

## Goshen Farm Building & Maintenance

### Annual Report

2016

January/February/March:

Had PE inspect farmhouse foundation. Mostly it looks good but he needed us to provide more access to some areas. Jane Cox later said it is undesirable to remove flooring and she recommends we contact specialist PE to gain access via the basement and get a foundation report that we could then use to get bids.

Met with security system expert and went through a plan to install system. He did send some prices for a system a few months later but he did not respond after that.

April; New Electrical service project: in May 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.

Completed exterior painting of the cottage.

May: Worked on the plan for LOWES grant, developed a plan for a detached ADA bathroom.

June: Meeting with Teresa Todd about the ADA bathroom

1. It is huge to have Teresa involved with Goshen after a short hiatus (she had some sketches for the caretakers cottage she showed me).
2. 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 farmhouse.
3. 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 online application.

July: Continue to develop plan for a bathroom for LOWES grant. St, Andrews by the Bay Church visit; kids painted porch exterior and some of milk house, sealed picnic tables and grounds work.

Lowes grant bathroom project: Lowes grant unlikely to approve over \$25k. Due date for this cycle is Aug 26 2016 (then March 2017)

Estimate for septic evaluation; spoke with Justin at Robert Beall Services. This is who Teresa Todd recommended. Beall: \$395 for first hour, \$195/hr after that. He

estimates 3 hours if things go smoothly. Last board meeting approved \$1K for this (4 hours). Statewide septic did come to evaluate our site for a bid but never submitted one even after numerous calls.

There was an attempted break in at the cottage 7/14: I saw some evidence of tampering at front door(no damage), Lou downloaded tree cam pictures and contacted AAPD. Lou and I met AAPD 8/1 at the cottage and gave them photos of July incident and January also. Officer ? will contact Detective Keith Doyle who will likely contact school officers.

August : repaired leaking cottage roof; used some existing materials that had been previously donated

September; Farmhouse electrical system urgent work and water well system pressure tank maintenance.

Boyscouts with power tools tripped breaker and investigation revealed “urgent” safety action to get bids on updating the farmhouse electrical system for issues with labeling, open panels etc; Dave Sloskey at Connect Electric immediately came out and walked down the house with Roy and I. This work is still not complete but I provided a label for electrician to annotate circuit breakers and removed old wiring from the basement. There is still some old wiring in the kitchen.

Spoke with John Penny (carpentry teacher) and also the principal of CAT north when they attended the open house. (Center of Applied Technology, Severn MD) They are willing to do wood projects that can be completed at their campus wood shop.

November:

Installed key fob light switch at the porch entry doorway. Got electrical bid.

Washed off the doors to the cottage and farmhouse after Bob reported footprints on the doors and attempted break in. Cleaned the doors so we could see if it happens again.

Met with Kate Mahood and Jane Cox. Developed plans for various topics (see goals for 2017)

December: Roy insulated the meeting room.

## GOALS/PLAN FOR 2017

Replace the basement (BILCO) door. It is unsafe as is. Roy wants to make it from wood. This seems feasible.

Complete New Electrical service project

Install security system

Complete septic evaluation. Refine plan for bathroom and submit to LOWES for grant.

Get PE (names from Jane/Kate) to evaluate and provide plan for Farmhouse foundation. Then get bids to do the work. Note the two old chimneys are significant problems to be included in this.

Need to install a support near chimney where above fireplace bricks could fall through

Paint/repair milk house and servants quarters - this is a project we could probably get volunteers on soon if we organized what they need.

Complete Meeting Room project

Begin work on cottage foundation

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Submitted by Terry Brandon, Development/Volunteer Chairman to Lou Biondi President & GFPS Board

