

June 2015 President's Report

Barbara Morgan and I met with the support staff at Colorfire and discussed the upgrading of our web site. Shannon Beauchamp Lepthien said that Colorfire had a lot of work to do on the front end and back end of the site to enhance security and make the software compatible with the software they are using. We instructed them that all requests for support must come through the President or the Events Chair.

We provided Colorfire with a poster for the Wine Tasting and it was posted almost immediately. Unfortunately there was a typo and a new graphic was provided.

I provided Colorfire with extra pictures to be added to the 600 Tom Thumb lettuce page and extra pictures to be added to the Sharing Garden High Tunnel page. I also sent them articles and pictures to be posted for:

- Spring Open House - Maryland Day Celebration
- Dr. Arlotto's Visit to Goshen Farm
- Midshipman Action Group Workday at the Farm
- Strawberry Festival

I will be sending them an article and pictures for the BB&T work on the Henson-Hall Slave Garden. That should be done by the end of the week.

As in the past, Sharon Biondi and I will be taking the lead on the Annual Wine Tasting. Public Relations/Advertising Plan is under development.



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May 21, 2015

Ms. Cathy Ensor
Maryland Department of General Services
Room 1405
301 West Preston Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

RE: State Capital Grant # 08-G128

Dear Ms. Ensor:

We have purchased a historically correct, hand-made replica window for the Goshen Farm house and are planning for its installation. No DGS grant funds were used for this purchase. In the past we had purchased and installed a similar window in another section of the house and unfortunately it was destroyed by vandals.

Prior to installing this most recently acquired window, we need to purchase and install shutters, which were a feature of the original house built in 1783, to protect the new window from vandalism. We looked at acquiring the shutters and hardware ("S" hold backs) from a company called Timberline Exterior Shutters located in Montgomeryville, PA. The cost of both shutters quoted in an email was \$275.00. They did not provide a quote for the hardware, but we assume it will be similar to the hardware from Architectural Depot, \$26.00. That would make the cost for shutters and hardware a total of \$301.00.

In a conversation with C. Jane Cox, Cultural Resource Planner for Anne Arundel County, it was suggested that we contact the Architectural Depot, a company many historic sites in the county have used. They are located in Brea, CA. The company has a pricing routine on their web site which allowed us to calculate the cost of the shutters and hardware needed. Their price came to \$314.75 per pair of shutters and hardware.

We have selected Architectural Depot to supply the shutters and have placed our order. The receipt is attached. The total actual cost is \$324.65. While the cost differences are negligible, we put great stock in Ms. Cox's comments that other similar projects had used their shutters and were pleased with the product. Please let me know if this information is sufficient for the Department of General Service's approval of the purchase.

Sincerely,

Louis G. Biondi
President

June 2015 Building Committee Report

Accomplished:

On May 21, 2015 the attached letter was sent to the Capital Grant staff for approval of the purchase of the shutters.

On June 15, 2015 an email was sent to the Capital Grant staff with a copy of the invoice (attached) asking if we would be paid for the purchase. I had not heard back from them since sending the letter.

The shutters have been delivered, along with the "S" holdbacks and are in the Goshen Farm House.

After the May meeting I had a conversation with Mike Maggio. I asked him if he could recommend a consulting engineer to give us a plan for shoring up the floors in the Goshen Farm House. Mike lost his niece (who was also John Maggio's cousin) about a week ago, so I have been reluctant to follow up.

I met a gentleman at the Strawberry Festival whose name I did not write down who expressed an interest in leading a work party for shoring up the floors in the Goshen Farm House. I asked him to send me an email as a follow up. While he said that we did not need a consulting engineer for the project, I am loath to undertake this effort without professional guidance.

Sent the invoice for the construction of the first window by Edgar Blasquez to the Treasurer for payment.

To do:

Arrange for a meeting with Edgar and Jane Cox to discuss the installation of the first window and the shutters. I will ask Edgar to install the shutters prior to installing the window.

Develop a plan for shoring up the floors in the 1783 section of the Goshen Farm House.



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Your ArchitecturalDepot.com Order 726657

1 message

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Wed, May 20, 2015 at 3:28 PM

To: goshenfarm1783@gmail.com



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Order Confirmation

Order # [726657](#)

Hello Louis Biondi,

Thank you for shopping with us. We'll send you a confirmation once your items have shipped. Your order details are indicated below. If you would like to view the status of your order or update your account info, please visit [Your Account](#)

E-mail Address: goshenfarm1783@gmail.com

Billing Address:

Louis Biondi

1032 Sun Valley Dr.

Annapolis, MD 21409-4822

Shipping Address:

