

President's Report – June 15, 2016

Performing and Visual Arts Magnet Program

- Brian Hissong delivered two videos to Jeff Harrison, whom I believe is the Program Manager for the PVA Program, and Sheila Giles-Wilson, whose title I do not know, on or about June 1, 2016. He provided a link to the VIMEO site along with login and password information so I could review the final product. I forwarded this information to the Board of Directors on June 3, 2016. I did this after asking Jeff & Sheila for a copy of the videos and requesting direction on how the videos could or should be shared and receiving no response. I later shared the information with Michael Buchet, Larry Jennings, Barbara Morgan, and Nylca Vandillen, Internship Facilitator for the PVA Magnet Program. She had not been informed that the videos had been completed. I do not know with whom Nylca may have shared the link.

On June 7, 2016, Brian placed copies of the videos in our drop box and I downloaded the files. I can burn DVDs of these files when needed. At this juncture I would like to have the videos posted on our website and on You Tube.

- I have obtained the pictures from Samuel Lo, a PVA student, who volunteered to photograph the Open House. They have been edited and are ready for posting.

Constellation Energy Grant Application

On June 10, 2016 we received notification from Carrie Stockwell at Constellation Energy that Goshen Farm Preservation Society, Inc. had been awarded the grant proposal to receive monies to put in the erosion abatement diversions.

Strategic Planning

Lou will be sending Kate Mahood our Business Plan, Roy's Master Plan for grounds, Mission Statement, By-Laws, Mission Statement, and BoE Lease. He will cc the committee members so they can add any other pertinent documents if necessary. (Action Item: 232-05-16)

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.

Strategic Planning Committee

The first committee meeting was held on June 14, 2016

Memorandum of Understanding

I still have not heard back from Dr. Arlotto concerning the status of the MOU. I will send him an email within the next seven days asking for an update, stressing the need to have the MOU in place for our event planning purposes, and stressing the activities we have conducted for 500 students over the last year.

Goshen Farm Building & Maintenance Report

June 10, 2016

Monthly Summary: Continue to develop plan for a bathroom for LOWES grant.

Activity This Month:

1. Lowes grant bathroom project: Lowes grant unlikely to approve over \$25k
 - a. Shared stand alone bathroom plan with architect Teresa Todd (but see below options) Bathroom plan: Sketched and roughly costed 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.
 - b. Contacted LOWES and spoke with manager Donald Terry. He said our organization is perfect with community involvement and education. We are also NOT govt/school board and it helps us. He did not seem too interested in what we would actually build with the money. He seems trained in at least a minimal knowledge of the grant. He said to proceed with the on line application.
 - c. Meeting with Teresa Todd;
 - i. It is huge to have Teresa involved with Goshen after a short hiatus (she had some sketches for the caretakers cottage she showed me).
 - ii. After looking at the options and the Farmhouse we think the best option may be to pursue now may be an ADA bathroom in the 1935 bathroom section of the house.
 1. Step 1 Teresa will go to the County Health dept. and see what records are there for septic at 1420 CSC Rd. If anyone knows of multiple or alternate addresses that should be queried. Let us know!
 2. I will snake drain pipe with helper and try to determine the path of pipe and search for tank access, vents or anything related to septic system. Anyone with knowledge please forward.
 3. Get an estimate from septic company for a system evaluation. So far I have spoken with two people at statewide (our port o potty vendor) and they say i need to talk with Al the owner for septic work. Of course we would like the cottage septic inspected if we can find anywhere to start. It might be expensive if contractor has to search 8 hours to look at our system. They did tell me that an in-ground tank install requires licensed contractor and they can pump out up to 150 ft away from truck by hose. I would want to verify this with other contractors if we ever consider this over 100 ft from where their largest truck could go (parking area).

4. Find previous sketches of ADA bathroom plan for farmhouse and show to Teresa. I think Teresa will refine the plan with better drawings. Perhaps she will generate a full set of what is needed for permit but I hesitate to ask such a favor. I think we may need a report for AACSB facilities review for this extensive activity? Teresa also said she wanted to do proper drawings of the farmhouse and site layout!! Were any drawings given to us in CAD electronic version? Might save some work.
 5. We discussed exterior door with ramp to access the bathroom, she knows of someone removing an unwanted ramp so we may get some handrails for free.
 6. Need to cost out this farmhouse ADA bathroom idea. We think we will plan for both the first and second story bathrooms to be redone. If cost exceeds \$25k perhaps we only show the first floor to LOWES grant.
- d. Spoke with plumber Young at strawberry festival. He said Joe Cain at county permit office had been to look at Goshen septic at one time.

