

Building Committee Report – July 2014

Accomplishments:

- Met with the GFPS President, and chairs of the Grounds and Garden committees to determine a way forward for the acquisition of additional replica windows. It was determined that specifications would be drawn up based on the original “approved” window and given to a local carpenter that has offered to work with the Society. Additionally, it was agreed that the Building Committee Chair would develop a windows replacement plan to include type and location within the main house.
- Scrap metal removed.
- Final clean up invoice for MJMCR was submitted to the State Comptroller’s office. Based on the original approved estimate by DGS, approximately 70% of the invoice can be paid at this time. The Building Committee Chair is coordinating with the DGS representative on a new estimate to address the remediation overruns that incurred the additional funding requirement. After the payout of the last MJMCR invoice, there will be approximately \$4211 remaining in the Grant account to cover the overruns.
- Coordination with the State regarding new building permits is on-going, but has resulted in positive results to date.

Planned Activities and Undertakings:

- Acquisition Activities
 - Acquisition of security system for use around the exterior of the main house. Pres. GFPS has taken the lead on this activity and is keeping the Building Committee Chair in the loop.
- Logistical Activities
 - None at this time.
- Construction Activities
 - Replacement or augmentation of the current window enclosures to allow for natural light and possible debris removal. No date has been determined for this activity.
 - Reconstruction/repair of the cellar stairs – to be completed TBD.
- Coordination Activities
 - Remediation activities to be coordinated in the June/July timeframe to include:
 - Repair of the ceiling in the upstairs bathroom
 - Repair of the floor in the downstairs bathroom
 - Stabilization of the ceiling joists in room 1A and 1C
 - Stabilization of fireplace masonry
- Documentation Activities
 - Creation of an official Building Use Plan that will document the decisions of the Board regarding the use of rooms in the main house, caretakers cottage, milk house and servants house. This plan will become part of the overall GFPS Strategic Plan.

- Development of a Windows Replacement Plan. Target completion: 31 July 2014.
- Develop a letter for the elementary school detailing the work being done at the house and to address safety precautions in place. Target date to be determined.

Efforts Requiring Board Approval/Discussion:

- Address insurance concerns with volunteers providing more assistance than simple cleanup (I.e. reconstruction, remediation, stabilization).

Future Concerns or Needs:

- None at this time.

Events Reports July 2014

Kayak Raffle-

- Still need to purchase Paddles (\$25 each)- I have the check
- I have less than 150 tickets left- this does not include each person's stack to sell.
- Online sales are going great: procedure- sale comes through Pay Pal> Joe forwards email to me> I fill out the ticket stub, then take a picture of stubs and email it to the buyer> I also request that they email me back their phone # to add to the stub and I include their stub #'s> once I receive that, I tear off stub and add to the jar.

Fall Open House-

- September 20th
- Will need help again with Parking, volunteers to man areas, bring snacks, furniture, same as Spring event. Will address at August meeting.

Harvest Dinner-

- October 4th- confirmed with Gloria Dei
- I haven't helped plan this event before so need some guidance
- Still need contact information for Outback to see if they can donate Salad and bread.

Wine Tasting-

- October 11th - Confirmed with Val
- Food still TBD
- I have a work event that day so I will be unavailable until 3 pm.

Halloween Ball- October 25th

- DJ contract is signed- cost is \$350 (last year was \$300 and 2 tickets, they do not want the tickets).
- Need to secure a caterer
- Need to start compiling Silent Auction letter list and seek donations

Requiring Board Approval/Discussion:

Nothing at this time.

Goshen Farm Sharing Garden Committee Report for July 2014

Submitted by Terry Brandon, Garden Chairman/2014 to Lou Biondi President & GFPS Board

Accomplished:

1. Untended plots rototilled and planted in Dutch White Clover.
2. Sharing Garden June Meeting was a pot luck dinner at Goshen Farm.
3. 3 of 5 open plot spoken for and other two used for growing tomatoes for fall festival.
4. Brian & Kara Maddox erect scarecrow in historic garden beyond the Sharing Garden.
5. High Tunnel ordered to arrive in late July, location is cleared and being prepared for August installation.
6. Compost area organized behind Sharing Garden.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Keep garden area pathways clear of weeds and overgrown gardens
 - b. Establish work crews for garden and grounds projects
2. Long Term:
 - a. Develop plan for “Colonial” Landscape gardens around Goshen Farm House and entry road with Grounds Chairman Roy Benner and incorporating membership volunteers and possibly Navy midshipmen. Evolve working partnership with Broadneck peninsula garden clubs—esp. Cape St. Claire garden club.
 - b. Establish Goshen Farm Garden subcommittees to work on various Grounds or Garden projects.
 - c. Establish working set of relationships with local education institutions to utilize Goshen Farm grounds and Garden resources—preschool through graduate school levels as described in GFPS Business Plan.