Louis Biondi

1032 Sun Valley Dr.

Annapolis, MD 21409-4822

Payment Details



Louis Biondi

American Express XXXX

Order Details

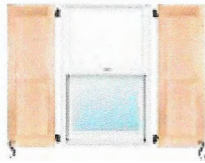
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[Architectural Collection Real Wood Two Equal Panel Flat Panel Shutters \(Per Pair\)](#)

1 x **\$288.35**

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Shutter Material: Pine
 Shutter Width: 14 3/4 inches
 Shutter Height: 56 inches
 Inch Fraction: 1/2"
 Select Color: None
 Shutter Cutout: None
 Usually ships in 10-12 business days

> [How do I install this?](#) (pdf)



"S" Holdback w/ Lag Bolt, Washer, Cotter Pin (Per Pair)

1 x **\$26.40**

Usually ships in 24-72 hours

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> [How do I install this?](#) (pdf)



Item Subtotal:	\$314.75
Shipping: Standard Ground:	\$9.90
Sales Tax:	\$0.00
Order Total:	\$324.65

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Events Reports June 2015

Kayak/SUP Raffle-

- Tickets have sold out!
- As of today, 6/11, I need tickets back from the Benners, Joe Poist and Christy.
- All Tickets and money should have been received by 6/14
- Please pick the winner – and notify at the 6/17 meeting.
- Lou paid Ski Haus for the prize- will need to go with the winner to arrange pick up.

Strawberry Festival-June 6th

- Great turn out; wonderful weather.
- We made \$245 more than last year. We sold more raffle tickets than last year.
- Sold 2 memberships, t-shirts, a couple of books and lots of raffle tickets.

Summer Fundraiser-

- cancelled

Wine Event- Sunday, August 16th

- Flyers are done- need to be hung
- Planning on a smaller silent auction
- Should we seek music?
- Need to create an event on Facebook to promote

Harvest Dinner- Sept 19th

- We have an entire box of unopened pasta at my house.

Fall Open House- October 10th

- Should we try to do the same as our Spring event- or make it more of a Harvest theme, scarecrow making, corn Husk dolls, etc? With food, music, tours, talks etc?

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. Sent out May summary of Goshen Farm Preservation Society accomplishments during the month of May 2015
2. Notified two gardeners of their Sharing Garden Plots were in jeopardy of being cancelled if they were not planted by June 1. Both complied and corrected their situation
3. Supported Roy Benner in purchasing Henson-Hall Slave Garden materials with Gretchen Steuker of BB&T
4. Maintained 66 tomato plants in hoop house
5. Partially installed drip irrigation in hoop house
6. Opened and screened doors and end panels of hoop house to encourage lower temps
7. Met with three CSC Elementary 2nd grade classes studying variety of animal habitats at Goshen Farm.

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. Tom Superczynski was hired to clear/grub the Henson – Hall Slave Garden, the Goshen Orchard, and the Memorial Grove areas. This work was conducted over several days and was completed on May 26, 2015. Almost all of the major tree stumps were removed and pushed into the surrounding woods' line.
2. The Henson – Hall Slave Garden was decided to be a square-ish garden measuring about 41' on a side. The north, west, and part of the south sides are designed for a 6' wide treated lumber picket fence. The remaining portion of the south side and all of the east side are designed to be a waddle fence. This is a woven fence made of tree-branch posts embedded into the ground about every two feet with branches, roots, or vines woven between these posts creating a woven basket-like fence. The main gate will be located on the east side in the waddle fence and a secondary gate will be created in the northwest corner of the picket fence.
3. The entire project has been made possible through the generosity of the Arnold Branch of BB&T Bank. This represents a \$1000.00 commitment on the part of the Arnold Branch. Gretchen Stuecker, the BB&T Vice President, is fully committed to this Goshen Farm project. The project has been in the planning and preparation stages since late last fall. BB&T refers to this adventure as a Lighthouse Project, in which the bank employees come and do the work as well as pay for the materials. The physical land preparation and fence construction is about three-quarters complete at this writing. To date employees have come on at least three different occasions to build the current construction. Thursday (June 11), eight volunteers from Goshen partnered with BB&T to form our biggest "Work Day" to date, with 16 persons participating in the fence building and land preparation. THANK YOU BB&T and also those Goshen Volunteers who pitched in to help!
4. The Goshen Orchard area was cleared by Tom Superczynski, resulting in an area about 40'x100'.
5. The last area grubbed is the Memorial Grove area. This area currently measures about 170'x50' and may be planted with approximately 18 - 25 White Oak (Maryland's State Tree) trees on September 29, 2015.
6. The configuration of both the Goshen Orchard and the Memorial Grove are still in the early design stages. Currently, Goshen Farm with its 22 acres has about 17+ acres of wooded area and only 4+ acres of open area. This open area includes all the buildings, driveways, and anything that is not fully wooded. Considerable thought is being given to the notion that we are now going to plant some of our very limited open area back to a wooded use, forever losing this very limited open space. This seems "OK" until one wants to plan some other use for the land, then GFPS has to pay someone to cut, clear, and remove some of the wooded portion of Goshen Farm to create a needed open area. Thus, some thought is given to the idea that these two new proposed areas may be planted in a somewhat less than grouped planting and more in a partial border approach. This style of planting would not demand as much of the current open areas.
7. The fourth project of the Grounds Chair is the Wildlife Pond. The Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District has completed their Wildlife Pond design and it has been presented to the Grounds Chair for GFPS approval. A copy of the plan with a few minor clerical changes (yet to be completed), are available for viewing at our next monthly meeting. The Wildlife Pond will measure about 4,000 square feet of surface. Most of the Wildlife Pond will measure 18" deep with only up to 25% of the area measuring 24" deep. This reconfigured pond will improve wildlife habitat and possibly provide ice-skating in the winter.
8. The fifth project is the flagpole. It is waiting for several more coats of paint and some further physical modification to the flag/rope mechanism. The construction plans call for a 6' deep, concrete foundation which is yet to be poured.

