

## Events Reports April 2015

### Spring Open House combined with Maryland Day-March 21

- Event was a big success. The weather held out. We had over 300 attendees
  - Sales included: 9 sweatshirts, 5 new t-shirts, 1 vintage t-shirt, 11 memberships, 6 garden plots, \$354 in cash donations. The cost of event was \$232- brought in \$1633- for a profit of \$1401.
  - Issues brought to my attention: volunteers need to check in with Chair when they arrive and/or bring anything not on the menu so proper signage and pricing can be determined, as well as procedures.
  - Any other issues?

### Java & Jazz- April 19th

- I have \$230 in sponsorship funds
- Food will be provided prepared by Lou, Smitty, Becky and Barb
- Will need volunteers for set up especially and breakdown, to run food and coffee tables, work merchandise table.

### Kayak/SUP Raffle-

- I have tickets- I would like each Board member to take at least 10 to sell.
- Tickets are on sale online. We need to continue to promote this raffle.

### Strawberry Festival-June 6<sup>th</sup>

- Do we want to create a float for this?
- I will create a volunteer sheet for the May meeting- need to pay for this event.

### Summer Fundraiser- July 31<sup>st</sup> (possible change to this)

- I have recruited a college student, who is studying Event Planning to help with this event
  - Clubhouse is reserved

### Wine Event- TBD

### Harvest Dinner- Sept 19<sup>th</sup>-

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

### Fall Open House- October 10<sup>th</sup>-

- 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:

- Still would like to do a Survey Monkey-
- Phantom Ball fundraiser- need to determine timing- Early Dec. for tax purposes?
- Mulch sale for the Fall?

### Requiring Board Approval/Discussion

## Goshen Farm Sharing Garden Committee Report for April 2015

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

### **Accomplished:**

1. All 8 open Sharing Garden plots rented. Most are new GFPS members as well.
2. Dr. Frank Gouin presented to around 100 attendees at the March 2015 Sharing Garden Meeting
3. High Tunnel assets were shared with the CSC Garden Club for growing out their plants for their May Sale
4. 200 tomato plants were started for summer production
5. Veterans Compost delivered to various Sharing Garden members.
6. BB&T Arnold Branch employees commit to establish historic African-American garden

### **Needs Accomplishing:**

1. Short Term:
  - a. Finish replanting High Tunnel and start Jetstar tomatoes for High Tunnel
  - b. Maintain and improve Spring garden appearance
  - c. Establish initial educational workshops for high tunnel usage.
  - d. Recruit community groups for classes and work projects
  - e. 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. Thirty-seven Midshipmen assisted Goshen Farm and the Natural Resources Conservation Service on five projects on the grounds of Goshen Farm. These MAG volunteers worked in five separate areas:
  - a. The first was the future site of the Memorial Grove. A 100' by 50' area will be planted with approximately 18 White Oak (Maryland's State Tree) trees Fall of 2015.
  - b. The second area was the future site of the Goshen Orchard. A 100' by 30' area will be planted with 25 orchard trees Fall of 2015.
  - c. The third area was the site of the African-American Memorial Garden (a garden named for former slaves that worked on the property in the early 1800's). This garden will be approximately 35' by 35' planted with plants and vegetables eaten by the slave population of that time.
  - d. The fourth area involved the continued clearing of the future wildlife pond and measured about 50' by 25'. Most of the wildlife pond will measure eighteen inches deep with up to 25% measuring 24 inches deep.
  - e. The fifth area involved digging the foundation for the Goshen Farm Flagpole. The foundation was dug to 4.5 feet and measured about 2.5 feet by 4 foot.
2. Part of this April 11th "Work Day on the Farm" involved one Educational Workshop on Soil Health conducted by Dean Cowherd at the Soil Health Pit.
3. Midshipmen Peter Guo, led the MAG volunteers on this 8 AM to 1 PM adventure. Thank you, Miriam Stanic (USNA) and Dean Cowherd (NRCS) on making the day's activities VERY SUCCESSFUL. Thank you also goes out to all those Goshen Helpers who made this activity possible!
4. Rented two truckloads of equipment and safety items for use by the MAG on the "Work Day on the Farm" from the Baltimore Community Tool Bank.
5. Cut thousands of vines and hundreds of trees ranging in size from two inches to over 20 inches preparing the five work areas for the MAG activities
6. Developed schedule/programs/handouts/signs for the April 11<sup>th</sup> MAG "Work Day at the Farm."
7. Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District continued its soil boring investigation required in connection with their design work on the wildlife pond.
8. Constructed 5 gourd birdhouses and hung them around the Farm House.
9. Installed a twelve-room, "Martin House" near the future wildlife pond. The birdhouse was donated to GFPS.
10. Assisted in the Goshen Farm/Maryland Day activities held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Goshen Farm. A good time was had by all, approximately 300 visitors. Parking in the previously snow-covered lot was exciting; Rose Mary Stocker, Patty Feldt, and others saved the day by hauling load after load of wood chips to help the visitors' cars safely exit the parking lot.
11. Arranged for Dr. Francis R. Gouin to speak on "Maximizing Crop Production in Limited Areas" hosted by our Goshen Farm Sharing Garden held at the Broadneck Community Library on March 24<sup>th</sup> to a standing-room-only crowd of one-hundred members and guests. The discussion started shortly after 7 PM and covered many, many subjects on gardening and ended with the Library's closing at 9 PM. Thank you, Terry Brandon for hosting this well-received activity and community outreach.
12. Participated in a preliminary meeting with Lou, Terry, and Larry Jennings concerning a Sustainable Chesapeake Festival at Goshen Farm as a fund raiser. Sustainable oystering is the initial thrust promoted by Larry Jennings.
13. Possibly, the most intense activity at Goshen Farm took place after the MAG contingent and the associated Goshen Helpers left Goshen Farm Saturday afternoon. Observed Lyle Wallace and his father, Erik, transfer the first honeybees from their travel case to the first Bee Hive at Goshen Farm on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Lyle is installing and maintaining two Honey Bee Hives as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Lyle's bee hive assistance will continue for one year, then Goshen Farm will continue to maintain the two hives. Anchored the hives to a

concrete slab to assist Lyle with the installation of the first of the two hives. The hives reside in the area of the former Goshen Barn.