NO ACTIVITY on these:

2. Christine at St. Andrews by the Bay
 - a. Youth group 4 days (2hrs/day) in July 11-14 to paint garden fence??
3. 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
4. security system
5. Farmhouse foundation
6. Paint/repair milk house - this is a project we could probably get volunteers on soon if we organized what they need
7. Meeting Room project needs:
 - a. electrical system installation (outlets and lighting)
 - b. Other components and materials must be estimated & obtained. Need plan for floor?
 - c. Recruit volunteers and set date for insulation, dry-walling, trim & paint.

8. Administrative: submitted my expenses for caretaker cottage paint

Compiled by:

Dave McCormick (Goshen Farm Preservation Society Buildings & Maintenance Committee)

Communications Report – June 15, 2016

Color Fire

Met with John Maggio and reached an agreement on continued Color Fire support. Unfortunately, John is no longer with Color Fire. According to Shannon Beauchamp Lepthian, Color Fire will continue to provide support. I provided her with the summary of the meeting with John Maggio, which I had shared with the Board. She said she would review it and get back to me with a response. I have copied the Board on my critical emails to Shannon.

Made a request via email that I provide Color Fire with a “to do” list every Monday to let Shannon know our priorities and get feedback on what support we can expect for the week.

Roy sent me contact information for three individuals who might be able to work on the website. I contacted Todd Lantzy and he said he did not have the required skill set. I decided not to contact Erik Wallace, since he has offered to discuss more Boy Scout involvement with Goshen Farm, possibly tanking on the pavilion as a Boy Scout project. After getting the correct email address, I sent an email to James Barcliff on Monday, June 13th.

With so many things being up in the air with Color Fire, I have not checked the recommended edits and corrections to the web site and pass them on to Shannon.

Events Report – June 15, 2016

Strawberry Festival

Our participation was very successful. We grossed \$919 and sold 171 Kayak Raffle tickets. Thank you emails sent to all volunteers

Summer and Fall Events

Wine Tasting

- Met with Val Sullivan and confirmed that she was comfortable with our attempting to get 200 attendees. She will provide the wine and food and tents and chairs. We will need two pop-ups and four or five tables for the Silent Auction. We will need a small table and two chairs to handle the entrance.
- I have asked Color Fire to use last year's poster and put new date on it. I have designed an 8 ½ x 11 flyer that I will send to Board Members so they can forward to friends and neighbors to help boost attendance. Board support will be critical.

Fall Open House

Planning for the Fall Open House has been delayed. I will try to have a list of activities and responsibilities that will need to have individuals assigned to handle. Then I can start recruiting members to sit on the committee. This will have to be done carefully so it does not conflict with the Harvest Dinner, which will occur three weeks after the Open House.

Harvest Dinner

The 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 June 2016 Submitted by Terry Brandon Chairman to Lou Biondi

President & GFPS Board

Accomplished:

1. Completed Broadneck HS Enclave Program for School Year 2015-2016 on June 8 2016. New program will resume in September 2016 with a new group coming both Tuesdays and Wednesday 11AM- 1PM. Group finished by working on vines in woods trails and on the main road.
2. Continuing cultivation of Hoophouse for Bell Pepper Crop
3. Assisted in Hosting 4 High School Environmental Science classes under Mr. Bem and Ms Bourgois.\
4. Assisted in Hosting 100 3rd grades students with Garden & Hoophouse talks
5. Assisted in Hosting 50 Kindergarten students and teachers in Garden & Hoophouse talks
6. Assisted getting volunteers to grow tomatoes for the Fall Harvest Festival
7. 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
8. Worked with Kara Maddox and Roy Benner to till and replant HH Slave Garden
9. Planned Bea Griffith presentation on June 25 for new Goshen Members.
10. Bought and placed picnic tables purchased by MSEA grant monies
11. Toured Benjamin Banneker Memorial of original 18th century log house on 135 acres in Catonsville including Spring & Ice Pond, Bee Hives, African American Wattle enclosed garden, Colonial Kitchen Garden, Community Garden, and June 9 Colonial Market Fair included Colonial blacksmith, woodworker, Lace makers, Colonial musicians and dancers finding many lessons for Goshen Farm.
12. Toured Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad using Smartphone app with dramatic presentations at each stop in Dorchester County.

