

President's Report – May 18, 2016

Performing and Visual Arts Magnet Program

- Brian Hisson, the production contractor hired by AACPS to produce a video of Victoria Garbesi's historic re-enactment at the Spring Open House, is still working on the video.
- We have had offered internships to three of the four intern applicants from the Performing and Visual Arts Internship Program. April 30th we interviewed Peyton (Miel) Hunt and she accepted an internship working with Kohner Evans working on the history of the GFPS. On the same day we interviewed James Walker who was not offered an internship. Last Saturday, Becky and I interviewed Emily Miller who, according to the PVA facilitator, Nylca VanDillen, is an outstanding graphic artist. Ms. Miller has formally accepted our internship project of developing a children's activity book based on Goshen Farm. At this point Becky envisions the book covering K-6 students and it will include both educational and historical material. Both James and Emily were officially notified last Sunday.
- Samuel Lo, a PVA student, volunteered to photograph the Open House. I am working on getting the pictures from him.

Email Transition to goshenfarm.org.

I am still waiting for everyone on the Board to formally notify me if they are going to use the new email system or if they will not. For those who have migrated to the new system, not all have provided their passwords to the Secretary. This is a critical step in making sure that future board transitions go smoothly.

Meeting with Jane Cox

On May 14, 2016, Becky Benner, Roy Benner, Terry Brandon and I met with Jane Cox and Kate Mahood. Kate is filling in for Darian Beverungen who is on maternity leave. She let Kate introduce herself. Kat said that she was an historic architect with twelve years of experience with the Maryland Historic Trust as a contractor. She also had a private historic architectural consulting practice for many years. With the recession, the demand for her services dropped off and she began her own business in a different area. Jane had coxed her out of "retirement" and asked her to join the Cultural Resources Division to fill in while Darian was out.

Jane then praised the work that has been accomplished since her last visit to Goshen Farm – the Goshen Farm orchard and Memorial Grove, the Henson-Hall Slave Garden, the Apiary, and the painting of the Caretaker Cottage.

We discussed the Lowe's Foundation Funding opportunity and told her about our discussions on whether we should apply to rehab/rebuild the cottage into a visitor's center or stabilize the house

foundation. In response, she asked if we had a strategic plan, which could guide our decision making. We told her that we have intended to develop a strategic plan, but it always gets put off because of the day to day activities of the Board members. In effect she said that if we fail to plan we will plan to fail.

She then said that Kate could be made available to the GFPS Board to help with developing a strategic plan, an activity with which she has a great deal of experience. Our reaction was very positive and we agreed that we would set up a minimum of a half-day meeting with Kate to get the planning process started. I agreed to send Kate all of the material we have developed so far including the initial business plan, the spending priority list, and other relevant documents. The Board will be copied on that email so they will have ready access to all of the information sent to Kate.

The establishment of a planning committee is on this month's agenda. Participation on the committee will be strictly voluntary and the committee will meet on a scheduled monthly basis in addition to any meetings lead by Kate Mahood. The first meeting with Kate will be scheduled after she has had an opportunity to review the materials we will send her.

Goshen Farm Building & Maintenance Report

May 13, 2016

Monthly Summary: Worked on the plan for LOWES grant, developed a plan for a bathroom for it.

Activity This Month:

1. Lowes grant bathroom project:

- a. Got a bid for \$50K for ADA compliant concrete (50yr) bathroom (single toilet) delivered to site. Does not include foundation or plumbing below. (\$10K ?) Lowes grant unlikely to approve over \$25k Also need large crane to lift off truck.
- b. Sketched and roughly costed another bathroom building for approx \$25K. ADA compliant single (unisex), Two women toilets, One mens toilet. One mens urinal. This plan has composting low volume ADA toilet. Other toilets could be opened during need and routed to tank/septic/sewer.
 - i. much of the materials can be obtained at Lowes, I assume it would be good if our cost estimate included Lowes pricing/products.
- c. Contacted LOWES and spoke with assistant manager. She routed my email to manager. No guidance yet from him/her yet.
- d. Challenges ahead;
 - i. Per our lease (I read a draft) this improvement needs to be approved by AASB "director of facilities" I don't know who this is. This plan would probably need to include a 5yr maintenance plan showing no cost to AASB. (I spoke to friend who is Engineer for AASB and he said this is standard for school board proposals)
 - ii. I read in a 2013 goshen report that a plumber named "Young"? had spoken with someone in county and said we could get permit to use existing septic system??
 1. alternatively a large in ground tank is almost \$2k not installed
 2. I have not contacted the port a potty folks to see what constraints exist for pump out of tank. We should keep their truck in the parking lot and reach tank with hoses/pipes?
 - iii. We need to hire a draftsman to draw up a nice drawing and get a PE to sign off on it prior to submitting this plan to AASB. Need Goshen board approval for this cost. Of course we should see who can do as donation.
 1. it would be nice to get some ok from AASB dir of facilities prior to incurring these costs
 2. also good to get a sanity check from a contractor
 - iv. The cost is a little over \$25K (without tank), and i likely missed something. If we do some of this from funds outside of Lowes grant we

can probably make it fit. note I included standard construction labor etc costs from homewyse.com See sketch.

