

# Henrico Master Gardener Association Business Meeting

## Minutes: October 12, 2011

**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 Association 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 \$4,482.53 in the checking account and \$4,166.96 in two CDs for a total of \$8,649.49 at the end of September. IRS required forms have been filed, retaining our tax exempt status for another three years.

**1st Vice President:** Caroline Lockerby reported that Claire Terry, of Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, is speaking today on ergonomic garden tools. Grace Harrison will present a seed propagation program in November.

**2nd Vice President:** Marty Vaughan reported that all Advanced Training classes have been scheduled.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Gladys Bowles reported that get well messages were sent to Deborah Pitts and Pat Greene. A thank you card was sent to Dr. Longest, last month's speaker

**Master Gardening Training:** Grace Harrison demonstrated a wireless amplifier for speakers, which is being tested with the intent to purchase. The committee is holding monthly meetings, plans are on schedule, and facilitators are being recruited. Grace requested that she or Jim Smith be made aware of notices for interns that appear in local media. Members are encouraged to take applications and pass them out to prospective interns.

**Helpline:** Jenne Johnson reported that volunteers are still needed for October and November. If a volunteer needs to cancel, they should try to find a replacement for their shift. Follow-up surveys to evaluate the Helpline will be starting soon. Linda Lang reported that several people were volunteering at the Armour House diagnostic clinic.

### **Plant Clinics:**

**Service, Recognition and Historical:** Joyce Brannon circulated a copy of Grace Harrison's photo from the cover of the Henrico Citizens publication, along with an announcement for MG applications.

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

**JMG:** Faye Derkits reported a profit of \$120 from the sale of field guides. The State Fair booth had 1400 people stop by. On October, the committee will be at Lewis Ginter, working with pre-school teachers on worm bins. Starting next week, Lisa Sanderson will be teaching a middle school class, "Operation Thistle Seeds of Despair".

**Special Events:** Judy Burton asked that volunteers let her know ahead of time if they are unable to come to an event, or will be late arriving.

**Scholarship Committee:** Ann Dutton reported that her committee will be meeting on October 18.

**MG Education Fair:** Nancy Penick reported the new format was well received at the Lewis Ginter Plant Sale, and thanked her volunteers.

**Finance:**

**Hospitality:** Peggy Lowry reported that today's refreshments were provided by Shelby and Allen Earehart, Ruth Wilson and Peggy Lowry.

**Communication:**

**Membership:**

**Extension Report:** Lisa Sanderson reported that the interns' Time Sheets reports are ready. A Sustainable Landscape Design class will be starting soon at Armour House. On October 27, there will be Advanced MG training for diagnostics.

**Old Business:** Tatter Hartmann reported that recipes for the MG cookbook should be sent to Beverley Cochran or brought to the Extension office by November 9.

**New Business:**

The next Business meeting will be at 1:00pm on November 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. by Barry Hayes.

Carol Baker, Recording Secretary