

# GET DIRTY | EAT FRESH

## Goshen Farm Sharing Garden *March 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 member you will find a membership form at the bottom.

**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.

**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!

We have a facebook page, like us "Goshen Farm Sharing Garden".

We have 2 2x4 banners to use for events.

Because the CSC Easter egg hunt is the same time and day I will stay past 2:00 for late comers and a volunteer will let families at the Easter egg hunt know they are still welcome to come by.

Invitations and reminders of the grand opening will be posted on:

- "I live in CSC" Facebook group
- Cape Saint Claire google group
- Cape Moms facebook
- Cape Garden club
- Cape moms group
- My personal face book page
- The goshen farm facebook page
- Friends of broadneck park
- Eye on Annapolis

Notice of the event was sent to:

- Wendi Winters at the Broadneck Patch and The Capital
- Online Calendar of Chesapeake Family
- Online Calendar of Severna Park Voice
- What's up Magazine online calendar
- Bay Weekly online calendar

**TOOLS AND SHED:** The Shed will be started in June. Until then we will have to store tools in the white building adjacent to the garden. This also has a combination lock with the same combination as the driveway gate.

#### **GARDEN DESIGN AND LAYOUT:**

- Are there ideas or plan suggestions for pathways, (wood chips, keep grass) Roy obtained some geotextile fabric to lay down.
- Need to look in to renting a rototiller to till rented plots after opening.
- 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.
- There is interest from other schools and organizations (Chesapeake Montessori School) what is the best way to safely cover everyone with insurance but also make it amicable for them to join?

**WATER:** The well works but only pumps 3 gallons a minute. This might not be enough water for all gardeners all summer long. We will need to supplement this and have alternatives.

#### **GENERAL:**

- 19 plots are rented and paid for, 14 more plots have been spoken for, 20 plots are available
- 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.
- Needed before 4/1- A log in sheet for volunteer hours (kept in sleeve with pen at board), and artifact bags for each plot renter and artifact collection bin to be kept in container

#### **FINANCIAL REQUESTS:**

A. I propose the one day rental of a rototiller to turn up the rented plots after April 1. This is in the rules and guidelines of the garden for the first year. United Rentals \$50/day for a 5 horse power rototiller. If rented on a Friday after 12 and returned by Monday before 9am it is a one day charge.

B. Supplemental water will be needed for the garden. I propose containers/holding tanks to store 500-1500 gallons of water (based on a garden's need of 1-2 inches of water per week and 54 plots). Our hope is that most of this water will be collected from rain off the roof of the house or filled by the VFD. A new 1500 gallon container runs \$700. Some are available on craigslist for less. 50 gallon rain barrels are \$10 each from a Pepsi bottling company. Another option is a Metal Farm swimming pool with a cover for \$400. A pump will also be needed for getting the water to the garden is approximately \$200 new, or less from craigslist.

The garden has raised a substantial amount of awareness of the GFPS and its mission. 18 new GFPS members have joined bringing in approximately \$360. When all 23 plots are rented the garden will have \$495. As more plots are rented and members sign up more money will be made.

These are one time costs to get the garden up and running.

#### **FUNDS:**

I had T-shirts made for the garden, they will sell for \$15. Any money made on the sale of these will go to the garden.

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

- Closed for the 2012 year. Waiting release of materials for 2013 applications.  
<http://www2.fiskars.com/Activities/Project-Orange-Thumb>

- Deadlines: May 31 – September 30 – January 15 <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>
- Closed in late February 2012. For schools wishing to apply for a garden grant – we will open another application window in Spring or Summer 2012. <http://wholekidsfoundation.org/gardengrants.php>
- Written requests should be directed to the service desk. [http://www.wegmans.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplay?storeId=10052&partNumber=UNIVERSAL\\_4027](http://www.wegmans.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplay?storeId=10052&partNumber=UNIVERSAL_4027)
- programs will each receive a Mantis Tiller/Cultivator with border/edger and kickstand, and their choice of gas-powered 2-cycle engine or electric motor. Applications are due by March 1st, 2012 <http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/2012-mantis-awards-community-and-youth-gardens>
- Closed: <http://thescottsmiracleagrocompany.com/corporateresponsibility/community/gro1000.html>
- Ongoing-[http://www.freeseeds.us/free\\_seeds/index.php](http://www.freeseeds.us/free_seeds/index.php)
- Ongoing - <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>
- Application by October 15th of the year prior to the grant year. <http://www.wildones.org/seededuc.html>
- August 1, 2012 - <http://www.stonyfield.com/about-us/our-mission/profits-planet/apply-pfp-grant>
- Applications are due March 15 - <http://www.communitiestakeroot.com/>
- <http://www.garden.com/garden-articles/gardencom-donation-requests/9721/>

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.

Please consider lending a hand for the Grand Opening party on March 31. List of needs is on the next page.  
THANK YOU!

# Grand Opening Party SIGN UP SHEET

## PEOPLE NEEDED:

Directing traffic/parking  
Assistance with drop off people or tools  
Food and beverage table  
Tours and answer questions  
Orchestrate registration  
Sell T-shirts we need cash to make change)  
Set up (8am) - Nicole  
Break Down (3pm) - Nicole  
Kids Activities Table (Bubbles, coloring, birdseed  
pine cones, seed planting, rock painting)

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

Trash bags and or cans  
3-6 tables  
Garden applications  
GFPS applications  
Welcome Packets  
Updated plot map  
Food  
Beverages  
Cups  
Coolers for beverages -Nicole  
Napkins  
Balloons  
Sign in sheet  
6 signs for Cape area  
Table Signs  
Parking Signs  
Sign steaks - Nicole  
Banner (posts and twine) - Nicole  
Donation Containers - Nicole  
GFPS materials (books, shirts, photos, banner)

Kids Activities: (This is an extra bonus, we will make  
due with whatever we can get)

Bubble solution  
Bubble blowers  
Napkins  
Small cups to plant seeds  
Seed starter soil  
Seeds-Nicole  
popsicle sticks  
Markers  
Crayons  
Coloring pages  
Rocks  
Paint  
Pine cones/old bagels  
Peanut butter  
Bird seed  
Twine