

# Henrico Master Gardener Association Board Meeting

Minutes: April 6, 2011

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Barry Hayes at 11:30 a.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 \$2,034.84 in the checking account and \$6,367.64 in three CDs for a total of \$8,402.48 at the end of March. Doug recommended that one of the CDs be cashed in when it matures to cover expenses not originally budgeted. Barry Hayes mentioned that it is budget prep time for next year so committee chairs need to provide information to Doug.

**1st Vice President:** Sandra Walton reported that there are currently 32 people signed up for the April hypertufa workshop at Armour House on April 13th. There will be a brown bag lunch and a brief meeting before the workshop.

The annual plant swap and luncheon is on May 11th and will be held at Pat and Hugh Greene's house. The Association annual meeting is in June. Sandra has scheduled tours of three gardens belonging to Association members on the afternoon of May 4th. Since this is the same day as the Board meeting, the Board agreed to move the Board meeting to 11:00am.

In September, George Longest will present a program on the Gillette gardens and Grace Harrison will cover seed propagation in October or November. Several members have requested a program on Lewis Ginter. Lewis Ginter will not do a program at the Extension offices and would charge each person for the program at Lewis Ginter. Based on the expense for members, the Board agreed not to do a program at Lewis Ginter.

**2nd Vice President:** Barry Hayes relayed Grace Harrison's thanks for a successful advanced training season.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hawkes reported that she has sent a card to Ruth Wilson after a death in her family.

**Master Gardening Training:** Jim Smith reported that we lost one of the trainees from the 2011 class for personal reasons. The two scholarship winners finished the program and may continue with certification. The training committee will grade the final exams on April 13th and the committee will meet on April 14th to evaluate this past year and look for ways to improve the program for next year.

Jim has developed a schedule for next year's training and will present it to Lisa Sanderson by July.

**Helpline:**

**Plant Clinics:**

**Service, Recognition and Historical:** Joyce Brannon shared a newspaper clipping on the hypertufa workshop.

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

**JMG:** Faye Derkits reported that her committee is doing programs at St. Catherines through May 18th. She will be doing a program at Colonial Trails School and has many other programs scheduled for April and May. On May 24th they will be working with Lewis Ginter on a workshop in the children's garden.

**Special Events:** Judy Burton reported that there are currently no special events. Lisa Sanderson noted that Teddy sent an e-mail to solicit volunteers for an Earth Day event at Three Lakes Park. He will continue to coordinate this event.

**Scholarship Committee:**

**MG Education Fair:** Lisa Sanderson distributed a handout on the speakers and topics as well as "behind-the-scenes" people to help out at the three-day Lewis Ginter event. Saturday will be a JMG day.

**Finance:**

**Hospitality:**

**Communication:**

**Membership:** Beverly Cochrane reported that one person renewed and we have one new member since the last meeting.

**Extension Report:** Lisa Sanderson needs someone to coordinate the Armour House help desk and will send an e-mail to solicit a volunteer for the job. There will be no phone helpline at Armour House.

**Old Business:** John Simmonds organized a group to develop a display sign for special events that reflects Association activities. The committee identified six Association activities to capture in a banner. To create this banner we will need logos for the six activities. Four of the six activities have logos (JMG, tree smarts, smart lawns, plant clinics, gardens growing families). The committee would also like to highlight photographs of MGs at events.

**New Business:** Patty Campbell has agreed to help with publicity needs and attended the Board meeting today.

Beverly Cochrane volunteered to head the 2011 nominating committee.

Barry Hayes reported that John Sartin had mentioned that this is the Association's 30th anniversary. Barry asked if the Board was interested in some form of celebration to observe the event. The Board suggested that we plan a celebration for the June annual meeting.

Beverly Cochrane reported on a potential bus trip to the Norfolk Botanical Garden. The entrance fee would be \$8/person for the gardens and \$11/person for the zoo. The zoo will include a "behind-the-scenes" tour. The bus costs would be \$1229.00 for the day. The consensus from the Board is that this is too expensive for our budget and for members. Beverly recommended a possible trip to Busch Gardens and Williamsburg instead of the Norfolk trip in June or October.

The Board retreat will be at the Glen Allen library on April 20th from 1:00 to 4:00. Barry presented several ideas for agenda items. Please send Barry other suggestions for the retreat.

Peggy Lowry reported that the Extension staff is sometime not informed about Association business which results in issues for them.

The next Board meeting will be at 11:00am on May 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m. by Barry Hayes

Attending: Pat Baskind, Vickie Bell, Joyce Brannon, Judy Burton, Patty Campbell, Beverly Cochrane, Faye Derkits, Doug Green, Theresa Hawkes, Barry Hayes, Peggy Lowry, Lisa Sanderson, John Simmonds, Jim Smith, Sandra Walton

Vickie Bell, Recording Secretary