

# GET DIRTY EAT FRESH

## Goshen Farm Sharing Garden *February 2012 Notes*

**MEETINGS:** Meetings are held at the Broadneck library from 7-9 the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome.

**RULES AND AGREEMENT:** When signing up for a plot each gardener will fill receive a welcome packet with rules, application, and health & safety agreements. By signing the application they are agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations outlined. All rules, guidelines and terms will be clearly displayed in the garden for all to see. A Goshen Farm Preservation Society membership is required to rent a plot, this ensures you are covered by their insurance. If you are not a memeber you will find a membership form at the bottom.

- We will need to have signs printed before opening day. It will need to be laminated and attached to the fence.

**MARKETING:** Anyone with skills in writing press release is needed to write about the Garden Shower. Anyone interested in blogging or any social media or other marketing venues, WE NEED YOU!

- I am in charge of writing the caper article for March, if there is anyone with writing talent please feel free to whip something up. It will be about the garden opening day party.
- If we get banners made we might be able to post them at the VFD or ask them to put info on their sign in exchange for a donation.
- Notices should also be sent out to the "I live in CSC" Facebook group, google group, and any other suggested places.

**PUBLICITY AND EVENTS:** The Garden shower party will take place Saturday, March 31. We will use this event to inform the public and ask for donations of funds or tools for the garden. This event will also be the opening of the plots. Interested gardeners will be able to sign-up and reserve their plot.

- Invitation is below and needs proofing and feedback.
- I can get them printed as postcards. These can be handed out to friends and neighbors. Some can be mailed to our list. Do we want to mail to GFPS list? Stacks of them can be placed in stores and biz at CSC shopping center and bay hills shopping center. Anyone interested in help distributing them.
- I can create a flyer to be displayed at various locations. Can anyone print a few color copies out and post at places.
- The GFPS will not be having an open house at the same time
- We will need help directing traffic to drop off tools and people and where to park and manage tools donated
- We will need food and beverages
- We will need a few people to give tours and answer questions about the garden
- We will need a few people to take orchestrate registration and keep things organized.
- What do we think the best time is to have it
- Day of should have signs at lower drive and balloons if possible

- Tool wish list on the back of invitation?

**TOOLS AND SHED:** Will be 8x8 and locked with a combination lock. Roy is working on finding the best lock for the gate. Tools donated and property of the garden will be marked with brightly colored paint.

**GARDEN DESIGN AND LAYOUT:** The area surrounding the archeological dig will be a children's garden open to all plot renters and their children. It will be a combination of raised beds and in ground planting.

- We have successfully engaged the Cape Saint Claire elementary school in the garden. Kim Norris blessed us with the UMD FSNE Growing Healthy Habits curriculum for elementary schools. The principle has approved it and at least one teacher is ready to integrate it into her curriculum. If anyone knows any teachers or staff that would be interested please let me know.
- Terry Brandon has a pumpkin patch plan and the GFPS board liked the idea. I am more than happy to work with him to make it happen. He has also reached out to Chesapeake Montessori School and they are interested in involvement also.

**ELECTRICITY/WATER:** WE HAVE ELECTRICITY!!! The building committee and Roy are working on getting the well working and bringing water to the garden! What work or supplies will be needed to bring water to the garden?

**GENERAL:** Rental of a port a pot during garden season will be \$100-\$300 per month. The GFPS denied this request for financial reasons.

- Are there ideas or plan suggestions for pathways, (wood chips, keep grass)
- Are there options or ideas on rototilling the cover crop up in march to make starting garden's easier for plot renters?
- Roy has found a company that can deliver bulk compost.
- Any interest in help pressure washing and pain the new fence.
- Anyone interested in soliciting donations.
- As tools come into the garden we will need to label them with bright green or orange paint.

**FUNDS:** CSC Garden Club president Audrey Laengbeyer has volunteered to spearhead a fund raiser for the GFPS and garden. It would be selling rain barrels. She said she and her group will do everything for it and donate the money to us. Details from emails are below. I think this is a great opportunity, the only hurdle is getting the word out beyond CSC because the school did a similar fundraiser last spring.

- Rainbarrels are \$90 retail to our customers, \$65 for them and \$20 for goshen, a little extra for shipping cost.
- Cape elementary did do it in april 2011. it will also help to let people know their purchase will help save precious greenspace and a historical house in the greater annapolis area.
- FROM THE FUNDRAISER: Thank you for your inquiry on our rain barrel fundraiser. To date I know of two groups that are in your general vicinity that have sold rain barrels. I saw via the internet that Cape St. Claire Elementary Schools third grade class sold 30 barrels in April 2011 through the Arlington Echo Outdoor Education in Millersville, 21108 (18.95 miles away). Also, Anne Arundel County does do workshops and once a year sells rain barrels but only to the residents of Anne Arundel County (approx 23 miles away).

