

## President's Report – April 20, 2016

Spent most of my time working on the Spring Open House.

### Performing and Visual Arts Magnet Program

- Scott, Becky, and I had a pre-production meeting with Brian Hissong, a private production contractor hired by AACPS to produce a video of Victoria Garbesi's historic re-enactment at the Spring Open House.
- We have had four intern applications from the Performing and Visual Arts Internship Program. Scott, Barbara, and I interviewed Kohner (pronounced Conner) Evans. We laid out some options and she said she would like to write the history of the GFPS from its inception. She will be interviewing Barbara Morgan, Stu & Karen Baily, Joan Michinchick, Paul Lanni, Jason Brown, and Michael Robinson. She may also interview Michael Bush and Cathy Vitale. She will also review notes and meeting minutes to produce the document.
- We have scheduled an interview with Peyton Hunt for April 30, 2016. We have offered interviews on the same day to James Walker and Emily Miller. They have not yet responded

Completed and placed the order with Charitees, LLC for tee-shirts and sweat shirts. They came in on April 14, 2014. Total cost was \$874.47. Jeff and I will talk about hats after the Open House.

Placed order for memorial plaque for Elaine Barnhart. Should be able to pick it up on Monday, April 18, 2016.

Attended the PR Bazaar sponsored by The Capital. Fewer speakers to interact with. Made a couple of good contacts for possible feature articles on Goshen Farm. Will shoot for getting those published in conjunction with the Fall Open House.

Helped Michael Buchet and Linda Beck put the final coat of paint and faux windows on the cottage.

Arranged for the transition to Goshenfarm.org email. Shannon quoted me a cost of \$5.00 per account per year. It turns out the cost per email account is \$5.00 per account per month. I will cover the cost for the rest of the year, but it needs to be included in next year's budget.

After the Open House, I will concentrate on recruiting volunteers to work on the web site and provide communications support.

## Goshen Farm Building & Maintenance Report

April 19, 2016

Monthly Summary: The exterior of the caretakers cottage was painted. Electrician moved main electrical service panel to the meeting room.

### Activity This Month:

1. New Electrical service project: Roy Benner met the electrician [dave@connect-electric.com](mailto: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.
2. Caretakers cottage: Completed the prep work, oil based primer then a color topcoat (latex, sherwin williams historical green) and trim painting (white). Windows plywood was repaired/replaced and painted with faux windows. Budget was \$400 (approved last meeting) and spent about \$350 (summary of cost is still in work). The volunteer work on this was amazing! Michael Bouchet and Linda Beck were critical in donating the top coat paint and bringing their sprayer for both primer and top coat days. Others included: Terry Brandon, Barb Morgan, Roy & Becky Benner, Smitty and Lou Biondi, Bill Klocko.
3. 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.
4. Administrative: None

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## Communications Report – April 20, 2016

### Spring Open House

- Arranged for the design and printing of the Open House posters.
- Sent out publicity to a variety of media outlets. The scheduled interview with Michael Buckley did not occur. He did not show up and did not respond to my follow up email. Becky Benner volunteered to send announcements to a variety of columns in *The Capital*.
- Attended a training session on Word Press at Color Fire with Terry Brandon.

### Color Fire

Our support from Color Fire ends in May. I will schedule a meeting with Shannon Lepthien Beauchamp to discuss what ongoing support we may expect. We need to recruit a web master and we need to learn how to use mail chimp.