2. Contacted Christine at St. Andrews by the Bay
 - a. Youth group 4 days (2hrs/day) in July 11-14 to paint garden fence??
3. Drafted a visitors form in word and circulated
 - a. Terry Brandon said he might have an opportunity to evaluate during a visit

NO ACTIVITY on these:

4. New Electrical service project: last month Roy Benner met the electrician dave@connect-electric.com at the site and helped him move the main service panel to the meeting room (from stairway) and add sub panel etc.
 - a. Roy says some circuits are not working right
5. security system
6. Farmhouse foundation
7. Paint/repair milk house - this is a project we could probably get volunteers on soon if we organized what they need
8. Meeting Room project:
Completed items:
 - a. Removing wood chips from around the exterior base of the meeting room.
 - b. Electrical panel moved.Still needed:
 - c. electrical system installation (outlets and lighting)
 - d. Other components and materials must be estimated & obtained. Need plan for floor?
 - e. Recruit volunteers and set date for insulation, dry-walling, trim & paint.
9. Administrative: I need to submit my expenses for caretaker cottage paint
 - a. I did contact Sherwin Williams manager about refund of taxes. He was helpful and is looking into it.

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Visitor Record Form

Goshen Farm Preservation Society

Date of visit:

Visitor Organization:

Visitor Point of Contact:

POC phone/email:

Number of visitors:

Activity:

GFPS representative/host:

Comments/lessons learned/follow up:

Goshen Farm BATHROOM SKETCH 22'

Homewyse.com

4" slab = 1781.17 = 20
 2x4 frame = 1552.09 20

wood shingle = 1804.79
 OR
 3yr = 1478.00 17

truss labor = 420 5

truss
 4x220 = \$880 = 100

doors = 200 5

door HW = 50

plumb labor = 150

28x8hr = 224 150

matl = 6117.14 700

drywall = 1056.43 100

544sqft
 siding = 4233.90 430

1400 gal
 tank = 1284 130

roof deck = 136 2460

7x1708 = 2474

wiring x10 = 1905.87 > 300

wiring panel = 1000 2774

paint
 mauling

Frame

48

200

256

64

624 sqft

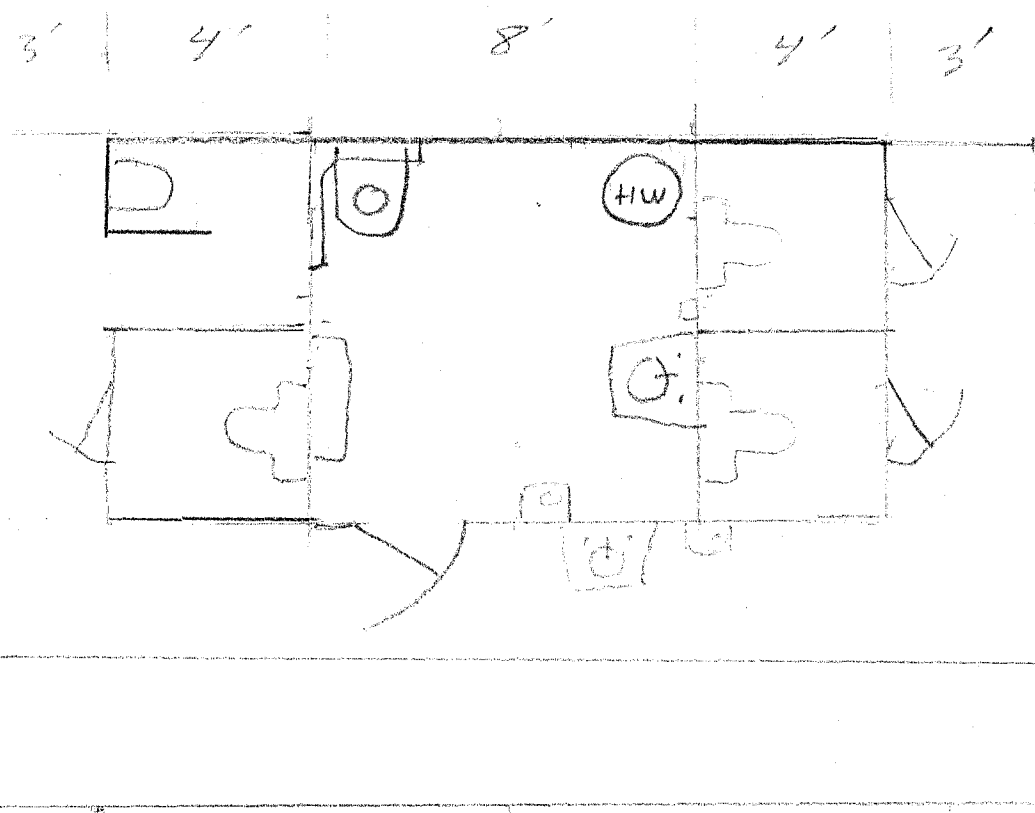
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4x4 = 32