The reason I advertised in Annapolis is because I get inquiries from that area yearly from people who want to

make a rain barrel purchase. The only place people can purchase our product is the Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely. We also last year provided rain barrels for an art event for the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance in Vienna. Last year we did two rain barrel fundraisers for Rockville Presbyterian Cooperative Nursery, Rockville, MD. I have attached a copy of the flyer that we put together for one of the events. They have sold about 300 of our rain barrels and have another fundraising event planned for April 28th of this year jointly with the City of Rockville. I would be more than happy to give you my contact with them if you would like to get a reference.

The Rain Barrel Company  
(A division of Rain Barrels Intl.)  
<http://www.rainbarrelsintl.com/>  
(919) 602-6316

- FROM LAURA A CSC Garden Club member: I would be willing to help on Distribution Day. This looks very good.
- CSC Garden Club president Audrey Laengbeyer: We have a speaker in March coming to talk about managing stormwater overflow via rain barrels and rain gardens. If you guys want to do this, let me know before then and we can advertise your event/take orders for barrels then.

To continually improve the garden we will need someone to search out grants, and develop fundraisers. The following links are grants and funding for community gardens.

- <http://www2.fiskars.com/Activities/Project-Orange-Thumb>
- <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>
- <http://wholekidsfoundation.org/gardengrants.php>
- [http://www.wegmans.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplay?storeId=10052&partNumber=UNIVER\\_SAL\\_4027](http://www.wegmans.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplay?storeId=10052&partNumber=UNIVER_SAL_4027)
- <http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/2012-mantis-awards-community-and-youth-gardens>
- <http://thescottsmiraclegrocompany.com/corporateresponsibility/community/gro1000.html>
- [http://www.freeseeds.us/free\\_seeds/index.php](http://www.freeseeds.us/free_seeds/index.php)
- <http://www.wildones.org/seededuc.html>
- <http://www.stonyfield.com/about-us/our-mission/profits-planet/apply-pfp-grant>
- <http://www.communitiestakeroot.com/>

Now that kids and the school is involved we are open to more funding but those funds will have to be used for those projects, I assume this would still include tools, water etc.

Thank you for your continued interest and support in creating the garden. If anyone has an interest in taking on any of the proposed positions please let me know.

# YOU ARE INVITED TO

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at the Goshen Farm Sharing Garden  
1420 Cape Saint Claire Rd, Annapolis, MD

**Saturday • March 31<sup>st</sup> • 0 am - 0pm**

It's our opening day! Come see what we are all about! Tour the beautiful property, get your own garden plot and meet new people.

To celebrate our opening please consider donating used or new tools and equipment to fill the garden shed.

All are welcome, bring a friend or the whole family! Lots of smiling faces, light snacks and drinks will be available.



# Goshen Farm Preservation Society Annual Membership Form

1223 River Bay Rd Annapolis, MD 21409

[www.goshenfarm.org](http://www.goshenfarm.org)

Annual Membership fee is \$20 per person or \$35 per household and is for the calendar year; renewals start January 1. Please mail this form and check payable to Goshen Farm Preservation Society (GFPS) to the address above, or pay with your credit card online at [www.goshenfarm.org](http://www.goshenfarm.org) and click on **Network For Good**. Memberships and donations are Tax Deductible.

Members will receive email reminders for meetings, meeting minutes and updates as well as Quarterly Newsletters and discounts on events.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cape St. Claire Resident or Property owner (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many years: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interests/Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Organizations that you belong to: \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Household \$35
# of members in your household _____

In what areas would you be willing to volunteer? *Please check*

### Fundraising

- Event Planning
- Selling tickets
- Grant Writing
- Help with mailings  
*(stamp, stuff, label)*
- Solicit Corporate Donations

### Research

- Oral Histories
- Web research
- Archives research
- writing

### Construction

- Help with renovation
    - \_\_\_ Caretakers Cottage
    - \_\_\_ Farm House
  - Solicit material donations
- What is your area of expertise?

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Plumbing , Roofing, HVAC etc.*

### Grounds Maintenance

- clean-ups *(weeding, remove brush and fallen branches etc)*
- Grass Cutting (on a routine basis)
- Gardening- including Community Garden

### Security

- Periodic checks on the house and property
- Mischief Night/Halloween security
- Availability to meet with the Police if a problem arises

Thank you for your generosity.