

# Henrico Master Gardener Association Meeting

Minutes: August 4, 2010

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Barry Hayes at 1:00 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 we have \$3,857.11 in the checking account. We also have \$6,337.80 in three CDs for a total of \$10,194.91. Expenses were printing the pictorial directory and speakers gifts. Receipts include Brent and Becky's Blooming Bucks and membership dues.

**1st Vice President:** Sandra Walton reported the following speakers:

- August - Kim Singhas, a Hanover Master Gardener, on bees in your garden.
- September - Pay Remley was scheduled to speak on her trip to the Galapagos. Since her death, either Pat's daughter or Janie Vincent, who both went with Pat on her trip, will present.
- October - Carolyn Sullivan on hydrangeas.
- November - John Coe on birds.
- April, 2011 Mary Vetrovec will do a hypertufa workshop at a location to be determined.
- September, 2011 - George Longest on Gillette Gardens
- November, 2011 - Grace Harrison on seed propagation.

**2nd Vice President:** Grace Harrison reported that advanced training will start on February 9th and will run for nine consecutive weeks. Lisa Sanderson will send out a survey to determine if there are topics of interest that have not been planned.

## **Corresponding Secretary:**

**Master Gardening Training:** Barry Hayes reported for Jim Smith that the training committee met on July 22nd. Sub-committees, with lead people, were formed to begin the work for the year. Dates for key events have been scheduled including Facilitator training on January 6th, the Mentor/ Mentee lunch on January 13th and the beginning of Intern training on January 25.

The Intern application has been revised and approved by the Extension office. All Applicants will be notified of their status by November 19th. The next meeting of the committee is September 9th.

**Helpline:** Gwen Hipp reported that Interns are starting to look for hours to complete their required hours and are signing up for helpline hours.

After a discussion about the low number of calls to the helpline, Sandra Walton asked if we advertise the helpline. Several Board members raised the issue that we do not currently have a publicity person that could do this kind of advertising. Barry Hayes recommended purchasing magnets with the helpline number to have available at events. The Board agreed so Barry will look into the details of a purchase.

### **Plant Clinics:**

**Communications:** Barry Hayes reported for Jody Taggart that she can always use more newsletter contributors. She also mentioned that the "Behind the Shed" feature was re-started in the last newsletter.

**Service, Recognition and Historical:** Joyce Brannon circulated an article about Gwen Hipp and Brenda Orton receiving their Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association Certified Horticulturist designation.

**S.M.A.R.T. Lawns:** Teddy Martin reported that no new S.M.A.R.T. lawn applications have been received. Next week the Extension Office will start the "Renovation Lawns" series at the libraries. He also reported that we may have to cancel the Field Day this year because we have only one person signed up. We also cancelled last year's event.

**JMG:** Faye Derkits reported that her committee will do a program on birds and bird feeders at a Goddard pre-school at the end of August.

**Special Events:** Judy Burton reported that there are two events in the fall. The VGIC Garden Festival is at the Science Museum on September 11th and we will have a double booth for MGs and JMGs. We will have a booth at the State Fair on October 2nd which is a Saturday instead of our normal Tuesday slot.

This year's fall home show currently has no vendors signed up so the status is unclear. Also, it is on the same day as the Lewis Ginter plant sale. Because of these issues, the Board voted to not participate in this year's show.

**Scholarship Committee:** Ann Dutton reported that the committee met last week and decided to give the first scholarship to a "Gardens Growing Families" participant. The committee will meet again this Friday, August 6th, to begin work on advertising, the application and the position requirements.

**MG Education Fair:** Barry Hayes reported that there is a meeting next Wednesday for all Lewis Ginter speakers. Currently, we have 20 sessions planned and 17 speakers

have been scheduled. We still need speakers for “Four Season Gardening” and “Sustainable Landscaping”. If anyone is interested, please let Theresa Hawkes know.

**Finance:**

**Hospitality:**

**Membership:**

**Extension Report:** Barry Hayes reported for Lisa Sanderson that the Wildlife Gardener class is scheduled to start in September at Armour House and five children have registered.

The Youth Crops intake will be on September 21 (5-7) and the 22<sup>nd</sup> (8-12) with judging from 1-5pm at the State Fair. There is usually a committee of MGs that work the event.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Barry Hayes reported that he has contacted Flo Griggs about planning our fall bus trip to Monticello. He will have more to report next week at the Association meeting.

Nancy Penick suggested to Barry that we pursue a garden glove fundraiser that she discovered. Sales could be within the Association and possibly at Lewis Ginter or the State Fair. The Board was interested in the glove fundraiser so Barry will investigate if we are allowed to sell items from our tent at Lewis Ginter.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. by Barry Hayes

Attending: Vickie Bell, Joyce Brannon, Judy Burton, Faye Derkits, Ann Dutton, Doug Green, Grace Harrison, Theresa Hawkes, Barry Hayes, Gwen Hipp, Peggy Lowry, Teddy Martin, Sandra Walton

Vickie Bell, Recording Secretary