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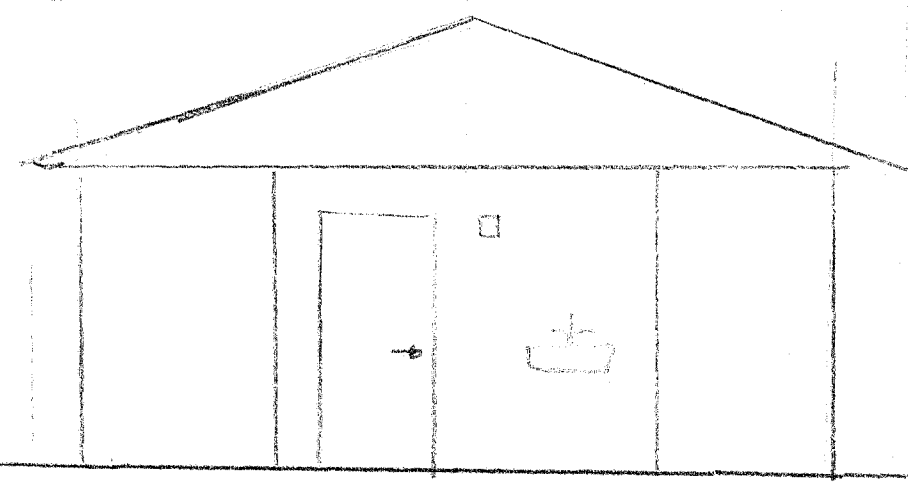
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8'

14'

6'



Communications Report – May 18, 2016

Color Fire

Our support from Color Fire ends in May. I have not yet scheduled a meeting with Shannon Lepthien Beauchamp to discuss what ongoing support we may expect. However, I have a meeting with John Maggio on Friday the 20th to discuss how the meeting with Shannon should be approached.

I also have not had the time to check the recommended edits and corrections to the web site and pass them on to Shannon.

Given the waning support and increasing lack of responsiveness from Color Fire, we need to recruit a web master and we need to learn how to use mail chimp. Roy mentioned meeting a guest at the Open House who expressed interest in working with Goshen Farm. I will pursue that with Roy.

Events Report – May 18, 2016

Spring Open House (a full financial report with recommendations was provided to the Board shortly after the event)

- Sharon and I hung posters at the CSC Shopping Center, Bay Hills Shopping Center, and at BB&T Bank.
- We purchased all of the food, condiments, supplies, and beverages.
- The Spring Open House set an attendance record for Open Houses and the overall response I received from visitors was very positive.
- In addition to attendance, we also set a record for revenue generated and net profit from the event. At the Fall Open House, our previously most successful Open House Event, the total revenue was \$1,482 and the net profit was \$838. The Spring Open House had total revenue of \$1,954 and a net profit of \$1,382, an increase in profit of about \$550.
- We sold out of food about 3:30 p.m. with customers still seeking something to eat.
- We sold \$224 worth of tee shirts and sweatshirts. The new Forest Green color for the women's tee shirts was well received. The profit on sales was \$66.50. Unfortunately, I did not add the \$1.50 additional cost for 2XL and 3XL sweatshirts. That cost us about \$6.00 in profit.
- The non-alcoholic beer did not go over well. We only sold about ten.
- The following information on the oyster sales was provided by Larry Jennings:

The Cape Conservation Corps promoted their involvement in the Beaches and Living Shoreline Projects by offering farm raised oysters at a Buck-a-Shuck to attract attendees' interest in local oysters and their potential use as an alternative protective barrier for our beaches to the typical rock piles. We had an oyster float there and we talked about how they could work to protect our beaches from large wave events like Nor'easters from erosion. At the same time, they would be used to grow oysters and provide important ecological benefits like cleaner water and habitat for other species in the marine environment. The positive benefits of people returning for more oysters and their piqued interest in the floats to ask questions was important as well as the added \$300 profit for the CCC's efforts that day due to 38 North Oysters' support and sponsorship.