Need Approval:

New Business: Establish additional garden area at Goshen Farm to supply fresh produce to My Brother’s Pantry to be used in support of needy on the Broadneck Peninsula/

Grounds' Committee Report

July 16, 2014 Submitted by Roy Benner, Chairman, 7/10/14 to Lou Biondi

Accomplished:

1. Cut the Goshen Farm grass twice, since my last monthly report. I will probably have to cut it a third time prior to our Wednesday meeting.
2. Cut the rampant growth of weeds and vines to the north of the Sharing Garden fence in preparation for the new High Tunnel Greenhouse.
3. Laid out the greenhouse footprint corners with four red pipes for the new 24' by 32' Field-Pro Gothic High Tunnel. The High Tunnel to be provided by Terry Brandon.
4. Moved the Port-a-Pot outside the fenced Farm House area and attached it securely to the metal storage shed with a locking chain. Gardeners and others now able to access the relief station.
5. Weeded the Tobacco Garden area in the lower field. The Tobacco is currently blooming with both white and rose colored flowers.
6. Cleared another large area of small trees, logs, and vines on the north end of the pond (just behind the green Garden Shed).
7. Cleared some undergrowth around Walking Trail Marker #2 (Quarry). This will eventually let walkers view the Quarry itself.
8. Sprayed the vines on the chain link fence with an organic weed control.
9. Started planning for the extension of water and electric lines to the new High Tunnel Greenhouse. This will be an extension of the existing lines at the north end of the Sharing Garden. In 2011 when the Sharing Garden was established, the buried utility lines were left with stubs so that the lines could be easily expanded at some future date.
10. Brian and Kara Maddox are continuing to plant the Colonial Garden in the foundation area, Site #8, previously planted by May Radoff.
11. Becky removed the large amount of winter-damaged growth on the Hydrangeas in front of the Farm House.
12. Becky and I visited two historic Homes and Farms: The Slate Run Historic Farm in Canal Winchester, Ohio and the Glen Burnie House in Winchester, Virginia. Please see the Membership report for details.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Waiting to hear from Zion Meer, potential Eagle Scout Project candidate, to review his Eagle Scout stair/ramp project.
2. Purchase lumber and repair the damaged fence rails and pickets to the Soil Health Pit fence. The fence was damaged by falling trees in May.
3. Working on the new flag pole to fly the American Flag. Hoping for a July/August completion date. The pole will display a U.S. Flag and a "1783 Shaw Flag (13 stars), lite by solar lighting.
4. Contact Jim Rausch, President of The Friends of Kinder Farm Park, for information on the preservation, development, and operation of a "typical working farm in the early 20th century."
5. Contact Congressmen Wayne Gilchrest, Sassafras Environmental Educational Center, located at Knocks Folly in Kennedyville, Maryland, regarding his educational lesson plans and experiences in Kent County.
6. Long Term:
 - a. Develop a plan to attack and control rampant growth of trees and vines (invasives) that strangle our growing trees.
 - b. Continue descriptions of planned activities listed in the Grounds Master Use Plan and continue layout of the grounds.
 - c. Survey the pond site for possible re-development of a shallow environmental pond

Needs Approval: N/A

New Business:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

July 16, 2014

Submitted by Becky Benner on July 10, 2014

MEMBER TOTALS for 2014

- Members who either joined or renewed since September 8, 2013, and whose memberships thus expire December 31, 2014.