## Events Report – April 20, 2016

### Spring Open House

- Developed the tentative schedule for volunteers and for events during the open house. I want to thank Terry Brandon for helping to recruit volunteer workers and people to bake cookies. We are fully staffed for the event and should have at least a gross of cookies for sale.
- Set the menu, which will include oysters thanks to Larry Jennings. Will make food purchases this week and make the pulled pork for sandwiches.
- Val Sullivan has agreed to donate the non-alcoholic beer to go with the oysters.
- Set the prices for food items. As suggested from last year, we will serve 1/3 lb. burgers again and the price will go from \$3.00 to \$3.00.
- Purchased and donated a six burner grill with a side burner capable of cooking 30 burgers at a time. Thanks to Roy Benner for helping me unload it and set it up.
- Sent out publicity to a variety of media outlets. The scheduled interview with Michael Buckley did not occur. He did not show up and did not respond to my follow up email. Becky Benner volunteered to send announcements to a variety of columns in *The Capital*.
- Scott Powers arranged for the Boy Scouts to handle parking and traffic control. I produced a half-sheet schedule of events that they will hand out to each car as it comes in and get a count of the number of people in the car.
- Smitty and I put up posters at the Cape St. Claire and Bay Hills Shopping Centers and at BB&T bank. Gretchen Stoeker sent her regards to the Board and said the offer of setting up a display for Goshen Farm is still open. I suggest this be done in early August and include a flyer for the Wine Tasting, Fall Open House, and Harvest Dinner.
- Finished the layout for welcome and sales table, Cape Conservation Corp, Oyster sales and float demo, food sales, and our one vendor, Whimsy Cove Arts & Framing. We are not charging Whimsy Cove. This is a trial to see how vendors do.
- This week I will focus on social media posts for the Open House, making the signs for the costs of food, shirts, and the Magothy River Association maps that we will sell for that organization.

### Strawberry Festival

- I will put out a call for volunteers to help with the Strawberry Festival right after the Open House. This year set up must be completed and vehicles out of the area by 9:00

am. Hours for the festival are 11:00 am until 7:00 pm and tear down cannot start until after the festival ends. Three or four people should be able to handle the booth and I will try to recruit people for three hour shifts. That will require about a dozen volunteers for manning the booth and some help with set up and tear down.

- Goshen Farm is the sponsor of the Strawberry Princess competition this year.

### Summer and Fall Events

Planning will begin April 30, 2016. The Wine Tasting will need only three or four volunteers in addition to me and Smitty. As usual, there is virtually no expense since Val Sullivan provides the food and beverages. We are considering hiring a band and extending the hours. More in next month's report.

Planning for the Fall Open House will start at the same time. I hope to expand the Fall Open House to include a musical program and outside food vendors and historic re-enactors. I will ask Board members to handle specific aspects of the Fall Open House to spread the burden and responsibilities. More in next month's report.

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 April 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. This program may expand in May to two days per week
2. Continuing prep of Hoophouse for Bell Pepper Crop and Herb crop
3. Assisted Lou Biondi in finding volunteers for the Open House. All needed jobs are filled
4. Assisted Bob Nestruck with compost deliveries
5. Initiated volunteer group to work on Lowe's grant for Caretaker Cottage. Group presently consist of Terry Brandon, Dave McCormick and Joyce Gooldy. Steve Pugh is working up CAD redesign of Caretakers Cottage to serve as Welcome Center, Gift Shop. Will include cost estimate of materials and labor by section of the building.
6. Received Aquaponics Kit from Michelle Weisgerber at BHS to be used as an educational center for visitors
7. Conduct talks to CSC Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students on April 15. Approx 50 students.

**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 Voluntters F. Slave Garden volunteers and Hosts. G Goshen Farmhouse & Building & Grounds

## Goshen Farm Sharing Garden Committee Report for April 2016

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

### **Accomplished:**

1. 59 of 62 garden plots are rented.
2. Began preparing garden for open house. Broadneck Enclave students weeded garden path.
3. Broadneck Enclave students planted first tomatoes of the season, which were donated by Terry Brandon.

### **Needs Accomplishing:**

1. Short Term:
  - a. Encourage gardeners to attend their plots as soon as possible for Open House.
  - b. Sharing Garden fence needs to be scraped and painted.
  - c. Establish educational workshops for high tunnel usage.
  - d. Compost piles need attending.
  
2. Long Term:
  - a. Improve volunteerism in the Sharing Garden.

**History Committee Report April 17, 2016**

Continuing to assist Ann Brice Worthington with gathering information for her book.

