

Events Reports May 2015

Java & Jazz- April 19th

- This event brought in \$625, we received \$350 in sponsorships- \$120 went to pay for clubhouse, leaving \$230 for food. The Biondis spent \$102 (to be reimbursed) and donated \$16 worth, I spent \$30 on food to be reimbursed (would have paid a caterer) and then another \$52 on coffee which would have not been part of the food expense and is used for other events. We sold 28 Kayak tickets, 1 sweatshirt, 3 memberships and \$371 in cash donations.
- Is the time and expense worth \$625? Maybe time to switch things up?

Kayak/SUP Raffle-

- Ticket sales are low, have only sold 51- via online, and at Java and Jazz. I have 120 out with members to sell.
- Colorfire has posted it twice and sent the notice to the Master List.

Strawberry Festival-June 6th

- Need help in the booth - please sign up

Summer Fundraiser-

- We met on May 13 to discuss the event, came up with some great ideas. We have to work out a few details.
- We will need help from members to pull this off.

Wine Event- TBD

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:

- Still would like to do a Survey Monkey-
- 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.

Notes on Summer Fundraiser

Name: Goshen Farm Summer Crush Dinner Dance

July 31st from 7-11

Food: seek donations or cost of BBQ items from Mission BBQ, Red Hot and Blue, an outside vendor (Jay Knows). Get side items ala carte: potato salad- RHB, Cole Slaw- Chic Fi La (Karen Jones), Oysters from MD Oyster Growers (Larry Jennings) – half shell/roasted/fried- Per Plate

Appetizers: buffet style- veggies, cheese

Beverages: Beer/Wine and Signature Orange Crush, Sodas and Water, oyster shooters

Dessert: Banana Pudding RHB, Watermelon and/or fruit salad

Music- contact Brandt Dunn- does his band play dance type stuff- go see them play

Silent Auction, 50/50, money-prize wheel

Ticket Cost – TBD regarding food cost \$35-45- will include plate of BBQ choice, sides, dessert, appet and 1 or 2 drinks. More drinks and/or oysters can be purchased a la cart

Decorations: Beach/summer

ASAP- Seek Sponsors

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

Accomplished:

1. Sharing Garden Meeting and seed exchange at Broadneck Library April 28
2. 180 heads of lettuce delivered to Food Link for distribution to needy families
3. High Tunnel assets shared with the CSC Garden Club successfully completed on May 15
4. 70 tomato plants and supportive trellising installed in high tunnel
5. Sharing Garden continues fully occupied and well tended.
6. BB&T Arnold Branch employees planning completed to establish historic Slave Garden
7. Automatic exhaust fan installed in high tunnel.
8. 100 third graders from Cape St. Claire Elementary introduced to Sharing Garden and high tunnel operation.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Notify two gardeners that plots must be planted by June 1
 - b. Maintain and improve Summer 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

The Grounds' Chair will not be present at the May Board Meeting.**Accomplished:**

1. After the MAG group started clearing about 25' into the proposed Memorial Grove area, I continued to clear an additional 100 feet. A 140'x50' area is anticipated and will be planted with approximately 18 - 25 White Oak (Maryland's State Tree) trees on September 29, 2015.
2. Using the Goshen mower, I cut down most of the future Goshen Orchard area. A 100'x30' area will be planted with 25 orchard trees also on September 29, 2015.
3. The third area is the proposed 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'x35' and planted with plants and vegetables eaten by the slave population of that time. The BB&T Arnold personnel have committed \$1000 towards building this specific garden area. It is anticipated that this "Slave" Garden will be completed by June 30, 2015.
4. The fourth area of continued clearing is the future Wildlife Pond and will eventually result in an area of about 4,000 square feet. 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 provide possible ice-skating in the winter.
5. The fifth area in which the MAG was involved was digging the foundation for the Goshen Farm Flagpole. The foundation is currently 4.5' deep and measures about 2.5'x4' in width. The plans call for this depth to be 6'. Thus, a little more digging is required. The flagpole has received the first of three coats of paint. Installation will begin once the concrete foundation has been poured and allowed to cure.
6. Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District has completed the GFPS Wildlife Pond design and is awaiting final internal approval.
7. Constructed 5 gourd birdhouses and hung them around the Farm House to entice robins, wrens, or other birds to nest.
8. Lyle Wallace, working on his Eagle Scout project, installed his first hive of honey bees. It has been on site for one month and the bees appear to be thriving. The hive resides in the area of the former Goshen Barn.
9. Tony Tuckfield (tonytuckfield01@gmail.com) another Eagle Scout candidate is considering a project at Goshen Farm. We have exchanged several emails, and at this time, he has not committed to a specific project.
10. Leo Brown (410-349-4201, jandjbrown3@gmail.com) is considering developing a "Monarch Way Station" on an area surrounding the honey bee hive. This will be his Eagle Scout Project, if he accepts the proposed project and receives final Boy Scout approval.
11. On May 14, Goshen Farm was proud to have approximately 100 3rd grade students from the Cape St. Claire Elementary School visit Goshen Farm to LEARN! These students moved to three learning stations. Station #1 covered general soils' information with Dean Cowherd, NRCS, who used the lower field and the Soil Health Pit; at Station # 2, students constructed a soil profile with three different soil textures, in a sealed tube lead by parent volunteers under the Goshen Farm holly trees; and at Station #3, Garden Chair Brandon discussed greenhouse properties using the High Tunnel as the prop and, in the Sharing Garden he discussed vegetable plants and pollination. I am not sure whether the students, the teachers, the 10+ parent volunteers, or our 3 Goshen representatives had the most fun.

