeting will be held at Belle Grove and the topic will be Master Gardener College.

**Treasurer's Report:** The June report as submitted by Lee Demko follows:

*Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association*

Financial Statement for Period Ending

6/19/2014 (5/10/14-6/19/2014)

Checking Opening Balance – 6/19/14		\$12,057.83
Expenses	Checks outstanding as of 6/19/14	
	<u>Ck #</u> 1466 R Howell 17.87	
	1478 A Hutchison 51.12	
	1479 S Carroll 50.00	
	1483 M Craig 278.89	
	1484 S Garrett 64.80	
	1485 Belle Grove 815.70	
	Total Checks Outstanding	\$1278.38
Checking Closing Balance – 6/19/14		\$10,779.45
Investments: CD	Cert of Deposit, United Bank (11/4/13)	\$ 5172.24
	<u>Savings Accnt</u> Savings <u>Accnt</u> , United Bank (12/31/13)	\$ 5103.36
	Total Cash on Hand 6/19/14	\$21055.05

**Communication and Publicity:** No report.

**Education:** Cy Haley reported that Education Chair Helen Lake will be scheduling a planning meeting for Greenwood Mill Junior Master Gardeners; if interested in volunteering as teacher or helper, please email Helen at: [alyena@shentel.net](mailto:alyena@shentel.net) .

**Finance:** No report.

**Membership:** No report.

**Newsletter:** No report.

**Program:** No report.

### **County Coordinators' Reports**

**Clarke:** Ginny Smith reported that the Chet Hobert Xeriscape Garden is in full bloom. Suzanne Boag reported that the Farmers' Market is going well, although there have been some management issues with set up times and canopies.

**Frederick:** Angie Hutchinson was presented with a thank you card and Weber's gift card followed by hearty applause in recognition of her tenure as the Frederick County Coordinator for the past year. Angie said that Frederick needs a green line coordinator and volunteers for the green line. Frederick County will be hosting next month's meeting at Belle Grove. Emily Wickham has stepped up to be the new Frederick Coordinator. Ginny Smith added that Pat Burslem will be doing a program at the Bowman Library.

**Page:** Tom Mack reported that Page MGs are receiving and answering green line questions. Charlie Newton reported that the Chinquapin Oak project has been successful; a tree park is being created to protect the giant tree located on Court Street in Luray.

**Shenandoah:** Carolyn Wilson reported that the Fort Valley Farmers' Market is ongoing and doing well, however the Strasburg Farmers' Market MG Booth has been discontinued due to issues with that market. Volunteers are working on the rain gardens. MGs have been holding planning meetings for children's programs. The green line has been off and on busy.

**Warren:** Cy Haley reported that MG Paula Brownlee presented a program at the Samuel's Library, "Cooking with Herbs".

**Class of 2015:** Cy Haley has volunteered to be a class coordinator; she will need another Warren County MG to volunteer as her co-coordinator. Please contact Cy if interested in volunteering: [cyhaley@comcast.net](mailto:cyhaley@comcast.net) . Cy is researching locations for the class. So far, all locations charge a fee.

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

**New MGs:** Bob Carlton announced that we have two new MGs:

Glenn Martin, Class of 2013 – 50 hours completed

Stacey Smith, Class of 2014 – 50 hours completed

Both Glenn and Stacey were present at the meeting and received their certificates, which was followed by enthusiastic applause.

**VMGA Recognition:** Cy Haley reported that at Master Gardener College VMGA recognized units and individuals who had helped to support the Endowment Fund. NSVMGA received a framed Bald Cypress Award for contributing \$1000 to the Endowment Fund over a period of four years. Cy Haley represented NSVMGA and accepted the award at MG College. Cy presented the award to President Bob Carlton at today's meeting.

**Milestone Awards:** Many MGs received milestone awards this year, and several were recognized at MG College including:

Malinda Gordy – 500 hours

Angie Hutchinson – 500 hours

Janet Keithley – 500 hours

Cy Haley – 1000 hours

Carolyn Wilson 5000 hours

MGs not present at MG College receiving milestone awards included:

Loretta Allison – 250 hours

Sharon Bradshaw – 250 hours

Pat Burslem – 250 hours

Donna Downing – 250 hours

Sarah Kohrs – 250 hours

Theresa Krause – 250 hours

Ellen Markel – 250 hours

Teri Merrill – 250 hours  
 Anna Mae Ortgies – 500 hours  
 Susan Garrett – 500 hours  
 Rich Howell – 500 hours  
 Belinda Palmer – 500 hours  
 Bob Carlton – 3000 hours

**GardenFest 2014:** Cy Haley reported that GardenFest had close to 600 visitors. Money was raised by the following activities:

GardenFest 2014	
Raffles	\$ 425.00
Tool Sharpening	\$ 60.00
Hypertufa	\$ 55.00
Stepping Stones	\$ 100.00
Second Hand Rose*	\$ 825.00
Plant Sale	\$ 2,050.00
*Proceeds donated to Belle Grove	

Cy explained that we will need more plants for GardenFest 2015. Carolyn Wilson said that we were down 20-25% on plant donations; however we had the best selection of herbs and top quality plants.

**New Business**

**Native Plants Books:** Bob Carlton reported that the Board had voted to approve the purchase of three cases of books, **Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping, Chesapeake Bay Watershed**, which is published by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Cy Haley explained that the cost is \$420, which is over the Board’s \$250 approval limit and requires a membership vote. ***Cy Haley made a motion to purchase 3 cases of books at a cost of not more than \$420, Glenn Martin seconded, and the membership approved the motion with a quorum present.*** Copies of the books will be given to NSVMGA members and will also be available to be given out at MG programs and events.

**New VCE Nametags:** New nametags were handed out to those present.

**MG Brochures:** Brochures were distributed to the county coordinators present.

The group sang happy birthday to Carolyn Wilson, and then did it again for Suzanne Boag!

***Cy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rich Howell seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.*** MGs enjoyed the hospitality of Tom and Lesley Mack, as well as tours of their lovely garden, and good food.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag  
Secretary, NSVMGA

<b>NSVMGA Attendance June 29, 2014</b>		<b>Guests</b>
Suzanne	Boag (A)	
Sharon	Bradshaw (A)	Mrs. Martin
Bob	Carlton (A)	
Malinda	Gordy (A)	
Cy	Haley (A)	
Rich	Howell (A)	
Angie	Hutchinson (A)	
James	Jones (A)	
Charles	Layton (I)	
Lesley	Mack (A)	
Tom	Mack (A)	
Glenn	Martin (A)	
June	Newcomb (I)	
Charlie	Newton (A)	
Belinda	Palmer (A)	
Joyce	Scott (A)	
Ginny	Smith (A)	
Stacey	Smith (A)	
Elaine	Spect (I)	
Elke	Thomas (A)	
Sandra	Ward (I)	
Emily	Wickham (A)	
Carolyn	Wilson (A)	
79 Active MGs		A= Active
Quorum = 19 Active MGs		I= Intern
19 Active MGs Present		