- I provided USB drive to Samuel Lo so he can get me the pictures of the Open House. The initial drive provided was too small. Samuel took over 250 pictures.

- Brian Hissong video-taped the historic re-enactment, both solo and with guests. He has completed editing and putting together the final version. It is currently under review by the PVA Program Manager, Jeffery Harrison.

Kayak Raffle

- The kayaks and paddles were ordered from Amazon.com and will arrive on May 31, 2016. The Board will have to support ticket sales for the kayak raffle.

Strawberry Festival

- I put out a call for volunteers to help at the Strawberry Festival through Terry's membership list. (Thank you, Terry). The response has been underwhelming. Only three non-board members have volunteered. That does not include Michael Buchet. Four Board Members have volunteered and that includes me and Sharon.
- Michael Buchet has offered to design and build a structure that will hold the kayaks more attractively than leaning them against a tree, a table or some chairs.
- I would welcome any suggestions on adding volunteers to work the festival. I will do a Face Book post.

Summer and Fall Events

Planning for the Wine Tasting did not begin as scheduled. Between the Open House wrap up, meetings, and working on the Strawberry Festival, there was no time. Planning will begin the day after the Board Meeting. I sent Valerie Sullivan an email asking if we could meet on Thursday the 13th.

Planning for the Fall Open House was also delayed. If this event is to be successful, we will need to put together a committee to work on the planning and execution, similar to the committee that Terry put together for the Harvest Dinner last fall. I will start putting a list of discrete areas of activities/responsibilities so that committee members can be recruited for specific tasks.

Harvest Dinner will be handled by Bob Nestruck, Terry Brandon, the volunteers from the Sharing Garden. Not too early to start planning.

Goshen Farm Volunteer Coordination/Development Report Committee

Report for May 2016 Submitted by Terry Brandon Chairman to Lou Biondi

President & GFPS Board

Accomplished:

1. Continued Broadneck HS Enclave Program with Teacher Summer Borlik and 3 students on Weds 10am-1pm. Group planted Zinnias started from seed 6 weeks ago
2. Continuing prep of Hoophouse for Bell Pepper Crop and Herb crop
3. Assisted Lou Biondi in finding volunteers for the Strawberry Festival
4. Assisted getting volunteers to grow tomatoes for the Fall Harvest Festival
5. Initiated volunteer group to work on Lowe's grant for Caretaker Cottage. Group presently consist of Terry Brandon, Dave McCormick and Joyce Gooldy. Dave McCormick is waiting for response of Lowe's manager in Bowie
6. Received communication from Matthew Bem, AP Environmental Science Teacher bringing 4 classes to Goshen in late May focused on Goshen Soil and Forests
7. Worked with Kara Maddox and Roy Benner to till and replant HH Slave Garden
8. Planned Bea Griffith presentation on June 25 for new Goshen Members.
9. Received notice of receiving \$500 MSEA Community grant for picnic tables. 1-2 of these to be assembled by Enclave program.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Recruit volunteers to begin new growing projects in Goshen Hoophouse
 - b. Establish development committee with Goshen members
 - c. Establish varied work centers for Goshen volunteers including A. Event preparation groups B.Goshen Tour guides and Hosts C. Goshen Grounds workers D. Goshen volunteer educators. E. Sharing Garden Volunrtters F. Slave Garden volunteers and Hosts. G Goshen Farmhouse & Building & Grounds
2. Long Term
 - a. Follow up on planning meeting with Jane Cox and Kate Mahood to more clearly define "master plan" in late June meeting.
 - b. Research "app" building configuration for Goshen Farm using high school interns and member volunteers

Goshen Farm Sharing Garden Committee Report for May 2016

Submitted by Bob Nestruck, Garden Chairman to Lou Biondi, GFPS President and GFPS Board

Accomplished:

1. All 62 garden plots are rented.
2. Broadneck Enclave students weeded garden path, once again.
3. All plots are cleared and most are planted.
4. HügelKultur project completed and ready for planting.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Night vision camera to monitor nocturnal activity. Guinea Hens are desired, but there is something coming into the garden that could pose a threat.
 - b. Sharing Garden fence needs to be scraped and painted.
 - c. Establish educational workshops for high tunnel usage.
 - d. Compost piles need attending.
 - e. Improve Wi-Fi signal to garden.

2. Long Term:
 - a. Improve volunteerism in the Sharing Garden.
 - b. Install Weatherstation.

History Committee Report May 16, 2016

Continuing to track down information for Ann Brice Worthington's book. She had informed me that she is near completion of a rough draft.

No urgent needs at this time.

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