

Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association

White House Farm, Page County

September 20, 2015

President Susan Garrett brought the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

August Meeting Minutes: Susan Garrett noted that the August Association Meeting Minutes had been circulated to the membership, and she asked for any changes or corrections. Mary Craig moved to accept the minutes as circulated with no objections, and Charles Layton seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Demko presented the report as follows.

NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

Financial Statement for Period Ending September 5, 2015

Checking Balance as of 9/5/2015		\$ 3535.40
<u>Outstanding Checks:</u>		
1564	A Hutchinson	\$ 30.00
1566	M Neese	\$ 50.00
1605	C Wilson	\$ 160.00
1613	C Walsh	\$ 400.99
1614	S Smith	\$ 57.52
1617	D Funk-Smith	\$ 50.00
1618	VCE-Frederick	\$ 218.90
<u>Total Outstanding Checks as of 9/5/2015</u>		\$ 967.41
Checking Balance as of 9/5/2015		\$ 3,535.40
<u>Investments</u>		
	CD/United Bank	\$ 5,172.24
	Savings/United Bank	\$ 5,103.36
Total Balance on Hand		\$ 13, 810.99

Respectfully Submitted Sandra Lee Demko, Treasurer

Vice President's Report: Karen Brill welcomed everyone to the meeting. The October meeting will be at Shenandoah Vineyards, and there will be a fermentation workshop given by Rebecca Davis on November 5.

Committee Reports

Communications and Publicity: Stacey Smith is stepping down as chairperson for next year.

Education: Karen Brill reported that they have four speakers (listed below) lined up for the March 4 Symposium at Shenandoah University. The meal will be an old fashioned barbeque.

- Kim Strader, Blandy Experimental Farm, "Selecting Native Perennials for your Landscape"
- Gail Rose, Deauville Farm, "Organic Spring Garden"
- Mary Stickley-Godinez, Countryside Nurseries, "The Incredible Edible Apple"
- Rob Morrison, West Virginia University, "Identifying Helpful Bugs and Insects in our Gardens"

Finance: Lee Demko advised that the committee met during the past week, and she will be meeting with Susan Garrett prior to the November meeting.

Membership: Mary Craig reported that membership totals 124, of which includes 118 active, honorary, and Emeritus members.

Newsletter: Susan encourage everyone to read the newsletter.

Master Gardener 2016 Class: The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. on September 22 at the Extension Office. Volunteers are welcome to attend. It was asked if there are fliers for the class, and Susan advised that she'll post it online so members can print it.

GardenFest: Cy Haley advised that most leadership positions have been filled for next year's event. She needs the following filled:

- Visitor parking and plant pickup: Kris Behrends.
- Speakers: Karen Brill and Sandy Ward. (Cy asked for three speakers for the morning to address topics of a particular theme (to be determined). They will be able to have PowerPoint presentations as the events will be held in the barn.
- Workshops: Mary Craig.
- Raffles: Patrice Vossler.
- Publicity and Banner: Sharon Bradshaw.

Carolyn Wilson reported that there was a digging session at her house yesterday. She recommended Cy's idea of digging up plants in the fall that will be sold next year and planting them in the garden that now has been retired for the summer. Members are encouraged to bring pots to meetings.

Scholarship: No report.

County Coordinators' Reports

Clarke: Mary Craig reported that the community garden is doing well. Suzanne Boag advised that they are planning to schedule a final clean-up for the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden located in Chet Hobart Park. As they have nine barrels left, a work day will be planned to make these rain barrels.

Frederick: John Kummer reported that Frederick County is hosting Arbor Fest (which is open to all counties for volunteers). The date is October 10-11. A picnic that was scheduled for the Frederick County members was canceled. The GreenLine will be operational through October. Angie Hutchinson announced that October 17 will mark the closing of the Frederick Douglass project. Sari Carp is involved with a new project at a retirement village. She talked with the residents about blueberries at a recent meeting. A horticultural therapy garden has been requested. They have a landscaping crew so MGs won't have to maintain it, and the retirement center will pay the costs. A Frederick County wrap-up meeting will be held in November. Trish Boyd asked for a substitute for planting bulbs at 8 a.m. on October 13.

Page: Lesley Mack announced that Sari Carp will be leaving the Page County group. Lesley reported about the workshop she attended at Waynesboro about "Reveling in the Magnificence of Trees". She introduced Robbin Holland is has transferred into Page County.

Shenandoah: The Green Help Line is ongoing as is the Strasburg Farmers' Market. The Woodstock Farmers' Market closed on September 12 due to declining customer support. An appreciation dinner is scheduled for Shenandoah County MGs on September 25.

Warren: The children's garden at Samuel's Library is finished. A lot of interns volunteered at the fair. Five people signed up for the 2016 MG class!

Volunteer Coordinator's Report: Mary Craig was recognized for achieving 2,000 hours with MGs. Thirteen of 19 interns have now reached MG status.

VCE Liaison: Background checks for seventeen members are due.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

Angie Hutchinson asked for clarification about travel time for meetings. It was advised that travel time is not included with meeting hours (which is counted as one hour CE and one project hour). Cy Haley recommended entering time traveled as one entry monthly. These travel hours are counted towards milestone awards and not project hours.

Russ Watkins offered bearded iris bulbs to anyone interested. Joy Brunk offered dried sweet Annie.

Tricia Boyd reported that gourd painting is ongoing for making nesting dolls for Christmas at Belle Grove.

Suzanne Boag asked if MGs would be interested in participating in Native American Cultures to be held at the Clarke County fairgrounds October 30-November 1. They're expecting between 3,000 and 6,000 attendees. She offered to schedule volunteers for the event. There will be a \$20 fee.

Mary Craig will be at the Blandy Community gardens on September 21 harvesting food if anyone would like to join her.

Susan reported that the Guideline Chair will have a meeting in January to review guidelines. The Scholarship, Budget, and Nominating committees will be reporting at the October meeting.

Adjournment: Mary Craig made a motion to adjourn, Charles Newton seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

After the meeting the members enjoyed hearing about the history of White House Farm and taking a tour of the gardens.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Behrends

Secretary, NSVMGA