

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Met several times with the Harvest Dinner planning committee

Generated the certificates to be handed out at the Harvest Dinner

Made 300 meatballs for the dinner

Had the poster for the dinner printed and placed them at the CSC Shopping Center businesses

Continued to work with Color Fire on revamping the web site. Since June, have sent them 14 batches of pictures with captions and event descriptions for posting on the web site

Finished the "Goshen Farm – Then and Now" photo album and have begun putting together the "History of the Goshen Farm Preservation Society" photo album. Have the first 400 pictures in the album, but need to add event titles and descriptions.

Have begun planning for the Fall Open House. Developed first draft of the event schedule.

- Barb has gotten Dirk Schwenk to provide music for two hours.
- Met with Victoria Garbesi and reviewed her costume and script. She will do two historic re-enactments. "A day in the life of Margaret Stinchcomb Tydings at Goshen Farm."
- Dean Cowherd has agreed to hold Soil Health discussions

REQUIRED FOLLOW UP

Events

Never received a response to my August 21, 2015 email to Diana Love, "Foraging for Food" columnist at the Capital to see if she was interested in an article on the Harvest Dinner. I plan on writing the Editor of the Capital to inform him of her non-response.

Never received a response to my August 21, 2015 email to Michael Buckley who is the host of The Sunday Brunch on WRNR every Sunday 7am-10am to see if he would like to do an interview on Goshen Farm and let us plug the Harvest Dinner and Fall Open House. I will contact him again after the Harvest Dinner

Public Relations

Will start the PR effort for the Fall Open House.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT AUGUST 2015

Finally heard back from Laura Pinto on August 31, 2015 about helping GFPS get access to the CSCES Wi-Fi network. She said she didn't know where to start. I gave her a few suggestions, but have not heard back from her on those.

Have not heard from the contractors that Michael Dowling said he would have contact us about the structural repairs needed in the 1783 section of the house.

Events Reports September 2015

Wine Event- Sunday, August 16th

- Brought in \$2,265, \$1,108 in Entrance fee and donations. Sold 2 t-shirts and 1 book

Harvest Dinner- Sept 19th

- Inventory list and all items turned over to Becky and Susan.
- Event Signs and 1 burner to Roy- I need to get him my burner.
- I will bring coffee pots and merchandise with me.

Fall Open House- October 10th

- Dirk Schwenk will be performing- Scott and Ren will not be able to.
 - He has the scouts ready.
- We need Colorfire to do a poster. I can put an event on Facebook.
- Lou sent out an email for help with manning grills again, work tables, set up and clean up. As of Sunday, we are lacking in help. Will have to make the decision on selling food.
- Still may need a volunteer or group to help with kids activities or won't have them.
- Kinder Farm is having an event the same day.

Street Signs

- All signs have been picked up

Phantom Ball fundraiser-

- I crunched the number and prepared a critical path (see attached).

Other items:

Requiring Board Approval/Discussion:

- We need more member help.

Goshen Farm Critical Path Phantom Ball Fundraiser

1. Secure volunteers to harvest names from REAL PROPERTY search
<http://sdat.resiusa.org/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx>
2. These members have agreed to help
 - a. Virginia & Ray Kolstad Burris vlburris48@me.com yes
 - b. Linda & Michael Buchet Beck bnb1209@comcast.net yes
 - c. Christiane & Stanley Carlson-Thies christiane@carlson-thies.net yes
 - d. Teresa Grysikiewicz teresagriz@gmail.com yes
 - e. Mary Blaha mary.blaha@gmail.com yes
 - f. Mianna & Andrea Jopp miannaj410@comcast.net yes
 - g. Rose Mary Stocker rosestocker@yahoo.com yes
 - h. Debbie & Dave Toy debbie.toy@verizon.net yes
 - i. Amanda & Dave Heimbach daveheimbach@ymail.com yes, both
 - j. Smitty Biondi
3. Get invitation Printed- Quoted by Minute Man in Glen Burnie- I have breakdown of the cost of each piece.
 - a. Quote on 500- For all 4 pieces- Invite, RSVP card and envelopes for both= \$599.74 + postage=\$844.74=
 - b. Quote 1000- \$1271.56 with postage.
4. Get invitation to Printer by last week in October to have ready by Nov. 16th
5. Print all labels by Nov. 20th.
6. Give to volunteers to seal, label and postage. Put in mail by 11/27th.