Residents

Resident Individuals = 25

Resident Households = 69

Corporate = 8

Includes

0 new Individual member

0 renewal Individual members

0 new Household members

0 renewal Household members

0 new Corporate member

Total = 102 resident members

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 22

Non-resident Households = 20

Corporate = 9

Includes

1 new Individual members

0 renewal Individual members

1 new Household members

0 renewal Household member

0 new Corporate member

Total = 51 non-resident members

2014 Total = 153 overall memberships

ACCOMPLISHED

- Sent acknowledgement letters to renewals and/or new members
- Updated 2014 membership database
- Mailed membership packets (consisting of Welcome Letter, Overview of Goshen Farm History, Benefits, Listing of Board of Directors, and a Map of Goshen Farm) to new/renewed members
- Email to Mary Alexander of the Maryland Historical Trust, arranging her presence at August or September GFPS Board of Directors meeting
- Visited Slate Run Living Historical Farm in Canal Winchester, Ohio. Columbus, OH, Metro Parks owns, developed, and maintains Slate Run as an illustration of how the Farm was once used. Volunteers and Metro Park employees wear clothing of the 1880s and live the farm life and proceed with routine chores of daily life carried out with the tools, equipment, and methods used before electricity or gasoline engines were available. Crops, fruits, and vegetables are heirloom varieties grown in the late nineteenth century. Heirloom animal

breeds (Poland China hogs, Perchon draft horses, turkeys, and ducks) live and work on the Farm.

Ann Culek, lead representative of the Friends of Slate Run Farm, provided limited material regarding educational tours by school children and other interested groups. She encouraged Roy and me to investigate the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM), a networking organization specifically for farming and agriculture-related communities. Ann felt that Goshen Farm Preservation Society would greatly benefit from the experiences that other nonprofits have undergone.

The Mission of ALHFAM is "...to share practical knowledge and skills among those who make history relevant to contemporary lives. We draw strength from our diverse network of members, sharing experience, research and passion for participatory learning." Membership is \$30/year.

- Visited Glen Burnie House in Winchester, Virginia. The oldest part of the house stretch back to 1793 and 1794. The land, originally surveyed and settled by Winchester founder James Wood in 1735, is now part of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. The Glen Burnie House has six acres of spectacular gardens.
- Attended beekeeping demonstration and talks sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners. Numerous documents regarding bee colonies, behavior, activity, hives, suggested plants for attracting bees, etc., received. Master Gardeners noted success of beehives at Hancock Resolution. Hancock Resolution's history indicates two beehives were maintained, and Master Gardeners are working with Friends of Hancock Resolution to ensure successful hives. Bob Bates, lead beekeeping presenter, is willing to meet with the GFPS Board of Directors to discuss value and concerns of having bee hive(s) on Goshen Farm property.

TO DO ITEMS

- Meet with June Hall, Captain Avery Museum, regarding success of multi-pronged membership drives (direct mailing, e-mail messages, presence at community functions, etc.) and resulting acknowledgement packets
- Meet with Angela Yan, Steppingstone Museum, regarding multiple activities sponsored by farm museum, grants, membership, etc., and successes in each avenue of effort. Meeting to take place after schools adjourn for summer.
- Meet with Jesse Gagnon, Marshall Steam Museum and Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve, regarding interaction with local schools and success with building membership base. Meeting to take place after schools adjourn for summer
- Meet with Diane and Jim Rausch, The Friends of Kinder Farm Park, for avenues of building membership base(s)
- Meet with Wayne Gilchrest, Sassafras Environmental Education Center, regarding educational incentives, natural environment exposure, and potential lesson plans for raising Anne Arundel County Public Schools' environmental literacy / outdoor school
- Meet with Jim Morrison, Friends of Hancock Resolution, a second time to discuss partnerships and relationships with other historic agencies
- Visit the Claude Moore Heritage Farm Museum in Sterling VA has an "interactive play farm" in which children milk the life-like cow and collect eggs from the play chickens, Will attempt to receive materials regarding the educational programs, scouting programs, and special interests programs
- Resume oral history interviews

NEW BUSINESS

- Become a member of the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM)
- Allow beehives on Goshen Farm
 - Sharing Garden vegetables need bees
 - One-third of everything we eat is dependent on the honeybee for pollination
 - Penn State conducting pollinator counts
 - Historically, farming families would maintain log hives (bee gums)

NOTE

- July 2013 = 138 overall memberships; July 2014 = 153 overall memberships
- June 2013 = 137 overall memberships; June 2014 = 151 overall memberships
- May 2013 = 134 overall memberships; May 2014 = 146 overall memberships