

Building Committee Report – June 2014

Accomplishments:

- Working to determine other window replica options.
- Scrap metal removed.

Planned Activities and Undertakings:

- Acquisition Activities
 - Acquisition of security/trail cameras for use around the exterior of the main house.
- Logistical Activities
 - NTR
- Construction Activities
 - Replacement or augmentation of the current window enclosures to allow for natural light and possible debris removal. No date has been determined for this activity.
 - Reconstruction/repair of the cellar stairs – to be completed TBD.
- Coordination Activities
 - Remediation activities to be coordinated in the June/July timeframe to include:
 - Repair of the ceiling in the upstairs bathroom
 - Repair of the floor in the downstairs bathroom
 - Stabilization of the ceiling joists in room 1A and 1C
 - Stabilization of fireplace masonry
 - Additional building permits are required; applications to be submitted.
 - Need to determine remaining amount of grant after current invoice payouts.
- Documentation Activities
 - Creation of an official Building Use Plan that will document the decisions of the Board regarding the use of rooms in the main house, caretakers cottage, milk house and servants house. Draft date to be decided.
 - Develop a letter for the elementary school detailing the work being done at the house and to address safety precautions in place.

Efforts Requiring Board Approval/Discussion:

- Address insurance concerns with volunteers providing more assistance than simple cleanup (I.e. reconstruction, remediation, stabilization).

Future Concerns or Needs:

- Need to coordinate with the State the validity of materiel purchased for GFPS by MJM via Distribution International and Home Depot as applicable to the Grant.

Communications Chair Committee Report June 13th, 2014

Accomplishments

email - tickets/fest to members

email - update database

Traffic Report

2013 TRAFFIC

Jan 2013 - 296

Feb 2013 - 219

Mar 2013 - 300

Apr 2013 - 394

May 2013 - 256

June 2013 - 151

July 2013 - 237

Aug 2013 - 197

Sept 2013 - 359

Oct 2013 - 427

Nov 2013 - 224

Dec 2013 - 130

3,190 Total Visits

2013 TRAFFIC

Jan 2013 - 254

Feb 2013 - 262

Mar 2013 - 412

Apr 2013 - 254

May 2013 - 146

June 2013 -

July 2013 -

Aug 2013 -

Sept 2013 -

Oct 2013 -

Nov 2013 -

Dec 2013 -

Planned activities or undertakings

1. Online Membership Sign Up
2. Add past officers list

Events Reports June 2014

Kayak Raffle-

- Still need to purchase Paddles (\$25 each)- I have the check
- Sold 162 tickets so far
- We are behind last year since we sold tickets at our Spring Open house last year. We need to ramp up sales, need suggestions. Other events to sell at.

July 4th Celebration at the Beach-

- Should we consider selling tickets and water again?

Strawberry Festival-Review

- Wonderful turnout
- Thank you to all of the volunteers
- Sold 2 books, 4 t-shirts, 3 memberships, 160 raffle tickets—Total brought in was \$1087
- Approached by Zion Meer regarding Eagle Scout project, put him in touch with Roy.
- Spoke to the Person interested in helping us with HVAC. He would like to see the inside.
- Met several other people who are very enthusiastic and said they would join online.

On the Horizon

- Harvest Dinner- Need to start looking at dates
 - I haven't help plan this event before so need some guidance
- Fall Open House
- Wine Tasting- Look at dates

Halloween Ball- October 25th

- Contacted DJ Dave to secure the date
- Need to secure a caterer
- Need to start compiling Silent Auction letter list and seek donations

Requiring Board Approval/Discussion:

Nothing at this time.

Submitted by Terry Brandon, Garden Chairman/2014 to Lou Biondi President & GFPS Board

Accomplished:

1. Sharing Garden Plots surveyed in late May and 9 plot renters notified that their plots needed immediate attention.
2. Some untended plots were rototilled, walkways in the garden were policed to remove personal garden materials.
3. Last of potential plot renters were contacted
4. Brian & Kara Maddox began cultivation of the 4 “foundation” native plant beds.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Establish composting area behind Goshen Farm Sharing Garden
 - b. Mid July 2014--Erect 24 ft X 30 ft Meeting room/plant propagation hoop house on north side of 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.

Need Approval: Notification to two plot renters that because of inactivity and/ or failure to respond to repeated requests to tend to their garden, their plots will be released to other plot renters. These plot renters are Joe & Jean Jacklin Plot #13, Chesapeake Montessori School, Ms. Megan Fink plot #9. Three other plot renters have voluntarily contacted me to give up their plots Kirkpatrick plot #49, Mohler plot #60, Windsor Farm Elementary plot#51. See attached plot map.

(The procedure for renting one of the 5 available plots is to be a GFPS member, fill out a Sharing Garden Application from the GFPS website and mail it with \$25 to GFPS, 1223 River Bay Road, Annapolis, MD 21409. First come first served. No Refunds)

New Business:

Grounds' Committee Report

June 18, 2014 Submitted by Roy Benner, Chairman, 6/13/14 to Lou Biondi

Accomplished:

1. Cut the grass two times since last month's report.
2. Letters sent to The Capital – “Good Deeds” to be published.
3. Two varieties (Orinoco and Delaware Indian) of tobacco plants grown in the Bay region when John Smith sailed the Chesapeake were planted in a newly dug bed in the lower field. There were a total of 24 donated plants. After planting these plants, they were seriously disturbed (probably by dogs). Replanted the damaged plants and have surrounded them with orange plastic fence to help protect them from future damage. Three plants did not recover. The tobacco plants required several waterings (with hauled water) and now seem to be doing fine. One of the Orinoco tobacco plants was planted by the Garden Shed and has produced a very nice reddish flower. Check it out. Have and will remove all future flowers on the rest of the tobacco crop. Removal of tobacco flowers and suckers allowing the strength to go to the leaves.
4. All of the newly-planted flowering trees seem to be surviving and thriving.
5. Rototilled several garden plots to try and reduce weeds in the Sharing Garden (Plots #49, 51, and 60).
6. Met with Edgar, Mike, Terry and Lou regarding other options for the Farm House windows. The wavy glass option was discussed.
7. Developed and posted a list of suggested tasks for work around Goshen Farm grounds.
8. Cut the rampant re-growth of weeds to the west of the Sharing Garden fence in preparation for an expanded composting bins' system.
9. Cut steel pipe to serve as fence posts on a new series of compost bins (3) to be located to the west of the Sharing Garden. This new system should be complete by the next Board meeting, if the rain holds off!
10. Working on the new flag pole to fly the American Flag. Hoping for a July completion date.
11. Met with David Scheler of the AASCD to receive the approved Soil and Water Conservation Plan.
12. Met with Zion Meer, potential Eagle Scout Project candidate, to discuss possible Eagle Scout stair/ramp project to provide safe access between the upper lawn and the lower field areas of Goshen Farm.

13. Needs Accomplishing:

1. Move the Port-a-Pot outside the fenced area and attach it securely to the metal storage shed, for future use.
2. Purchase lumber and repair the damaged fence rails and pickets to the Soil Health Pit fence. The fence was damaged by falling trees.
3. To install a brown fiberglass flagpole to hold a U.S. Flag and a “1783 Shaw Flag (13 stars).” Flag lighting requirements to be addressed.
4. Contact Jim Rausch, President of The Friends of Kinder Farm Park, for information on the preservation, development, and operation of a “typical working farm in the early 20th century.”
5. 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.
6. Long Term:
 - a. Develop a plan to attack and control rampant growth of trees and vines (invasives) that strangle our growing trees.
 - b. Continue descriptions of planned activities listed in the Grounds Master Use Plan and continue layout of the grounds.
 - c. Survey the pond site for possible re-development of a shallow environmental pond

Needs Approval: For additional hours in the day.

New Business: Decide on the use or development of each room in the Farm House (bathroom, kitchen, etc.).

June 14, 2014

History Committee Report

Spoke with Shannon Green. Records should be finished in the next several weeks.

Trying to arrange a meeting with people from the Third Haven Meeting house in Easton to discuss Henry Woolchurch and his family.

There are no urgent needs at this time.

Scott Powers

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

June 18, 2014

Submitted by Becky Benner on June 13, 2014

MEMBER TOTALS for 2014

- Members who either joined or renewed since September 8, 2013, and whose memberships thus expire December 31, 2014.

Residents

Resident Individuals = 25

Resident Households = 69

Corporate = 8

Includes

0 new Individual member

0 renewal Individual members

04 new Household members

1 renewal Household members ()

0 new Corporate member

Total = 102 resident members

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 21

Non-resident Households = 19

Corporate = 9

Includes

0 new Individual members

0 renewal Individual members

2 new Household members ()

0 renewal Household member

1 new Corporate member

Total = 49 non-resident members

2014 Total = 151 overall memberships

- Awaiting three completed forms from the Strawberry Festival that mistakenly bypassed the Membership Chair

ACCOMPLISHED

- Send acknowledgement letters to renewals and/or new members
- Updated 2014 membership database
- Mailed membership packets (consisting of Welcome Letter, Overview of Goshen Farm History, Benefits, Listing of Board of Directors, and a Map of Goshen Farm) to new/renewed members
- Worked with Garden Chair and Sharing Garden Steering Committee on several gardening difficulties
- Letters of acknowledgement and thanks to Mary Alexander, Peter Morrill, and Melissa Archer of the Maryland Historical Trust for their time, brief investigations, and observations of the Goshen Farm House

TO DO ITEMS

- Meet with June Hall, Captain Avery Museum, regarding success of multi-pronged membership drives (direct mailing, e-mail messages, presence at community functions, etc.) and resulting acknowledgement packets
- Meet with Angela Yan, Steppingstone Museum, regarding multiple activities sponsored by farm museum, grants, membership, etc., and successes in each avenue of effort. Meeting to take place after schools adjourn for summer.
- Meet with Jesse Gagnon, Marshall Steam Museum and Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve, regarding interaction with local schools and success with building membership base. Meeting to take place after schools adjourn for summer
- Meet with Diane and Jim Rausch, The Friends of Kinder Farm Park, for avenues of building membership base(s)
- Meet with Wayne Gilchrest, Sassafra Environmental Education Center, regarding educational incentives, natural environment exposure, and potential lesson plans for raising Anne Arundel County Public Schools' environmental literacy / outdoor school
- Meet with Jim Morrison, Friends of Hancock Resolution, a second time to discuss partnerships and relationships with other historic agencies
- Attend bee keeping demonstrations and talks sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners. (Initial date was rained out.)
- Resume oral history interviews

NOTE

- June 2013 = 137 overall memberships; June 2014 = 151 overall memberships
- May 2013 = 134 overall memberships; May 2014 = 146 overall memberships
- April 2013 = 118 overall memberships; April 2014 = 135 overall memberships