Emily Parks is assisting me with writing biographies of the owners of Goshen.

No urgent needs at this time.

Scott Powers



# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

April 20, 2016

Submitted by Becky Benner on April 17, 2016

## MEMBER TOTALS for 2016

- Members who either joined or renewed since September 19, 2015, and whose memberships thus expire December 31, 2016.

### Residents

Resident Individuals = 20

Resident Households = 59

Corporate = 10

Includes

- 0 new Individual member
- 0 renewal Individual member
- 0 new Household member
- 5 renewal Household members
- 0 new Corporate member
- 1 renewal Corporate member

Total = 89 resident members

### Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 20

Non-resident Households = 27

Corporate = 7

Includes

- 0 new Individual member
- 1 renewal Individual member
- 2 new Household members
- 0 renewal Household members
- 0 new Corporate member
- 0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 54 non-resident members

**2016 Total = 143 overall memberships**

## ACCOMPLISHED

- Attended a presentation by Dr. Farley Grubb, Professor and NBER Research Associate in the Economics Department at the University of Delaware, at Historic London Town & Gardens. Dr. Grubb discussed how Maryland planters became the recipient of and valued convict labor – Dr. Grubb drew comparisons of the precipitating criminality and the forced expulsion from Britain to the Colonies. Although interesting, the presentation did not appear to verify any impact the land owners on Broadneck Peninsula.
- Visited Dudley Farm, a Florida “...Historic State Park...a rare example of an early Florida Farm, one that remains essentially intact and still capable of functioning as a farm.” Spent several hours roaming the farmstead and listening to the cell phone tour. (Great idea for a Performance and Visual Arts internship.) Spoke with a volunteer, purchased, and obtained handouts for educational programs, exhibits, special events, and

ideas that GFPS could incorporate into onsite programs, presentations to other organizations, or for viral or physical handouts.

- Visited the Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly, NC. Begun by a group of local families, the Museum attempts to show what life was like for families in rural farming communities. Spoke with a knowledgeable staff member who provided many handouts for educational programs, exhibits, special events, and ideas that GFPS could incorporate into onsite programs, presentations to other organizations, or for viral or physical handouts. Provided information on the grant that paid for a flat-wall television and video for patrons of the Visitors' Center. Purchased cotton and tobacco seeds to plant in the Goshen Farm "fields."
- Attended "PR Bazaar," hosted by Wendi Winters of *The Capital*. Obtained new contacts' information and spoke with *Bay Weekly's* Sandra Olivetti Martin about an article celebrating bees and incorporating Goshen Farm's Apiary into the content.
- Assisted Acting Events Chair in posting information about the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Spring Open House on numerous on-line calendars.
- Assisted Grounds Chair by removing invasive vines around the exterior of the Soil Health Pond and cleaning the Shallow Wildlife Pond of rocks, branches, and debris. (Didn't disturb the 5-foot snake which eventually left the pond area...)
- Assisted Linda Beck and Smitty Biondi in painting the background for the faux windows of the Caretaker's Cottage.
- Attended the Four Rivers Heritage Area Education Meeting. Carol Benson announced that in her annual report to the Maryland Heritage Area Authority, she requested that the current FRHA be expanded to include most of Anne Arundel County. She noted to the MHAA that here are many historical houses, land, water, areas, and stories in the northern and western part of the County that are currently excluded from administrative and financial assistance that MHAA provides. Carol cautioned that this request is the beginning of a two-year (or more) process to broaden the FRHA boundaries.

#### **TO DO ITEMS**

- Review and complete edits for GFPS
  - Bi-fold brochure
  - Service Project Guidelines / Application / Consultation and Review documents
  - Customs and Courtesies Policy
- Resume oral history interviews

#### **NOTE**

- April 2015 = 141 overall memberships; April 2016 = 143 overall memberships
- March 2015 = 145 overall memberships; March 2016 = 135 overall memberships
- February 2015 = 98 overall memberships; February 2016 = 124 overall memberships

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None at this time