

Accomplished:

1. June 26-28 2017 hosted (with Roy Benner and Bob Nestruck) St. Andrew By the Bay youth program workdays at Goshen. Youth refinished picnic tables, weeded and spread mulch and toured participants and chaperones through Farmhouse, Sharing Garden, Hoophouse and grounds.
2. Met with Sydney Roberts and Becky Benner regarding BHS summer internship program in conjunction with teachers from CSC Elementary and BHS. Worked on preparing Sydney to begin writing Lesson Plans on various environmental topics at Goshen Farm.
3. Maintained cucumber crop in Hoophouse. Having trouble with Cucumber Bacterial Wilt which is taking heavy toll on cucumber crop.
4. Replanted and mulched one section of the Henson Hall Slave Garden in preparation for upgrading the educational appearance of the Slave Garden for summer and fall tours of the property.
5. Hosted Tim Feist St. Andrew by the Bay men's study group at Goshen (about 18 men in attendance) 7pm June 29.
6. Attended first evening music concert at Goshen Farm. (about 60 persons in attendance.)
7. Began work on September 16 Goshen Farm Fall Open House. Secured participation of Larry Jennings and Chesapeake Conservation Association with Oyster Reef Ball building project on that day with approx. 60 students building concrete reef balls. Larry Jennings will hold talks on Oyster Restoration through the day. Fresh shucked oysters will be for sale. Larry will arrange for one-day liquor license and will sell beer and wine with 50/50 sharing of proceeds with GFPS.

Becky Benner has secured Wild Raptor program with Lois Smith for the Fall Open House from 11am-3pm at a reduced cost of \$125.

Lou Biondi has submitted design for Fall Open House poster which will be printed in late July for August distribution.

8. Began work on October Harvest Dinner. Bob Nestruck is recruiting volunteers to harvest tomato crop designated for Harvest Dinner tomato sauce in late July—early August.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Work on Maryland Historic Trust Grant Project for Goshen Education Center For July 2018
 - b. Continue High Tunnel cucumber project
 - c. Continue with Becky Benner oversight of Summer Internship program with Sydney Roberts
 - d. Establish additional educational workshops for high tunnel usage focused on hydroponic technology
 - e. Begin series of interactive programs with Goshen Membership utilizing internet capabilities and Goshen website with involvement of school students.
 - f. 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.
 - g. Recruit additional volunteers from Goshen membership for Goshen Farm Fall Open House and Sharing Garden Harvest Dinner

Goshen Farm Sharing Garden Committee Report for July 2017

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

Accomplished:

1. Over 60 San Marzano Pagano and VF Roma tomato plants are in the ground for Harvest Dinner sauce. Tomatoes are ripening and I have been recruiting new sauce makers.
2. 2 new gardeners have come in and are well established.
3. Hung suet cakes in the garden and I have seen birds looking among the plants, where they had not been before.
4. Plots 7, 29 and 51 are cleared and available for rental. New gardener Tracy Smith cleared 7 and 29 and Jeannie Klingler cleared plot 51.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Set up list for tomato sauce making and canning.
 - b. Establish educational workshops for high tunnel usage.
 - c. Compost piles need attending.
 - d. Improve Wi-Fi signal to garden.
 - e. Sift compost piles so we can add fall cleanup material.

2. Long Term:
 - a. Improve volunteerism in the Sharing Garden.
 - b. Install Weather station.

Accomplished:

1. Silver Maple fire wood sales: Christy Fowler-Hindman purchased one-half cord of fire wood and forwarded check to Linda Beck.
2. Equipment maintenance:
 - a. Greased Gravely mower and Craftsman mowers.
 - b. Added oil to both mowers
3. Cut grass 2 times, since the June Board meeting with help from Paul Bunting (Thanks, Paul).
4. Planted Zinnias in garden under GFPS entrance sign.
5. The Goshen Farm well pressure tank rubber bladder failed. To be replaced on Monday, 7/10/17.
6. Caulked the Gordon Door. Project complete except for final painting (at a later date).
7. Ground down old door hasp (cleaned) and painted with two coats of black paint for locking the Gordon Doors.
8. Assisted the St. Andrews Men's Group (Tim Feist) with a devotional thought camp fire on Thursday evening the 6th of July. About 11 men attended.
9. Moved camera to Historic Trail to photograph the hatchet person in action.
10. St. Andrews boys (8) coated the picnic tables with Thompson's Water Seal on the 26th of June.
11. St. Andrews girls (8) hauled wood chips on 27th of June.
12. St. Andrews girls (9) and two adults hauled wood chips to High Tunnel and Slave Garden on the 28th of June.
13. Led tour of Kim Copeland's Day Care for 11 students and two adults. 10 AM to 12:30 PM including ½ hour for picnic lunch.
14. Replaced the Sharing Garden hose and the brass bushing that had corroded.
15. Purchased and installed a "No Trespassing Sign" at the Apiary.
16. Removed owl house and plastic surveillance sign from silver maple.
17. Removed Shaw Flag Pole light from the silver maple tree and mounted it on the corner of the Farm House front porch.
18. Andy Brown replaced the failed Pressure Tank in the Farm House basement with a much larger tank replacement.

