

July 15, 2015 President's Remarks

Sent a letter to Dr. Arlotto requesting a follow up meeting. The Board received a copy for comment before it was sent. We will accept the date offered, August 17, 2015 at 2:30 pm and Terry, Roy, Becky, Larry, and I will attend.

Met with Barbara Morgan and Larry Jennings to discuss Maryland Shellfish Growers Association involvement in the Fall Open House. Barb will cover under events. Larry may have comments.

Met with Jane Cox and Darian Beverungen to discuss window installation, security cameras, and shoring up the floor. More in Building Committee Report.

Met with Color Fire to discuss posters for Wine Tasting. More under events discussion. Posters have been printed and Smitty is in the process of distributing.

Sent Wine Tasting Flyer to Board and individuals on my GFPS list except for politicians. Will do that next week.

Contacted Michael Buckley who is the host of The Sunday Brunch on WRNR every Sunday 7am-10am and received an invitation to tape an interview. Interview will be taped in August at Goshen Farm. Will use it to plug Goshen Farm and our Harvest Dinner and Open House.

Contacted Bay Weekly about the possibility of a feature article on Goshen Farm.

Contacted WNAV regarding a possible interview with Jim Goetz, who is a history buff.

Posted Wine Tasting on the Capital Calendar and Eye on Annapolis web site.

July 2015 Building Committee Report

Met with Michael Buchet and mapped out locations for security cameras.

Received a positive reply from Laura Pinto about helping GFPS get access to the CSCES Wi-Fi network. We will schedule a meeting when she returns in mid-July.

Met with Jane Cox and Darian Beverungen to discuss window installation, security cameras, and shoring up the floor.

Window Installation – Basically Jane said use common sense in determining what wood to preserve in installing the windows. She said if Edgar grabs a piece of wood and it disintegrates, it will have to be replaced. Replacement does not have to be a perfect replication, she said. “We are not trying to fool anyone.” If the wood is salvageable, fill the bad spots with liquid epoxy and move on from there. She said the same advice holds for replacing the mouton strips in the window frames that were salvaged.

Shoring up the sagging floor – Jane suggested contacting Michael Dowling since he has the knowledge and is familiar with Goshen Farm. I sent him an email and am awaiting a response.

Security Cameras – Jane said that she understood the need for the cameras, but requested that we use as few as possible. I shared with her the plan Michael Buchet and I came up with and she had no problem with the plan, which is of course subject to change.

Possible camera locations

- On the second floor outside of Room 2G near the existing floodlight.
- On the first floor outside of Room 1F focusing on the entrance door and window in Room 1G
- On the southeast corner of the front porch next to the floodlights focusing on the front of the house. This will be moved to the front of the house under the porch roof when construction is completed and the plywood is removed.
- On the peak of the Milk House focusing on the back of the Goshen Farm House
- On the back wall of the Hoop House facing the front entrance and possibly over the front door.
- On the inside of the house at the southeast corner of Room 1A

Gave Sara Gannon, Constituent Services Officer for the County Executive, a tour of the house and grounds. Provided her some background information for the County Executive’s visit.

Arranged for a Security Review of the Goshen Farm House by the Anne Arundel County Police, Corporal Miller of the Community Crime Prevention Section on Tuesday, July 16th.

Events Reports July 2015

Kayak/SUP Raffle-

- Thank you to everyone who sold tickets and bought tickets!
- Congratulations to Karen Boyle for winning!

Summer Fundraiser-

- cancelled

Wine Event- Sunday, August 16th

- Colorfire is doing large posters
- Smitty working on Silent Auction
- Should we seek music?
- Will need volunteers
- Where will we put silent auction items? Need tables and tents.

Harvest Dinner- Sept 19th-

- We have an entire box of unopened pasta at my house.
- Status on the event?

Fall Open House- October 10th-

- Met with Lou B and Larry Jennings regarding plans.
- Maryland Oyster Growers would like to participate
- We will invite other environmental groups- Cape Conservatory, Magothy River Assoc.
- Lou is sending a letter to Dr. Arlotta
- Will need to increase parking.
- Will need members to man grills again, work tables, set up and clean up

Street Signs

- I have order 9 signs- 3 for each event – Wine Tasting, Harvest Dinner and Open House. 2 will be 1 sided, 1 will be 2 sided. Each will have a Velcro strip to change date and time and the website address in big letters to direct traffic there for more information. The cost is \$350.