The caveat to this is the cost of the of the printing. Possible alternatives:

- Seek other quotes- (might not be cheaper)
- Change format to 1 page invite- printed on 1 side
- Print them ourselves (not sure if this would be cheaper)
- Do a flyer instead of a “wedding-Like” invitation. And instead of a return envelope ask people to pay online w/ Paypal. – this is probably the most inexpensive way to go.

Goshen Farm Sharing Garden Committee Report for September 2015

Submitted by Bob Nestruck, Acting Garden Chairman/2015 to Lou Biondi President & GFPS Board

Accomplished:

1. More gardeners have come to clean up their plots as the weather has cooled, but much needs to be done.
2. Sharing Garden Harvest Dinner plans will soon come to fruition under Terry Brandon's direction.
3. Diane and I weeded the entire foot path within the garden and I partially weeded the outside of our end of the garden.
4. Activity is picking up in the Sharing Garden and common areas well maintained.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Recruit community groups for classes and work projects, i.e., the Hugelkultur.
 - b. Increase numbers of volunteers working on gardens beyond the Sharing Garden.

2. Long Term:
 - a. Have the garden become compost self sufficient.
 - 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.

Accomplished:

1. Cut Goshen's grass two times this month.
2. Becky and I eliminated a large brush pile of vines (cleared from the MAG Spring 2015 Pond clearing exercise. We ran all the vines through a wood chipper, belonging to Rose Mary Stocker, greatly reducing the volume.
3. Staked out tree locations for the 28 trees of the Goshen Farm Orchard and the 25 white oak trees of the Memorial Grove, in their respective areas. These areas will be planted on September 29th by students from Broadneck and Southern High Schools.
4. Cut down a large, dead locus tree, with its hundreds of vines, on the edge of the Orchard area clearing, to prevent its eventual fall onto the Goshen Farm Orchard later, damaging the orchard trees.
5. Had a load of wood chips delivered to the Farm by Richard's Tree Care for use around our gardens and paths.
6. One maintenance problem arose concerning the Gravely mower. A belt broke on the mower deck which was replaced.
7. The Henson – Hall Slave Garden has been completed by BB&T employees, including the two new picnic tables as part of their total donation to the Henson – Hall Slave Garden. Thank you again – BB&T Arnold Bank!
8. Eagle Scout Projects that are coordinated under the Ground's Chair:
 - a. Lyle Wallace, working on his Eagle Scout project, has a total of four hives at this time.
 - b. Tony Tuckfield has not been heard from since June 13 to try to clarify possible projects.
 - c. Leo Brown has not communicated his intentions concerning his Eagle Scout project.
9. Danny Tester and I installed 5 bluebird houses built and decorated by Brownie Troop #10465.
10. The "**Cotton Patch**" planted in the lower field by Kara Maddox is doing fine, and the cotton is looking great.
11. Updated the Ground's Goshen Farm PowerPoint for 2015 adding new 2015 pictures. Available to use this at the Harvest Dinner. I do not have a projector.
12. Removal of the large, decayed Silver Maple on the southwest corner of the Goshen Farm House's 1967 addition will take place on October 12, after the Open House is over. Richard's Tree Care was the low bidder, and provided GFPS with the most options.
13. Purchased a load of crusher run stone for use on the driveway. Stan Synowczynski continued to move much of this stone to fill existing gullies on the driveway.
14. Meet with the NRCS's State Engineer and others for advice and options for solving the driveway erosional problem.
15. Asked the Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District for a survey of the gradient of the driveway to determine the best place(s) to turn out the drainage water into the woods. I have not heard back in response to my follow-up telephone calls.
16. The recently constructed "teepee" was planted with what was thought to be wisteria plants but it turned out to be a unknown weed (NOT wisteria). Will now re-plant the teepee base with wisteria plants. Beans previously planted grew well on the teepee, but most of the planted squash succumbed to insects. Next year, gourds should be considered.
17. Signs promoting the Goshen Farm Harvest Dinner were lettered and installed along Cape St. Claire Road and on the Green Holly Drive island.
18. The Improvement Association's signboard, near Graul's, was rented to promote the Harvest Dinner.

