

NORTHERN NECK MASTER GARDENERS
General Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2021
Via Zoom

Attendees: Margie Beane, Mary Beane, Deborah Brooks, Deborah Burgess, Ian Cheyne, Harriet Chinn, Carmela Crawford, Leslie Damon, Cindy Dullea, Jeff Evans, Page Evans, Margaret Gibson, Carolyn Gorman, Betsy Hardy, Cathy Heacock, Aleta Hoffman, Henry Lane Hull, Helen Johnson, Barbara Kauneckas, Diane Kean, Susan Kosinski, Michelle Kramer, Sharon Lemke, Susan Lindsey, Janice Mahoney, Barbara Mait, Deborah Marl, Carol Martin, Tami McCauley, Deirdra McLaughlin, Betty Mill, Steve Mosier, Edward Munns, Darleen Nelson, Anne Olsen, Lynn Osborne, JoAnn Perkins, Kathy Powell, Virginia Ramadan, Henry Riely, Sandra L. Sperry, Mary A. Turville, Fran Westbrook

VCE Staff: William Bell, Trent Jones, Tara Brent, Stephanie Romelczyk, Wendy Herdman, Almeda McKenney, Tina Kemp

The minutes of January 20, 2021 were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was approved. Fran Westbrook announced that the IRS 990 form for 2021 has been filed.

Organization Chart has been updated to add additional members to the Speaker's Bureau.

Proposed Bylaw Changes were discussed and suggestions made. This draft will be updated and re-distributed to be voted on at the next general meeting. Discussion included adding Zoom as a means to conduct meetings, officer terms, strike due date for "Retail Sales and Use Tax".

VCE Updates –Trent Jones & Bill Bell reported no changes.

Committee Reports

Better Impact – Barb Kauneckas reported that there will be training in March; email invitations will be sent.

Communications/Publicity – Reported by Janice Mahoney – Radio spot will once a month. This Friday, 8-8:04 am, on 105.5 will be the first spot and Carolyn will review some springtime chores in the garden. The radio spot will be done once a month.

In the March/April issue of House & Home, an article on Master Gardeners by Jackie Nunnery appears.

Diane Kean will produce a quarterly newsletter for the membership. A contest will be held to come up with a name for the publication.

Special Projects Committees

GNN – Lynn Osborne reported on the activities and progress of the committee. The theme of the seminar is “Be Intentional: Create Livable, Edible, and Sustainable Garden Spaces.”

Cindy will serve as MoC; Trent and Bill will assist Cindy and Lynn with technical support: attendees will submit questions via Chat; questions will be collected, collated, and posed to each speaker at end of their presentation.

Tech team has completed 2 of 3 speakers’ sound/visual checks; 3rd speaker check to be completed 02/18.

PPTs are under review by Bill – one re: how to use Zoom; other re: NNMG programs & activities; plant sale being advertised in PPT. Visual brochure being designed by Carol Martin (Barb K and Mary B).

Constant Contact will be used to remind attendees of date/time of GNN and to send link and PW on day before event.

Plant Sale – Michelle Kramer was asked by Ted Munns if the committee to have Native Plant members present to answer questions. It was agreed that NNNPS members would be a real benefit to the plant sale.

The meeting was adjourned.

Tami McCauley hosted the CE program, entitled “Updates from Our Extension Agents on How the Pandemic Has Affected the Ag Community.” Participants included Trent Jones, Ag Agent; Stephanie Romelczyk, Ag Agent; Wendy Herdman, 4-H Agent and Unit Coordinator; Tara Brent, 4-H Agent and Unit Coordinator.

Mary Beane

Recording Secretary

Northern Neck Master Gardeners

Balance Sheet

As of January 31, 2021

	Jan 31, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Genl Operating Checking Acct	39,269.03
Petty Cash - Farmers Markets	
Heathsville Farmers Mkt	30.00
Irvington Farmers Mkt	30.00
Montross Farmers Mkt	25.00
Total Petty Cash - Farmers Markets	85.00
Total Checking/Savings	39,354.03
Total Current Assets	39,354.03
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>39,354.03</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	40,099.39
Unrestricted Net Assets	-508.10
Net Income	-237.26
Total Equity	39,354.03
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>39,354.03</u>

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Profit & Loss

January 2021

	Jan 21
Income	
Interest Earned	10.97
Membership Dues	855.00
Program Income	-60.00
Total Income	805.97
Expense	
Administration	85.35
Farm Garden	26.46
GNN	931.42
Total Expense	1043.23
Net Income	<u>-237.26</u>

Shoreline Evaluation Program (SEP)
Committee Report
January 2021

SEP members met via Zoom January 4 to discuss the 2020 annual activities summary and 2021 priorities and calendar. Priorities include continuing to develop and refine the evaluation process and Homeowner's Guide; understand new Virginia regulations regarding living shorelines; implement a client follow-up process; further develop member training; expand community partnerships, especially 'Catch the King' tide measurement efforts; and a number of other initiatives that are part of SEP's five-year strategic plan.