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
 - d. Continue dialog with Lowe's regarding \$25K grant
2. Long Term
 - a. Follow up with June 14 Master Plan meeting
 - b. Research "app" building configuration for Goshen Farm using high school interns and member volunteers

Goshen Farm Sharing Garden Committee Report for June 2016

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

Accomplished:

1. All 62 garden plots maintained and looking good.
2. Broadneck Enclave students reaped a bounty of strawberries and other veggies!
3. 11 Gardeners donated tomato plants and plot space for Harvest Dinner
4. HugelKultur 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 to be scraped and painted in Fall.
 - 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 Weather station.

Accomplished:

1. Cut grass of Goshen Farm three times, since last month's report. The grass is growing very well, given the favorable growing conditions of the last month.
2. A mower belt for the Gravely Mower broke and it has been back ordered for several weeks. Meanwhile, a Craftsman 24 horsepower Lawn Tractor was purchased through a donation and has been cutting the grass for the last two cutting times.
3. Paul Bunting has been briefed on the Goshen Mowers and cutting the grass during Roy's absence this summer.
4. Our Apiary name or ID number assigned by the Maryland Department of Agriculture was posted on our Apiary. Our Registration Number is #53485 and is required at the Apiary.
5. Assisted with the visit of three first grade classes from CSC Elementary School.
6. Visited the USNA for the Awards Ceremony of Graduating MAG personnel Peter Guo, Susan Funk and Cesar Segura.
7. Hosted a picnic for three MAG personnel and families at Goshen Farm on May 24.
8. Verified that Picorps has painted the new 20-foot metal storage container, which should be delivered on Thursday, June 16.
9. Goshen Farm "Thank You" letters were sent to EDC and Aggregate Industries for their sizeable donations to Goshen Farm.
10. Along with Dean Cowherd of the NRCS, four classes of AP Biology, or AP Environmental Science visited Goshen Farm.
11. Assisted with the visit of three kindergarten classes from the Cape St. Claire Elementary School for observations about the future wildlife pond, the Apiary, and the fox dens. Terry Brandon and Bob Nestruck lead discussions on the Sharing Garden, the hoop house, and the Henson – Hall Slave Garden on Wednesday June 8, 2016.
12. With the help of Bob Nestruck and Paul Bunting -50 eighty pound bags of concrete mix were mixed and poured forming the foundation for the new 30-foot flagpole.
13. The flagpole was lifted for installation in the foundation by Richard's Tree Care boom truck with Benton at the controls. Bob Nestruck assisted Roy in the final placement and securing of the flagpole in the foundation.
14. Had the Environmental Design & Construction LLC, re-roll the partial circle half way up the driveway and the new storage container surface in the lower field.
15. Daisy Troop #10465, had their "Bridging Ceremony from Daisies to Brownies" on June 8th at 6 PM. Leader, Cathy Wasiuta along with co-leaders Joy Tester and Lori Crisafulli assisted the twelve 6-7 year old girls in the ceremony, while viewed by about 35 parents, grandparents, or friends.
16. Electricity was extended to the silver maple tree on the Northeast corner of the Farm House, by burying a conduit from the house to the tree. A spotlight controlled by a photo sensor to light the flag at night is located in the tree.
17. Tony Tuckfield has finally had his steps and railing design approved by the Grounds Chair for his Eagle Scout Project. These steps are for the steep trail leading down to the "Cape Elementary School/Walnut Ridge" main trail.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Figure out why the security lights remains lit for only 3 to 5 seconds when they are activated by motion.
2. Try to get Bud Reeves, the County Forester, to develop woodland Management Plan for Goshen Farm. He has not responded to many messages left on his voicemail.
3. 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.
4. Long Term:

- a. Install a series of wood/conveyor belt type diversions to remove runoff water at several locations down the driveway, rather than carrying all the runoff all the way down the driveway. This will reduce the velocity and volume of the runoff. Additionally, consider expanding our single lane driveway into a two-way drive or other option(s). 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 new water well for Goshen Farm or try to tie into county water system near the Goshen Farm/Cape St. Claire Elementary School property line.
- e. Pursue composting toilets, holding tank(s) with pump outs, regular toilets connected to a septic system, or connecting to the county sewer system. Jim Morrison, of Hancock's Resolution pointed out that after their research into toilet facilities, Hancock's Resolution will be **using a large holding tank** for the bathroom effluent. He states this is a **MUCH cheaper** way to handle toilet facilities in today's world.

Needs Approval:

New Business:

1. Security camera(s) should become a high priority, especially since we now have the needed Wi-Fi.

History Committee Report June 9, 2016

Continuing research for Ann Worthington. Her preliminary draft is due to be completed by 6/15.

Spoke with Nancy Kurtz re the State Historic Marker program. She reviewed all of the documents and concluded that the Goshen Farm does not meet the criteria for a state marker for statewide significance.

She suggests speaking with the county about placement of an alternate sign on Cape St. Claire Rd. She believes that the county may have an existing program, and to contact Jane Cox about that possibility.

No urgent needs at this time.

Scott Powers

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

June 15, 2016

Submitted by Becky Benner on June 11, 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 = 68

Corporate = 10

Includes

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

Total = 98 resident members

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 24

Non-resident Households = 30

Corporate = 7

Includes

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

Total = 61 non-resident members

2016 Total = 159 overall memberships

ACCOMPLISHED

- Attended the U.S. Naval Academy Brigade of Midshipmen Community Service Awards Ceremony. Three of the seventeen midshipmen: Peter Guo (recognized as the 2016 USAA Community Service Award Winner), Susan Funk, and Zachary Dannelly (recipient of the 2016 Navy League Community Service Award Winner), assisted at one or more of the “Work Day at the (Goshen) Farm” events. Represented Goshen Farm Preservation Society with Roy Benner and Lou Biondi.
- Assisted with welcoming Peter Guo and his family with a picnic at Goshen Farm during Peter’s Commissioning Week activities. Midshipmen Susan Funk and Cesar Segura and Miriam Stanicic, Community Relations Director, U.S. Naval Academy, were guests of the Guos and the Goshen Farm Board of Directors.
- Attended the Four Rivers Heritage Area Education Committee meeting. Many topics of discussion were covered. Of interest was “Top Ten...List of Interpretation Preferences”

which listed outdoor history visitors' responses to preferences in experiencing the past at museums and what activities are sought during their visit. Top five: #5 Hands-on activities (51%), #4 Authentic musical performances (54%), #3 Live reenactment of the past (75%), #2 Talking with historically-costumed staff (76%), and #1 Demonstrations, such as crafts or cooking (86%).

- Visited the Johnson Farm (Milepost 86 of the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia) in hopes of procuring information and handouts that could provide inspiration for GFPS' materials, activities, and future projects. Unfortunately, the gift shop was closed. Was given an extensive print-out ("The Johnson Farm at Peaks of Otter Historic Resources Study / Historic Structures Report" by a volunteer at The Roanoke Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau. Several comments and actions discussed in the report prepared under the auspices of the Appalachian Studies Program (Virginia Tech) are applicable to Goshen Farm and should be reviewed and potentially implemented.
- Visited the McCormick Farm (Raphine, VA), home of Cyrus McCormick and the first mechanical reaper, again with the intent to obtain materials and information that could be utilized by Goshen Farm in telling the history of the Farm or enhancing education center offerings. Only one pamphlet and no personnel. However, a former slave cabin (Cyrus McCormick's father owned 17 slaves) has been converted to visitors' restrooms. Photos taken to provide planning and building suggestions. (The two acre site is known as the McCormick Memorial Plot and is owned and maintained by Virginia Tech.)

TO DO ITEMS

- Continue with review and edits for GFPS' projects

NOTE

- June 2015 = 151 overall memberships; June 2016 = 159 overall memberships
- May 2015 = 145 overall memberships; May 2016 = 155 overall memberships
- April 2015 = 141 overall memberships; April 2016 = 143 overall memberships

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time