**Accomplished:**

1. Coordinated Successful Harvest Dinner- Oct 15,2016 Gloria Dei Church
2. Increased AACO Public School partnerships with Goshen Farm including hosting students and teachers from elementary, middle school, and high school field trips, property tours and soil presentations by Natural Resources Conservation Service soil scientist Dean Cowherd through spring, summer and fall 2016
3. Established firm relationship with Enclave Program at Broadneck HS for developmentally disabled students with twice a week vocational classes during the spring and fall school semesters of 2016
4. Attended AA Public Library Workshops for Non-profit Fundraising
5. Toured Mid-Atlantic historic sites during summer 2016 including Harriet Tubman Memorial, Banneker-Douglass Museum, Sumner Museum Washington DC, Smithsonian American History Museum, Benjamin Banneker Farm, Ellicott City, MD seeking ideas to be used at Goshen Farm.
6. Utilized Goshen Farm High Tunnel to produce 1100-1200 bell peppers contributed to various community low income food bank organizations on the Broadneck Peninsula and in Annapolis from July to October 2016.
7. Maintained Goshen High Tunnel for ultimate use as educational center for 2016 students including Broadneck High School Science Club under teachers Matthew Bem and Nancy Bourgeois constructing hydroponic plant kits and many school field trip tours at all levels.
8. Assisted Anne Arundel Community College Environmental Science professors Dr Jessamy Rango and Dr Susan Lamont and NRCS soil scientist Dean Cowherd to make various presentations to college level classes in the spring and fall of 2016.
9. Worked with various GFPS members to establish a mission statement and various goals and objective over summer and fall 2016.
10. Focused student work periods on reduction of invasive vines in Goshen woods.

**Needs Accomplishing:**

1. Short Term:
  - a. Continue expansion of BHS Enclave Program
  - b. Begin grant writing process for various upcoming grant opportunities
  - c. Establish additional educational workshops for high tunnel usage focused on hydroponic technology
  - d. Begin series of interactive programs with Goshen Membership utilizing internet capabilities and Goshen website with involvement of school students.
  - e. Work with Signature program at Broadneck High School to assist in vertical curriculum development at the middle school and elementary levels in the promotion of Environmental Science integration with other curricula such as math, social studies, language and art.
  - f. Recruit additional volunteers from Goshen membership to carry out established Goshen goals and objectives
2. Long Term:
  - a. Separate Volunteer Coordination and Development as two GFPS board positions
  - b. Develop Goshen Farm interactive programs using Goshen and community volunteers

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

**Accomplished in 2016:**

1. All 62 garden plots were rented.
2. Gardeners pitched to grow tomatoes for sauce to serve at Harvest Dinner.
3. Determined that garden fence was lead free and will soon be scraped and painted
4. While attendance was down, Harvest Dinner was still a huge success!
5. BHS Enclave students had a successful first growing season and enjoyed the bounty of their hard work.

**Needs Accomplishing in 2017:**

1. Short Term:
  - a. Compost bins need attending so the Sharing Garden can become compost self sufficient.
  - b. Sharing Garden fence needs to be power washed and painted..
  - c. Currently, 4 plots need to be rented.
  - d. Establish test plot in triangular area for handicapped use.
  
2. Long Term:
  - a. Improve volunteerism in the Sharing Garden.

# **Grounds Committee Annual Report for 2016**

Delivered by Roy Benner on January 18, 2017

## **SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

### **Grounds, Lawn, and Gardens:**

The Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District's plans for a Shallow Wildlife Pond were revised to bring the Farm House roof water into the pond nearer the Colonial Garden.

Forty - seven truckloads of Cape St. Claire Road grindings (this asphalt was spread, graded, and rolled by Environmental Design and Construction (EDC), the contractor for the CSC Road project) to improve the gradient of our driveway.

Richard's Tree Care cut down a large, decayed Silver Maple tree on the southwest corner of the Goshen Farm House.

Made and installed a Memorial Plaque in memory to Elaine Barnhart.

### **Equipment:**

A 20-foot, green steel storage container was purchased and placed with the existing 20-foot white, steel container at a new location.

### **Grants:**

Five picnic tables were purchased and constructed due to a Grant from the Maryland Retired Union Teachers.

Constellation Energy awarded Goshen Farm the "Community Champions Award" of \$450.00 to construct four driveway diversion structures to help control erosion on the Goshen Farm driveway. Materials were purchased and the installation of these diversions will take place in early February.

### **Donations:**

Installed the donated 30-foot flagpole on the front lawn of the Farm House and installed a 1783 "Shaw Flag" on the flagpole. The flag is lite by a dusk to dawn LED spotlight.

