

October 18, 2017 Monthly Meeting  
Northern Neck Master Gardeners  
St. Francis De Sales Hall, Kilmarnock, VA

Tami McCauley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Attending the meeting were Clare Adams, Betsy Armstrong, Mary Barna, Margie Bean, Deborah Brooks, Ian Cheyne, Leslie Damon, Jinny Estell, Jackie Ferriter, Martha Frank, Marge Gibson, Liz Giovane, Carolyn Gorman, Diane Hagler, Aleta Hoffman, Henry Lane Hull, Abe Jordan, Barb Kauneckas, Diane Kean, Sue Kosinski, Barbara Mait , Deborah Marl, Ted Munns, Jim Myers, Anne Olsen, Lynn Osborne, JoAnn Perkins, Kathy Powell, Henry Riely, Edna Roberts, Mike Sauter, Bonnie Schaschek, Kim Schmidt, Lee Scripture, Carol Shear, Nathalie Smith, Sandy Sperry, Patti Sutton, Mary Turville, and Cathie Ward. Welcome Barbara Mait who transferred from the Chesterfield EMG unit. Visiting today was Chesterfield EMG Erica Ziemer. Also attending was William Bell, VCE.

**MINUTES:** The September 20, 2017 minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The proposed 2018 budget will be posted as a draft and voted on at the November meeting. The September treasurer's report is posted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Scholarship Committee: Thanks to Lee Scripture, Ted Munns, and Bonnie Schaschek for volunteering to serve on this committee. They will work with Trent to develop guidelines for a \$5,000 scholarship NNMG will award in 2018 to either a high school senior or college student studying agriculture.
- The Christmas Party will be held at the Inn at Montross on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are being accepted now. Choice of the following entrees: chicken cordon bleu with vegetable medley, vegetable risotto, or grilled salmon with vegetable medley. A salad with a balsamic vinaigrette, dinner rolls, assorted variety of dessert bars, coffee and iced tea are included. Cash bar. Cost is \$20.

- VMGA meeting at St. Francis De Sales on December 9<sup>th</sup>: Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, hospitality, and clean-up. Lunch will be ordered from Newsome's and costs \$10. All EMG's are welcome.

### **EMG Announcements:**

- Mary Barna received a Milestone Award (250 hours).
- GNN Updates: The first GNN planning meeting was held today. All EMG's are invited to participate! The next meeting will be held on November 1st at 9 a.m. at the Transportation Building. Two speakers are confirmed; a third is needed. Photos are needed for the brochure. Sue Kosinski is looking for a couple people to help enter registrations on a spreadsheet and tally and deposit money several mornings a week in February. Kathy Powell is looking for volunteers to help select books for the sale; she wants to mentor someone to chair book sales in 2019.
- EMG Garden Visits: Tami will host on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Event is weather dependent. Spouses and significant others are welcome. Wear warm clothes for an optional boat ride. Her address is: 89 Dividing Cove Lane, Kilmarnock 22482. Directions to Tami's home are: SR 200S, Left onto SR 606 (Shiloh School Road), Right onto SR 605 (Ball's Creek Rd.) Right onto SR 735 (Harding's Wharf Drive), First Left onto Whittaker Lane, straight into Dividing Cove Lane to #89 (second house on Left).
- Bill reported that website problems have not been fixed. He has checked out other domains, and hopefully we will be switching soon.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Help Desks:** Help desks are winding down. Liz thanked all volunteers.
- **Shoreline:** A shoreline plant ID walk is planned for October 26<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Shiloh School at 10 a.m. and carpool to Dameron Marsh. Bring a brown bag lunch.
- **Plant Clinics:** The Heathsville market will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Children's Ed:** Thanks to Leslie and Janice for organizing Soils Day. The students loved it. Grub races were a hit.

- **Communications:** Two people are needed for 2018, a writer and a media contact/liaison. Contact Tami if you can help!
- **Volunteer Management:** Diane asked everyone to record hours.
- **Vice President:** Sue Lindsey and Anne Olsen will teach a 3-session class at RCC in Kilmarnock from 1-3 p.m. on Oct 31, November 7, and Nov 14th. The class is titled “Accepting imperfection, changing visions of the ideal garden.” It is course #263. Check the website for more details and registration information. Attendees receive 6 CE hours.
- **VMGA:** Diane attended the October 14 bi-monthly meeting. MG College will be held June 21-24, 2018. The theme is tree steward. The International MG College will be held in the Norfolk/Virginia Beach area in 2021. In preparation for the international conference, the 2019 MG College will be held in Norfolk in September.
- **Native Plant Society:** Plant ecologist Dr. Harmony Dagleish will discuss American chestnut and pollination in milkweed at the October 19 NNPS meeting at noon at Wicomico Church Parish Church.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Educational Program: Carolyn Quinn, Dug In Farms.

Barbara Kauneckas, Secretary