Other items:

- Phantom Ball fundraiser- need to determine timing- Early Dec. for tax purposes? This will require a proposed plan. I have not had time to do this.
- Mulch sale for the Fall?- This will require a proposed plan. I have not had time to do this.

Requiring Board Approval/Discussion:

- We need more member help.

Submitted by Terry Brandon, Garden Chairman/2015 to Lou Biondi President & GFPS Board

Accomplished:

1. 4 Gardeners cleaned up their weedy plots after being notified
2. Slave Garden BB&T co-op work nears completion
3. Maintained 66 tomato plants in hoop house
4. Partially installed drip irrigation in hoop house
5. Much activity in Sharing Garden and common areas well maintained
6. Sharing Garden Harvest Dinner planning begins with 6-9 member committee
7. Bob Nestruck takes Sharing Garden Chairmanship

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Establish initial educational workshops for high tunnel usage.
 - b. Recruit community groups for classes and work projects
 - c. Increase numbers of volunteers working on gardens beyond the Sharing Garden

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.
 - d. Begin process of grant submissions research

Accomplished:

1. Cut Goshen grass three times this month. What a little rain and some sun will do for making grass grow!
2. Two maintenance problems arose concerning the Gravely mower. First, a major steel support bracket broke and required welding (performed by Randy Liester, of Security & Ornamental Design). Second, one of the blades came off which resulted in having to purchase several blade spindle parts (bearing, washer, and shims). The mower parts were located in Huntington, Maryland (Annapolis Lawn and Garden's primary repair shop, a one-hour drive each way). The mower was repaired on both occasions and continues to do phenomenal mower duty.
3. The Henson – Hall Slave Garden has not seen BB&T employees this reporting period but they are scheduled for July 21, which may be their last formal visit.
4. BB&T purchased two picnic tables as part of their total donation towards the Henson – Hall Slave Garden. Thank you again – BB&T Bank and especially Gretchen Stuecker their Vice President.
5. The entire project in the absence of BB&T employees continued to move forward with the propagation, growing, planting, and nurturing of the planted varieties by Kara and Brian Maddox. Terry Brandon also had his green fingers in the mix to help with the Slave Garden layout and the planting plan. Terry further helped with the purchasing and the spreading of the straw mulch over most of the entire Garden.
6. The resultant plan called for a small wandering woodchip path meandering around the garden. Geotextile material underlies the wood chip path to help support the wood chips and control weeds.
7. The writer built two gates (one for the rear picket fence and one for the front waddle fence entrance). Additional bracing was required to support the heavy, waddle gate to allow a proper and safe swing.
8. Bamboo poles were used to construct a 10-foot diameter Children's Vine-covered Teepee. The bamboo poles were covered with chicken wire to serve as a growing surface for the new climbing plants. Wisteria, cucumbers, and several types of beans were planted surrounding the outside of the teepee. These seeds and plants were planted in a narrow foot-wide garden surrounding the teepee. The teepee has a small doorway for children to enter. Dog foot traffic required the installation of a small decorative fence surrounding the teepee plants.
9. Eagle Scout Projects that are coordinated under the Ground's Chair:
 - a. Lyle Wallace, working on his Eagle Scout project, has combined his three hives into two larger hives. The honeybees appear to be thriving (I see a considerable number of dead bees on the surrounding concrete slab). The writer witnessed two hive bees carrying out, a possible intruder, and biting or stinging the intruder to death (very interesting to watch). Lyle is now starting to coordinate with Jenni Biondi on possibly taken over this bee activity after Lyle's first year and completion of his Eagle Scout Badge.
 - b. Tony Tuckfield seems to be doing something, but the writer is in the dark at the present time and awaiting his email response on his activities. Last meeting was held on site with Tony, his Scout Advisor (Jack Neil), and his mother on June 13 to try to clarify possible projects.
 - c. Leo Brown is still deciding what his Eagle Scout project will be (possibly a Monarch Waystation).
10. The "Cotton Patch" in the lower field is doing fine along with a neighboring plot planted with the "Three Sisters." A rabbit fence was installed to help save the plantings.
11. Estimates for the removal of the large, decayed Silver Maple on the southwest corner of the 1967 addition to the Goshen Farm House were requested from two vendors. Richard's Tree Care has given a written estimate, but Sawyer Tree Company will not be on site for an estimate until sometime next week and could not get to the work until the end of September or early October. This is the same tree that caused serious damage last July (2014).