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. We are scheduled to have the “Slave Garden (a name tentatively approved by Jane Cox in the recent week), the Goshen Orchard, and hopefully, some of the Memorial Grove grubbed and graded in preparation for the future planting. This is if all goes according to planning, since Becky and I will be travelling during the scheduled front-end loader work by Tom Superczynski.
3. Once the three new gardens are grubbed and somewhat leveled (flattened), need to measure the actual sizes of these three new areas. The “Slave” Garden has the highest priority, since BB&T Arnold has requested that this garden be completed by June 30th. The actual size affects the length of fencing (provided by BB&T) surrounding this garden. The actual size of the Memorial Grove may actually be increased over first estimated size.
4. 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.”
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. **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.

Needs Approval: N/A

New Business:

1. Security Camera(s) – what is the status?
2. 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 when asked these or similar questions!

History Committee Report May 19, 2015

Compiled, scanned, and sent our intern information on Margaret Tydings last week.

Currently working with Chip Pettibone on the genealogy and relationships of the Pettebone, Gardiner, Stinchcomb, and other related families.

No urgent needs at this time.

Scott Powers

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

May 20, 2015

Submitted by Becky Benner on May 16, 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 = 21

Resident Households = 59

Corporate = 9

Includes

0 new Individual member

0 renewal Individual member

1 new Household member

1 renewal Household member

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 89 resident members

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 21

Non-resident Households = 27

Corporate = 8

Includes

1 new Individual member

0 renewal Individual member

1 new Household member

0 renewal Household member

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 56 non-resident members

2015 Total = 145 overall memberships

ACCOMPLISHED

- Provided fruit trays for Java and Jazz event.
- Helped stage areas of Goshen Farm in preparation for Dr. Arlotto's visit in April which introduced him to the value of Goshen Farm. Worked with instructors and classes from CSC Elementary School and Broadneck High School. Also assisted NRCS, Garden Chair, and XXX
- Set-up and assisted during Broadneck High School's Faculty Professional Half Day held at Goshen Farm.
- Interviewed potential candidate for PVA summer internship. Expectations and proposed results were discussed with Victoria Garbesi.
- Gretchen Stuecker and Margaret Wein of BB&T Arnold visited Goshen Farm. Both were enthralled with the property and finalized Goshen Farm as the location for the BB&T Arnold's 2015 Lighthouse Project. The employees will create an African-American garden at Goshen Farm. The completion date must be June 30; BB&T provides \$1000 which must be used for

supplies such as fencing, seeds, plants; employees' labor, etc. No commercial labor is underwritten by BB&T Arnold.

- Helped harvest Tom Thumb heirloom lettuce in the High Tunnel. The lettuce was donated to Food Link, Inc. of Maryland.
- Visited Claggett Farm in Prince George's County during annual Open House. Saw Clivis Composting Toilets and discussed advantages and disadvantages of system with CBF staff. Spoke with Chesapeake Bay Foundation educational staff regarding environmental demonstrations. Explored Farm for potential uses and ideas that may be applied to Goshen Farm.
- Assisted during soil health education demonstrations for CSCES third graders.

TO DO ITEMS

- Gather Board of Directors' completed *Post-event Data Requested by Four Rivers Heritage Area* sheets for May 28th meeting.
- Return trip 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. Facts will be used to supplement BB&T employees' research
- 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

- May 2014 = 146 overall memberships; May 2015 = 145 overall memberships
- April 2014 = 135 overall memberships; April 2015 = 141 overall memberships
- March 2014 = 129 overall memberships; March 2015 = 102 overall memberships