Accepted a Craftsman 24-horsepower, 42-inch lawn tractor with several attachments for use in helping maintain the lawns.

Rockwell Collins donated two 5-drawer file cabinets for Goshen Farm documents and two large lateral file cabinets.

Received several pieces of period furniture from Steven and Carolyn Derby.

Received five large picnic table umbrellas with stands, along with several potted Leyland Cyprus trees, and several decorative pots from the Four Seasons Community.

Contractor, Aggregate Industries donated 47 truckloads of the grindings from Cape St. Claire Road. Contractor EDC spread and rolled this material on our driveway, parking lot, and around the two storage containers in the lower field.

### **Education:**

Assisted the Broadneck High School Enclave Training Program with skills such as tool care, mulching, and vine cutting at Goshen Farm.

Assisted the Broadneck High School ECO Club in installing Hydroponic systems for plants in the Goshen Farm greenhouse.

The Goshen Farm front lawn was used for a May evening of “Telescoping the Heavens” conducted by Leigh Neugebauer, a Goshen Farm Sharing Garden member.

Assisted Ms. Velozo’s Cape St. Claire Elementary School class in learning about the Sharing Garden, how greenhouses are used, and about bees.

Coordinated on several different occasions, the CSCES’ first, second and third grade classes visited the Goshen Farm venue in connection with their curriculum.

Enlarged the size of the Goshen Farm Apiary.

### **Outreach:**

In February, along with Terry Brandon, Development Chair, spoke to the Parole Rotary Club members, about Goshen Farm history and educational strategies.

Dean Cowherd led soil Health Pit discussions for local school groups and one international group, Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture (CNFA), from Africa.

Helped with Girl Scout Troop #10465 “Bridging Ceremony” which was conducted on the metal bridge near the Colonial Garden.

Hosted a picnic for three Naval Academy’s Midshipmen Action Group (MAG) graduates for their family and friends during Commencement Week.

## **Tours:**

First grade and third grade classes from the CSC Elementary School students learned about gardening, plants, soils, bees, solar collectors, and the greenhouse in visits to Goshen farm.

## **Community Service:**

Ben Fowler has almost completed his school's 30 hours of Community Service, by moving logs, picking up branches, and spreading mulch at Goshen Farm. Thanks Ben.

Patrick Marsh has volunteered to assist the Goshen Farm Grounds' Chair in overseeing Eagle Scouting Service Projects

## **Eagle Scout Projects Completed:**

Tony Tuckfield completed a set of treated wooden steps connecting Goshen Farm property to the Walnut Ridge / Cape St. Claire Elementary School trail.

## **Eagle Scout Service Projects underway:**

Steven Engel's Service project is a large wooden sign to be located at the terminus of the Goshen Farm driveway and Cape St. Claire Road. The sign will read "Historic Goshen Farm and Education Center" along with our street address.

Sean Powers' Service Project will be the construction of a "Goshen Farm Historical Timeline Walking Trail." This project is anticipated to begin in early winter 2017 and will connect Goshen Farm to the new Cape St. Claire paved trail.

Ian McGee's Service Project will include the construction of a treated circular wooden bench and two additional freestanding 'park style' benches.

## **Cooperation:**

**Building and Maintenance Committee:** Assisted in performing routine maintenance of lights, and the water system, painting of the Tenant's House, and adding additional security equipment.

Insulated the Small Meeting Room of the Goshen Farm House.

**Sharing Garden Committee:** Assisted with the Sharing Garden Committee in maintenance of the Sharing Garden, the compost piles, the Henson – Hall Slave Garden, and work within the greenhouse. This included installing 7 new duplex electrical outlets in the greenhouse for use by current and future Hydroponic demonstrations projects.



Assisted Terry Brandon with the constructing a diversion around the south side of the greenhouse.

**PLANS FOR 2017:**

Plant several new Paw Paw trees in the Goshen Farm Orchard, since the original bare rooted trees, planted last year, did not survive.

Move the Sharing Gardener's Shed to a new location just south and west of the Sharing Garden's fence.