9. Lyle Wallace, working on his Eagle Scout project, installed his first beehive. The honeybees appear to be thriving (some possible queen problems). The hive resides in the area of the former Goshen Barn.
10. Tony Tuckfield, another Eagle Scout candidate, is considering a project at Goshen Farm. We have exchanged several emails. At this time, he has not committed to a specific project. A meeting with scout leader is scheduled for Saturday (13th) to finalize a project to undertake. This meeting was held and Tony Tuckfield will get back to me on a choice of his project.
11. Leo Brown, another Eagle Scout candidate, is considering developing a “Monarch Way Station” on an area surrounding the honeybee hive. Leo’s commitment is still undecided at this writing.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. 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.
2. The Henson – Hall Slave Garden should have its perimeter fencing completed shortly; the meandering path walkways and plants will soon be installed. Kara and Brian Maddox have propagated most of the Slave Garden plants, and these are almost ready for transplanting into their final homes.
3. Contact Jim Rausch, President of The Friends of Kinder Farm Park, Severna Park, for information on the preservation, development, and operation of a “typical working farm in the early 20th century.”
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Status of the 1783 foundation; are there plans to have a structural engineer examine?

Needs Approval: N/A

New Business:

1. Security Camera(s) – what is the status?
2. When asked about receiving donation(s) of new windows, what should our response be to the question - what guarantee is there that this donation will be permanent? Maybe we should have a GFPS suggested answer/policy that we can recite, when asked these or similar questions!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

June 17, 2015

Submitted by Becky Benner on June 13, 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 = 63

Corporate = 9

Includes

0 new Individual member

1 renewal Individual member

2 new Household members

2 renewal Household members

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 94 resident members

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 21

Non-resident Households = 28

Corporate = 8

Includes

0 new Individual member

0 renewal Individual member

1 new Household member

0 renewal Household member

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 57 non-resident members

2015 Total = 151 overall memberships

ACCOMPLISHED

- Attended Four Rivers Heritage Education Committee. Discussions involved 1) recap of the Chris Haley Workshop regarding teaching and discussion of race and school students; 2) community participation in nominating objects for the "99 Objects" exhibit to be presented by Historic Annapolis; 3) discussions regarding workshops for teachers and the corresponding costs; 4) collaboration of sponsoring workshops when the speaker charges a large honorarium; 5) strategizing on "Lunch and Learn" "Brown Bag Talk" programs; 6) offering "a menu" of tour options including a self-guide when visitors appear; 7) sustainability to keep an organization's momentum going and to keep it open. A decision was made to provide a workshop to explore best practices and good models.
- Met Gretchen Stuecker and a visiting representative from Susquehanna Bank at the tail end of their visit to Goshen Farm for an update to the clearing of the Henson – Hall Slave Garden.

Brief discussion of scheduling employees' time, necessary equipment, and materials to be purchased ensued.

- Assisted BB&T employees with grubbing and installing upright tree branches for the wattle fence that will enclose the east and south ends of the Henson – Hall Slave Garden.

TO DO ITEMS

- Returned to Frontier Culture Museum to refresh notes of the West African Village and its garden which contains vegetables that would have been grown in a “slave garden,” i.e., seeds that came from African villages during the 18th century. Determined substitute plants/seeds for 2015 and plants/seeds that will be ordered for 2016.
- 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

- June 2014 = 151 overall memberships; June 2015 = 151 overall memberships
- May 2014 = 146 overall memberships; May 2015 = 145 overall memberships
- April 2014 = 135 overall memberships; April 2015 = 141 overall memberships