

# Henrico Master Gardener Association Board Meeting

Minutes: July 1, 2009

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Grace Harrison at 1:02 p.m..

**Minutes:** The previous month's meetings were sent to and approved by Board members and committee chair members.

## Reports from Committees and Officers

**Treasurer:** Barry Hayes reported a \$1528.62 in the checking account.

**1st Vice President:** Grace Harrison and Beverly Cochrane reported for Erica Gilliam on upcoming programs. The July meeting will feature films on the history of Armour House and "Sprucing it Up", which was created for the Henrico County TV station and features two Henrico County Master Gardeners. In August, there will be a hypertufa workshop and the September speaker will be the "Garlic King", speaking on how to grow and harvest garlic.

### **2nd Vice President:**

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hawkes asked for help to identify association members who may need a card.

**Master Gardening Training:** Grace Harrison reported for Jim Smith that there has been one meeting to review the evaluations from this year's meetings. A second meeting is scheduled for July.

**Helpline:** Gwen Hipp reported that there were open slots for the summer. Lisa Sanderson also reported that the helpline annex at Armour House will open in mid to late summer. Clients can drop off samples at the annex but there will be no manned phone lines.

**Communications:** Lisa Sanderson reported that there will be an article in Flavor magazine about the Lakeside Avenue "Gardens Growing Families" coming soon.

**Service and Recognition:** Joyce Brannon reported that she had received her 3000 hour award at MG College.

**S.M.A.R.T. Lawns:** Grace Harrison reported for Teddy Martin that client appointments are slower than in previous years.

**JMG:** Faye Derkits reported that there will be six classes at St. Joseph Villa next week.

**Special Events:** Judy Burton is waiting on dates for the fall Home Show and the Virginia State Fair.

**Finance:**

**Hospitality:** Peggy Lowry has volunteers until the end of the year.

**Membership:** Beverly Cochrane reported that we currently have 77 members, including 13 interns.

**Harvest Fair:** Grace Harrison reported that a chairperson for the Green Elephant Sale is still needed. Lisa Sanderson reported that there was a recent meeting to discuss tents, chairs and other logistics issues. Willie is working on transportation options. Also, the brochure is almost ready for distribution. Brenda Orton asked for pictures or summaries of events that could be used for the newsletter or in other outlets.

**Extension Report:** Lisa Sanderson reported the following:

Lisa found a box of items that could be potential gifts for speakers or for giveaways at the Harvest Fair. The Board voted to use them for the Harvest Fair.

Lisa also requested a decision by the Board on whether to continue with the current practices for continuing education hours or to change to a more liberal policy. Currently, Henrico County requires continuing education to have a connection to Extension to be accepted or members can attend other classes, prepare lessons and teach to other master gardeners for credit. Other counties have more liberal policies. The Board voted to continue with the current policy.

Lisa met with representatives from Fairfield Court in the City of Richmond about potential Henrico County Master Gardener support in a raised-bed gardening project. Lisa's involvement will be limited because she is committed to Henrico projects. Fairfield Court participants need help, advice and expertise to help with the project.

Posters are ready for the Harvest Fair and Master Gardeners are requested to take posters to place in neighborhood libraries or similar locations.

**Old Business:****New Business:**

**In Attendance:** Vickie Bell, Joyce Brannon, Judy Burton, Beverly Cochrane, Faye Derkits, Grace Harrison, Theresa Hawkes, Barry Hays, Gwen Hipp, Peggy Lowry, Brenda Orton and Lisa Sanderson

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m..

Vickie Bell, Recording Secretary