Construct the designed Shallow Wildlife Pond.

Construct the Community Champions Grant's driveway diversions in February.

Split the Silver Maple tree logs currently inside the chain-link fence.

Cut down and remove the trees surrounding the Old Well.

Move the now enlarged Goshen Farm Apiary to a new location (maybe east and south of the proposed Wildlife Pond) for better siting.

Goshen Farm Preservation Society

History and research Chair

2016 Annual Report

During 2016 the following items were completed or worked on:

-Many hours were dedicated to assisting Ann Brice Worthington with research related to the book that she is working on.

-Continued work on an ownership timeline and gathering information on the numerous owners and residents of the Goshen Farm property.

-Looked into getting a state roadside marker and found that we are not eligible. The county is attempting to start a similar program, however their grant was turned down.

-Completed transcribing the final accounts of Richard Gardiner Jr. which were received from Chip Pettebone.

-Began working with a genealogy program call Legacy. This program has many publishing options and I plan on migrating all of the Goshen related genealogical information into it.

Scott Powers

# **GOSHEN FARM PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.**

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **SUMMARY REPORT for 2016**

January 18, 2017

#### **SUMMARY of ACHIEVEMENTS**

1. Increased membership from 168 (December, 2015) to 171 (December, 2016)  
[See attached "Total Memberships by Year" chart]
2. Sent Membership Packets to new members which include: Welcome Letter with personalized notes; Membership Card(s); Insert inviting the new member to the next Board of Directors' (BoD) meeting; Overview of Goshen Farm History; Benefits of Membership; Listing of current BoD and their GFPS email addresses; and a Map of Goshen Farm
3. Sent Acknowledgement/Welcome Letters (each with personalized notes), Membership Card(s), and an insert inviting the member to the next BoDs' meeting to those renewing their memberships for 2016
4. Coordinated GFPS membership and Sharing Garden plot rentals with Garden Chair
5. Visited heritage areas, environmental centers, museums, parks, etc., in California, Florida, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Virginia, and West Virginia to view physical attributes; observe displays; speak with administrative staff and volunteers; discuss membership campaigns, retention, and increasing volunteerism; and to establish liaisons for future relationships
6. Encouraged visitors to Goshen Farm to become new members. Members in four additional states (California, Florida, Oklahoma, Virginia) were added in 2016 to the Membership Database

#### **REASONS for INCREASE in MEMBERSHIPS**

1. Interest in history of the Chesapeake Bay area; Interest in Native Americans who traversed the Broadneck Peninsula; Early settlers of the Cape St. Claire area; Interest in restoring a 200+-year-old farm house; Interest in an "Agricultural 'gem;'" Desire to engage in educational offerings; Serene Greenscape; Sharing Garden membership
2. Gift giving by members to people who expressed an interest in protecting and "saving" Goshen Farm
3. Roy Benner/Grounds Chair, Terry Brandon/Development and Volunteer Chair, and Bob Nestruck/Garden Chair, whose continual presence at the Farm enable them to "sell" Goshen Farm, the Sharing Garden, and the Goshen Farm House to ALL individuals, families, and groups who visit the Goshen Farm property

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Increase membership from local (Cape St. Claire) to regional (Broadneck Peninsula, Anne Arundel County, etc.), promoting the many benefits of visiting Goshen Farm for the individual, family, and business associates
2. Work with the existing Maryland Heritage Area Program to increase the Four Rivers Heritage Area to include historic areas north of Route 50
3. Continue networking with other organizations, as an individual and/or with other GFPS members/BoD members
4. Help form partnerships with other non-profit organizations, schools, businesses, and local, state, federal agencies to promote Goshen Farm
5. Develop and ensure that GFPS materials, publicity, and promotional materials accurately reflect the GFPS Mission and Vision statements and GFPS accomplishments
6. Continue visiting heritage areas, living history farms, museums, etc., to network and establish relationships with administrative staff and volunteers
7. Pursue purchase of software accessible to all BoD members to store artifacts, documents, photographs, books, donor and member contact information, etc., on a comprehensible database

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## TOTAL MEMBERSHIP UNITS by YEAR

January 18, 2017

