

Development/Volunteer Coordination Report August 2017

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

Accomplished:

1. July 27 2017 hosted St. Andrew by the Bay Men's group with Tim Feist.
2. August 10 began clearing of Hoophouse for fall lettuce crop and sanitizing of hydroponics equipment for fall classes.
3. Began planning and recruitment of volunteers and program elements of Goshen Farm Fall open house including Music Program, Docents farm tours, Boy Scout parking, additional signage for the Open house, member volunteers for various sectors of Goshen Farm, Oyster Program and reef ball build with Chesapeake Conservation Assoc. with Larry Jennings, Raptor's Eye with Lois Smith,
4. Submitted material for September Caper and Fall Open House Poster.
5. Met with Becky Benner and Diane Velozo regarding Internship Program revisions for the Fall Internship
6. August 1 met with Goshen Strategic Plan committee and Kate Mahood at Goshen Farm
7. Attended first evening music concert at Goshen Farm. (about 60 persons in attendance.)
8. Assisted Bob Nestruck in orchestrating production of tomato sauce by various volunteers for October Harvest Dinner.
9. Continued research on African American slave and reconstruction experience on the Broadneck Peninsula and movement north to St. Catherine, Ontario.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Work on Maryland Historic Trust Grant Project for Goshen Education Center For July 2018
 - b. Prepare for various interfaces with educational organizations internship, fall field trips and classes in hoop house
 - c. Continue with Becky Benner oversight of Goshen Internship Program
 - d. Begin planning of Fall Harvest Dinner with Bob Nestruck
 - 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. Finalize planning for Goshen Farm Open House

Goshen Farm Sharing Garden Committee Report for August 2017

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

Accomplished:

1. We are flush with tomatoes for the Harvest Pasta Dinner sauce.
2. Looks like we hit our 20 gallon target for sauce and may continue to store for next year's dinner.
3. Planted pumpkins for fall harvest, but have been hit hard by squash beetles.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Short Term:
 - a. Continue to harvest tomatoes and determine plan for next year's crop.
 - b. Clear garden paths and put down wood chips for Open House.
 - 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. Sent a letter to Miriam Stanicic of the Naval Academy requesting the Midshipmen Action Group (MAG) to come in the fall to help dig and install the piping to convey the Farm House roof water to the area of the proposed Shallow Water Wildlife Pond.
2. Richard's Tree Care cut down three Silver Maples and one Tree of Heaven, removed the wood, and ground these four stumps and the first Silver Maple cut down two years ago. They also cut a large, hanging branch from a Maple Tree hanging over the driveway and removed many dead branches of the American Holly tree over the picnic tables. (The additional work was a donation by Richard's Tree Care to GFPS.)
3. Equipment maintenance:
 - a. The Gravely mower had the clutch fall off after a bolt had shaken loose and fallen off. The parts were searched for using two large magnets dragged behind the Craftsman mower. However, several parts were still needed and were purchased at Ace Hardware. The resulting repair seemed to work fine.
 - b. A drive-wheel tire on the Gravely mower dry-rotted and had to be replaced.
 - c. The Gravely mower cut many more hours, then stopped, and would not start. It had to be towed back to the storage container where it sits waiting for the diagnosis.
 - d. The Gravely mower is currently out of commission due to some electrical problem. (It will not start).
4. Cut grass 3 times since the July Board meeting. The grass grew extremely fast and high during this period.
5. Installed a newly constructed pipe railing on the basement stairs of the 1853 House. These stairs are under the Gordon door entrance to the basement.
6. Assisted the St. Andrews Men's Group (Tim Feist) with a devotional thought camp fire in July. About 21 men attended.
7. With the help of Terry Brandon, hauled three trailer loads of the ground tree stumps to various places that needed wood chip mulch. Hauled three additional trailer loads to repair the wood chip trail towards the well and the old barn.
8. Mark Bowen's Towing picked up the new, donated 20-foot metal storage container (a donation from Laurie Lipka) and moved it to the storage location in the lower field.
9. Used a grinder to grind down the severely rusted areas. Pressure washed both the new container and the original container purchased in 2010. Primed all the bare, rusted spots in preparation for a final painting of Hunter Green paint. Cost of new paint was \$152.00. Weather permitting, both containers should be painted prior to the August BOD meeting.
10. Met with Jon Tung (Structural Engineer) as he evaluated the Farm House structure on Monday afternoon the 14th.
11. Placed signage for three Summer Acoustic Concert events on Cape Saint Claire Road. One is already in place for the August 25th event.