Needs Accomplishing:

Short Term:

1. Three silver maples and one tree of heaven will be cut down and removed by Richard's Tree Care on July 24th.
2. **Have contacted Universal Lightning Protection of Rockville, Maryland #301-838-4425. They are coming to evaluate and possible re-install the existing Lightning Rods on the Farm House roof since the tall trees will not be there when a storm comes.**

Continue removing the internal pickets on the west side of the Sharing Garden fence.

3. Research price to mount lightning rods to protect Goshen Farm House, (I will donate four Antique Glass Balls used on this style of lightning rod.)

Long Term:

1. Develop a plan to attack to control rampant growth of invasive vines that strangle the Farm's trees.
2. Continue descriptions of planned activities listed in the Grounds Master Use Plan and continue layout of the grounds.

3. 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.

4. Pursue composting toilets, incinerator toilets, holding tank(s) with pump outs, regular toilets connected to a septic system, or connecting to the county sewer system. Hancock's Resolution uses **a large holding tank** for the bathroom effluent. Jim Morrison, Friends of Hancock Resolution states this is a **MUCH cheaper** way to handle toilet facilities in today's world.

Coming Events:

New Business: Becky and I will be out of town for this BOD Meeting!

1. Trees removal by Richard's Tree Care on July 24th
2. May have a quote by the BOD meeting, to reinstall the Lightning Rods on the Farm House roof.

History Committee Report July 2017

Coordinating with the boy scouts to repair and finish the History Trail project.

First concert was held. Attendance was about 50 and \$220 was raised in donations.

No urgent needs at this time.

Scott Powers

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

July 19, 2017

Submitted by Becky Benner on July 9, 2017

MEMBER TOTALS for 2017

- Members who either joined or renewed since September 17, 2016, and whose memberships thus expire December 31, 2017.

Residents

Resident Individuals = 19

Resident Households = 64

Corporate = 7

Includes

1 new Individual member

0 renewal Individual member

0 new Household member

0 renewal Household members

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 90 resident members

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 40

Non-resident Households = 33

Corporate = 7

Includes

0 new Individual members

0 renewal Individual member

2 new Household members

0 renewal Household member

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 80 non-resident members

2017 Total = 170 overall memberships

ACCOMPLISHED

- Met with AACPS Intern Sydney Roberts twice regarding her Summer 2017 project: Environmental Literacy Integration lesson plans/units. Sydney has drafted one unit for K-2 and 3-5 on the 3Rs; she will be tackling hydroponics and oysters next.
- Placed event ads in 9 online calendars, 1 e-newsletter, and 2 weekly, printed calendars for the inaugural Goshen Farm FREE Summer Acoustic Concert on July 7th.
- Met with Dean Cowherd, Maryland Assistant Soil Scientist, and Roy Benner regarding invitation to U.S.N.A Midshipmen Action Group to spend "A Day at the Farm."
- Assisted Fall Open House co-chairs (Terry Brandon and Bob Nestruck) in locating and contracting *Raptor's Eye: Live Birds of Prey* to appear for four hours at the September 16th Open House.

- Attended Four Rivers Heritage Area Education Committee. Planning for workshop (“How to Discuss Race and Hate Crimes at School and Home”); new technology which makes/could make a difference at historic sites; roundtable discussion of recent successes in accommodating visitors with disabilities or needs; Apps: Make your own or work with a vendor? These topics made for a very active and verbal meeting.
- Assisted in preparation (sanitary table and marketing table) for guests to the inaugural 2017 Summer Acoustic Concert.

TO DO ITEMS

- Resume review of edits made to Strategy Plan Goals and Objectives
- Resume review and edits for GFPS’ projects

NOTE

- July 2016 = 163 overall memberships; July 2017 (as of 7/9) 170 overall memberships
- June 2016 = 159 overall memberships; June 2017 = 167 overall memberships
- May 2016 = 155 overall memberships; May 2017 = 160 overall memberships

NEW BUSINESS

Not at this time