12. Visited Hancock's Resolution and had several discussions with Jim Morrison (President of Friends of Hancock's Resolution). Jim gave me several FHR historical papers dealing with a) Dooryard Gardens, b) Typical schedule of life on the farm in the 18th Century, and c) a paper on Farm Terms and Measurements.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. The driveway continues to get worse from the multiple hard rains that hit Goshen Farm during June and have continued into July. Road repair will probably take two loads of stone at a cost of about \$454 dollars per load. Grading and smoothing out the stone will require a skid steer type of equipment.
2. Need to correct security lighting at the Farm House. The light on the northeast corner seems to be set incorrectly. (It is currently "on" constantly during darkness). Need to check the settings on the back of this unit.
3. 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.
4. Long Term:
 - a. **Consider expanding our single lane driveway into a two-way drive. This action would allow Goshen Farm to expand future activities at Goshen Farm, relieve traffic issues, and ensure driveway safety.**
 - b. Research paving or other means of improving the driving surface of the Goshen Farm driveway.
 - c. Develop a plan to attack to control rampant growth on trees (invasive vines that strangle our growing trees).
 - d. Continue descriptions of planned activities listed in the Grounds Master Use Plan and continue layout of the grounds.
 - e. Pursue purchasing new water well for Goshen Farm or try to tie into county water system near Goshen Farm and the Cape St. Claire Elementary School.
 - f. Pursue composting toilets, regular toilets connected to a septic system, or connecting modern toilets to the county sewer system. Jim Morrison pointed out that after their research into toilet facilities, Hancock's Resolution will be **using a large holding tank** for the bathroom effluent. He states this is a **MUCH cheaper** way to handle toilet facilities.

Needs Approval: N/A

New Business:

1. Security Camera(s) needs to be a high priority to move this effort forward.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

July 15, 2015

Submitted by Becky Benner on July 11, 2015

MEMBER TOTALS for 2015

- Members who either joined or renewed since September 20, 2014, and whose memberships thus expire December 31, 2015.

Residents

Resident Individuals = 22

Resident Households = 64

Corporate = 9

Includes

0 new Individual member

0 renewal Individual member

1 new Household member

0 renewal Household members

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 95 resident members

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 21

Non-resident Households = 28

Corporate = 8

Includes

0 new Individual member

0 renewal Individual member

0 new Household member

0 renewal Household member

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 57 non-resident members

2015 Total = 152 overall memberships

ACCOMPLISHED

- Visited Oregon Ridge Nature Center and obtained hardcopy of the iron-ore and marble mining town that existed in the mid-19th century. Hope to utilize interpretive display formats and exhibit presentation for future environmental public, private, and home-schooled education fieldtrips.
- Visited Baltimore Center for Maryland Agriculture and the Baltimore County Master Gardeners' Display Gardens. Collected handouts and assorted materials for potential use in Sharing Garden or with other garden sites.
- Revised and modified Eagle Scout Guidelines from previous employer to provide an information sheet for GFPS to present to any Eagle Scout, Gold Award, or Community Service applicant wishing to partner with GFPS.
- Visited Hancock's Resolution for "Patriotic Program Weekend." Came away with potential ideas and activities to use at GFPS events and Open Houses.

TO DO ITEMS

- Complete edits for GFPS bi-fold brochure.
- Complete spreadsheet of kayak/SUP raffle ticket names/emails/phone numbers.
- Attend initial 2015 Harvest Dinner Committee meeting regarding planning, preparation, program, etc., for September 19th Sharing Garden Dinner.
- Utilize the Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation Directory Online to search for grantors related to agriculture, agri-tainment, community gardens, community crops, environment, etc.
- Resume oral history interviews
- Trip to National Colonial Farm in Accokeek, MD, to observe crops and gardens, educational offerings, colonial-garbed interpreters, animals, etc.
- Trip to Claude Moore Park Heritage Farm Museum for educational programs, exhibits, special events, and ideas that GFPS could incorporate into Open House programs or presentations to other organizations.
- Visit Button Farm in Germantown where “slave labor shaped the landscape.” Intent is to observe programs, exhibits, events, ideas that could be utilized in the Henson – Hall Slave Garden or into GFPS’ offerings. Button Farm offers an authentic “slave truck patch” garden that reveals the “humble subsistence farming practices” of the time.

NOTE

- July 2014 = 153 overall memberships; July 2015 = 152 overall memberships
- June 2014 = 151 overall memberships; June 2015 = 151 overall memberships
- May 2014 = 146 overall memberships; May 2015 = 145 overall memberships