Needs Accomplishing:

Short Term:

1. Paint the two metal Containers 'Hunter Green' to match the new unit purchased last year.
2. Repair the Gravely mower.
3. Universal Lightning Protection of Rockville, Maryland, #301-838-4425, will evaluate and possibly re-install the existing lightning rods on the Farm House roof. The tall trees will not be there when a storm comes and deflect any lightning strikes. Will continue to 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.)

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

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 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 stated this is a **MUCH cheaper** way to handle toilet facilities in today's world.

Coming Events: Make signage for the Fall Open House.

New Business: Goals and Objectives work continues. (Thanks, Michael Buchet)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

August 16, 2017

Submitted by Becky Benner on August 14, 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 = 20

Resident Households = 66

Corporate = 7

Includes

1 new Individual member

0 renewal Individual member

0 new Household member

2 renewal Household members

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 93 resident members

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individuals = 40

Non-resident Households = 35

Corporate = 7

Includes

0 new Individual members

0 renewal Individual member

1 new Household members

1 renewal Household member

0 new Corporate member

0 renewal Corporate member

Total = 82 non-resident members

2017 Total = 175 overall memberships

ACCOMPLISHED

- Received notification from AACPS Intern Sydney Roberts that she is withdrawing from the Summer 2017 Internship Program due to a family emergency. The emergency does not allow her to fulfill her duties as an intern.
Met with Diane Velozo (CSCES teacher) and Terry Brandon to review the GFPS Environmental Literacy Integration Internship Opportunity, GFPS/CSCES/BHS expectations, and to adjust fulfillment of lesson plans/units. An email summarizing the modifications to the Opportunity and offering to extend the Internship Opportunity from the Summer to the Fall period was sent to Sydney. No response has been received at this writing.
- Visited many sites, museums, national parks, etc., on land/cruise tours across Alaska. Purchased and picked up several documents and handouts for personal interest, for scouting best practices

by the organization, and for gathering materials that could be used as reference information for future Goshen Farm grant writing, publicity, and potential “Experiences on the Farm.”

- Participated in the Strategic Planning meeting. Kudos to Michael Buchet who spent much time and effort in formatting ensuring consistency, and providing a comprehensive draft of that discussion within a short time period.
- Assisted in preparation (sanitary table and marketing table) for guests for August 4th Summer Acoustic Concert.
- Visited Daniel Boone Homestead in Birdsboro, PA. Purchased and picked up several documents and handouts for personal interest, for scouting best practices by the organization, and for gathering materials that could be used as reference information for future Goshen Farm grant writing, publicity, and potential “Experiences on the Farm.”
- Visited Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site near Elverson, PA. Purchased and picked up several documents and handouts for personal interest, for scouting best practices by the organization, and for gathering materials that could be used as reference information for future Goshen Farm grant writing, publicity, and potential “Experiences on the Farm.”

TO DO ITEMS

- Attend Four Rivers Heritage Area Education Committee meeting on August 30th.
- Continue review of suggested edits to the Strategy Plan Goals and Objectives document
- Resume review and edits for GFPS’ projects

NOTE

- August 2016 = 163 overall memberships; August 2017 = 175 overall memberships
- July 2016 = 163 overall memberships; July 2017 (as of 7/9) 170 overall memberships
- June 2016 = 159 overall memberships; June 2017 = 167 overall memberships

NEW BUSINESS

Not at this time