14. Met with Dr. Joni Jones-Floyd, Bannecker Douglas Museum, Miriam Stanicic (USNA), Mianna Jopp (USNA), Dean Cowherd (NRCS), Lou, Terry, and Becky. Introduced Dr. Floyd to Goshen Farm and discussed a potential relationship between organizations.
15. Adjusted the exterior security lights in an attempt for them to function as designed (still not quite there).

**Needs Accomplishing:**

1. Need to correct security lighting at the Farm House.
2. Need to return the rental equipment to the Baltimore Community Tool Bank.
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 20<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 trying to tie into county water near Goshen Farm.
  - e. Pursue composting toilets, regular toilets connected to a septic system, or connecting modern toilets to the county sewer system.
  - f. Paving or improving the driving surface of the Goshen Farm driveway.

**Needs Approval:** N/A

**New Business:**

1. The Farm House’s faux windows have not been properly remounted per the contract.
2. Security Camera – what is the status?
3. When asked about the donation of new windows, what should our response be to what guarantee is there that this donation will be permanent? Maybe we should have a GFPS suggested answer/policy.

**History Committee Report April 11, 2015**

Continuing to transcribe the documents from Chip Pettibone. Should be finished within 2 weeks.

No urgent needs at this time.

Scott Powers

# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

April 15, 2015

Submitted by Becky Benner on April 10, 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 = 20

Resident Households = 58

Corporate = 9

#### Includes

2 new Individual members

3 renewal Individual members

4 new Household members

6 renewal Household members

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 87 resident members

### Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 20

Non-resident Households = 26

Corporate = 8

#### Includes

1 new Individual member

7 renewal Individual members

6 new Household members

2 renewal Household members

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 54 non-resident members

**2015 Total = 141 overall memberships**

## ACCOMPLISHED

- Met with Gretchen Stuecker and Margaret Wein of BB&T Arnold and two other Board of Director members. Discussed BB&T Arnold's 2015 Lighthouse project and the possibility that the Arnold employees would create an African-American garden at Goshen Farm.
- Helped Garden Chair prepare for Open House/Celebrate Maryland Day by transplanting lettuce and beet starters in the High Tunnel.
- Attended lecture at Historic London Town and Gardens. Presentation described the research, archeological dig, and resulting building of reconstruction of Brown's Carpenter Shop. Contacts for colonial building reconstruction gathered as potential for future Goshen Farm rebuilding.
- Assisted Garden Chair's set-up for Dr. Francis R. Gouin's *Maximizing Crop Production in Limited Space* by providing and setting-up light refreshments area
- Met with USNA's Jopp and Stancic and Baenekker-Douglas' Jones-Floyd and four other Board of Directors to discuss potential partnerships.
- Met with Wendi Winters and three other Board of Directors to provide Sharing Garden and High Tunnel information for her coming article in *The Capital's* Home and Garden issue.

- Attended Anne Arundel County Public Library's (at the West Street Regional Library) *Proposal Writing & Budgeting Basics*. Presentation provided new information and underscored previous seminars given by the AACPL on proposal writing.

## **OPEN HOUSE/CELEBRATE MARYLAND DAY SURVEY RESULTS**

- Voting for Current/Suggested Activities:
  - 46 Artists' Access Day at Goshen Farm
  - 55 Concerts on the Silo Foundation
  - 65 Gardening Seminars and Demonstrations
  - 52 Goshen Farm Orchard (1783-era fruit trees)
  - 30 Guided Night-time Hiking
  - 17 Guided Tours of the Farm House
  - 15 Guided Tours of Goshen Farm
  - 48 Harvest Dinner
  - 41 Java and Jazz
  - 11 Memorial Grove
  - 56 Picnics
  - 91 Movies on the Hill
  - 45 Overnight Camping
  - 4 Other suggestions
    - + Yoga in the Field
    - + Artist Entry Day (pay to enter contest; paint/photos of property; judged; reward = show in a local gallery)
    - + Tea Parties on the Lawn
    - + Friday Happy Hour (summer evenings; family outing; fire pits; food; band)
- Visitors' Statistics (70 responses)
  - Visited before: 22 = Yes; 46 = No
  - Heard about: 11 = email; friend = 4; newspaper = 11; online = 19; poster = 6; radio = 0; road signs = 16
  - Distance travelled: 23 = less than 1 mile; 31 = 1-5 miles; 15 = more than 5 miles

## **TO DO ITEMS**

- Gather Board of Directors' completed *Post-event Data Requested by Four Rivers Heritage Area* sheets
- Attend The Capital's PR Bazaar (April 13) for new media contact information and new networking contacts.
- 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.

## **NOTE**

- April 2014 = 135 overall memberships; April 2015 = 141 overall memberships
- March 2014 = 129 overall memberships; March 2015 = 102 overall memberships
- February 2014 = 117 overall memberships; February 2015 = 93 overall memberships