19. Considerable time spent looking at several different tractors for Goshen Farm. Doug McClland. also spent considerable time and effort researching and searching for an appropriate tractor. The final decision was put on a temporary hold pending the BOD President's return.
20. Put together a list of possible MAG Projects for a fall "2015 Work Day at the Farm". Specifics (date, projects, number of midshipmen) to be determined at the MAG group meeting, Thursday, September 17th.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Need to help Terry install a series of valves on the High Tunnel Drip Irrigation System. This will allow individual rows to be watered (as needed) separately, rather than watering all the plant rows as unit.
2. Need to work on the driveway design with the help of the MAG volunteers.
3. 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.
4. Contact Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, Sassafra 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 or other option(s). This action would allow Goshen Farm to expand future activities at Goshen Farm, relieve traffic issues, and ensure driveway safety.
 - b. Develop a plan to attack to control rampant growth on trees (invasive vines that strangle our growing trees).
 - c. Continue descriptions of planned activities listed in the Grounds Master Use Plan and continue layout of the grounds.
 - d. 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.
 - e. Pursue composting toilets, holding tank(s) with pump outs, regular toilets connected to a septic system, or connecting 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 in today's world.

Needs Approval: N/A

New Business:

1. Security Camera(s) should become a high priority.
2. Girl Scout Rosner would like to present a proposal to the Board, for her Silver Award using some kind of diorama(s) placed around the GFPS property.

History Committee Report September 14, 2015

Continuing to work on a full Goshen timeline.

My piece on the Broadneck Temperance Division book was published in the latest Anne Arundell Historical Society publication.

No urgent needs at this time.

Scott Powers

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

September 16, 2015

Submitted by Becky Benner on September 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 = 67

Corporate = 9

Includes

0 new Individual member

0 renewal Individual member

0 new Household member

1 renewal Household member

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 98 resident members

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 23

Non-resident Households = 28

Corporate = 9

Includes

1 new Individual member

0 renewal Individual member

0 new Household member

0 renewal Household member

1 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 60 non-resident members

2015 Total = 158 overall memberships

ACCOMPLISHED

- Prepared six gallons for tomato sauce for the Sharing Garden Harvest Dinner to be held September 19th.
- Assisted BB&T/Arnold staff in the final activities associated with the Henson – Hall Slave Garden.
- Additional tasks added to personal schedule after attending the third 2015 Harvest Dinner Committee meeting.
- Assisted Grounds Chair in chipping a large pile of vines and small branches left from the Midshipmen Action Group's April "Day at the Farm" and making a small pile of wood chips. Only three or four piles to demolish before the Fall Open House!
- Met with the 2015 Performance and Visual Arts intern Victoria Gabresi regarding her research and draft script of Margaret Stinchcomb Tydings. Victoria's presentation as Margaret will take place during the Fall Open House on October 10th.

TO DO ITEMS

- Complete edits for GFPS bi-fold brochure.
- Incorporate suggestions for the Service Project Guidelines / Application / Consultation and Review documents for GFPS to present to any Eagle Scout, Gold Award, or Community Service applicant wishing to partner with GFPS.
- 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
- Take trip to National Colonial Farm in Accokeek, MD, to observe crops and gardens, educational offerings, colonial-garbed interpreters, animals, etc.
- Schedule 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.
- Plan to 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

- September 2014 = 157 overall memberships; September 2015 = 158 overall memberships
- August 2014 = 154 overall memberships; August 2015 = 155 overall memberships
- July 2014 = 153 overall memberships; July 2015 = 152 overall memberships

NEEDS BOARD of DIRECTORS’ APPROVAL

- Participation in the 2016 Maryland Day which is scheduled for March 18, 19, and 20. If GFPS wishes to participate, there will be a registration fee of \$100 per organization to participate.