January 13, SEP members met via Zoom with Karen Duhring, Coastal Scientist with VIMS Center for Coastal Resources Management, for a training session to discuss tidal shoreline law changes and updates to VIMS/CCRM online mapping and shoreline evaluation tools. A second training meeting with Karen is planned for February.

For the GNN virtual program March 20, SEP is creating a brief PowerPoint detailing program activities. Also, several SEP members have been working on a list of recommended shoreline and salt-tolerant plants for the EMG Plant Sale April 30 – May 2 at Dug-In Farms.

**Community Education Report
January 2021**

The Community Education Committee met in January to begin discussion of ways to present various topics to our community. Next meeting will be in February.

Betty Mill

TEACHING GARDENS REPORT: February 3, 2021

Submitted by Janice Mahoney

EXTENSION OFFICE – SUE KOSINSKI

- **ACTIVITY** –Sue will be working in the garden soon and will send an email requesting volunteers. This garden does not need continuous care, but the spring clean up and the mulching will go much quicker with enough help.

GW BIRTHPLACE KITCHEN GARDEN – BETSY HARDY & WAYNE CONDREY

- **ACTIVITY:** The garden is still in hibernation for the winter. Plans for starting the spring clean up will be announced in March.

REEDVILLE SHORELINE GARDEN – CAROLYN GORMAN & DEBORAH MARL

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STRATFORD HALL GARDEN – DIANE SMITH

- **ACTIVITY:** Diane is in the process of contacting her workers to determine who can start gardening at Stratford in late March.

HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH – Sally Beard

- **ACTIVITY:**

We will be pruning the rose bushes in the center of the garden. It was recommended we take them down to 18 inches.

We are making plans to replace the boxwood border which will be a long-term project.

 - The Garden Club of Northern Neck is providing a \$1,000 grant to HCC to purchase the bushes
 - We will be replacing all the boxwoods, and I will survey for the number we need
 - Plans are for smaller bushes to provide a better vision of the garden (3 feet).

- We are awaiting a soil test result to determine any nutrients or soil treatments necessary. The current bushes are dying of a fungus so we will monitor the soil for any needs from that.
- Plans for workdays in March include the removal of the current bushes and we are projecting we will plant the new bushes in April.

FARM MUSEUM VEGETABLE GARDEN – SUSAN LOSAPIO & BONNIE SCHASCHEK

- **ACTIVITY:** There will be an organizing meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, February 23rd at 10 am. The regular EMG's who work at the garden have been notified of this meeting. If you want to be included in the Zoom meeting, please contact Ian Cheyne.

January Plant Clinics/Farmers Market Report

Submitted February 10, 2021

Although our markets will remain close for the foreseeable future, there are a few loose ends to wrap up:

1. Chairs: If you haven't already done so, please send applications for the 2021 year to William Bell. He will forward them to VA Tech for approval. Remember never sign anything.

2. Now is a good time to go through your boxes and clean them out.

3. An inventory of valuable items will be done this summer by Lynn O and myself. (More info to come.)

4. Fran W (treasurer) will be sending checks to the Tappahannock and Montross Markets. All markets will have \$30 cash for making change.

Submitted by

Sue Kosinski

Communications/Publicity

Diane Kean has graciously agreed to become the editor of the first-ever Northern Neck Master Gardener's quarterly Newsletter.

The Newsletter will be aimed at our membership as well as EMG units across the state. The hope is to make it interesting enough for our members to read at least one article. To that end, the program chairs have all be asked to submit articles of interest to our readers.

If you have an idea for article for the Newsletter, please contact Diane.

Diane says her first order of business will be to come up with a catchy title. We are having a contest to choose a name for our Newsletter...Please submit entries to Diane Kean, at dianek12@atlanticbb.net or call her at 804-445-4581

The winner will receive a \$25 Visa Gift Card and kudos for their creativity. Deadline: March 1st.

The Spring issue of Home and Garden magazine has a lengthy article on the MG program featuring an interview with Janice Mahoney.

Many thanks to Deidra McLaughlin for writing multiple newspaper articles promoting GNN featuring our three speakers and their presentations.

Multiple newspaper articles are in the planning stages promoting the MG plant sale which will occur at the end of April. If you would like to help, please contact Mary Turville or Michelle Kramer.