

# Henrico Master Gardener Association Board Meeting

## Minutes: August 3, 2011

Prior to the meeting Karen Carter gave a presentation on "The Extension and Master Gardener Partnership".

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Barry Hayes at 1:35 p.m.

**Minutes:** The previous month's Association meeting minutes have been reviewed and approved. The last Board meeting minutes are on the website at [Henricomga.org](http://Henricomga.org)

### **Reports from Committees and Officers**

**Treasurer:** Doug Green reported that the Association had \$4,667.96 in the checking account and \$4,166.96 in two CDs for a total of \$8,834.92 at the end of June. The cost for Yearbook printing came in under budget, due to a different printer service.

**1st Vice President:** Caroline Lockerby reported that Tom Smith will be speaking next week on the Virginia Natural Heritage Program. George Longest will speak in September on Gillette Gardens.

**2nd Vice President:** Marty Vaughan has several meetings scheduled with the Advanced Training committee.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Gladys Bowles shared her email address, [gladyssings@yahoo.com](mailto:gladyssings@yahoo.com), which was not included in the yearbook.

**Master Gardening Training:** Jim Smith reported that the subcommittees will be meeting next week, and the PR committee has been helping to advertise the training program. Applications went out on August 2<sup>nd</sup> to early applicants.

**Helpline:**

**Plant Clinics:**

**Service, Recognition and Historical:** Joyce Brannon is collecting photos of all committee chairs.

**S.M.A.R.T. Lawns & Tree Smarts:**

**JMG:**

**Special Events:** Judy Burton reported that our next activity is at the Virginia Grow Green Festival on Sept. 24 at the Science Museum. We will be at the State Fair on Saturday, Oct. 8.

**Scholarship Committee:**

**MG Education Fair:**

**Finance:**

**Fundraising:**

**Hospitality:**

**Communication:** Patty Campbell reported that neighborhood associations are being encouraged to include an item on HMG services in their newsletters. A copy of the brochure to recruit trainees has been emailed to all HMGA members for distribution to friends and colleagues. In addition, Harriette Davidson is contacting garden clubs, requesting to speak about the Master Gardener program at their meetings. A twitter account, henricomga, has been created, and a Facebook page and a blog name have been reserved for future use.

**Membership:** Beverly Cochrane reported that there are 75 renewed members.

**Extension Report:** Lisa Sanderson distributed the Board of Directors handbook; and asked for help in completing the description of several committees. On Sept 26-28, the Extension Office admins will be out of town, and Lisa will be asking for Master Gardener volunteers to cover the morning and afternoon shifts at the front desk. Volunteers are also needed to create a plastic pot recycling display. The Lewis Ginter Plant Sale is scheduled for Sept 16-17.

**Old Business:** Barry Hayes opened discussion on our continued participation in the Maymont Garden Show, which is now managed by MAC Home Events. Based on the cost to us, the decline in number of contacts made during past shows, and the change in the show's focus to home improvement, the board decided to no longer participate in the event.

Tatter Hartman is heading up the Master Gardener Cookbook project.

**New Business:** Nancy Penick and Inga Becker are co-chairs of the Lewis Ginter Education committee.

The next Board meeting will be at 1:00pm on September 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m. by Barry Hayes.

Attending: Barry Hayes, Carol Baker, Joyce Brannon, Judy Burton, Beverly Cochrane, Jim Smith, Doug Green, Peggy Lowry, Gladys Bowles, Marty Vaughan, Patty Campbell, Lisa Sanderson, Ann Dutton, Caroline Lockerby

Carol Baker, Recording Secretary