

**Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**April 24, 2008**

**President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman** called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. There were 44 in attendance. Debby Jacoby and Gail Earley were thanked for providing the refreshments. The master gardeners from the new class were welcomed. The timesheet book was being passed around to record hours.

**Secretary, Patty Burns** read a thank you note from Linda & Jennifer Rudick for their loss. She then read the minutes of the March 27, 2008 meeting which were accepted as read.

**Treasurer, Allen Smith** stated that the 2008 plant sale income was \$19,385.10 versus \$17,876.25 from the 2007 plant sale or an increase of \$1,508.85. Gardening by the Month sales have been very successful. The balance ending as of 4/23/08 is \$21,038.33. An updated dues paid sheet will be put in the timesheet book.

He made a motion that “the BCMGVA, with the approval of the membership, donate the trailer to the Brunswick County Extension Service. The trailer would be for use in promoting the Master Gardener Volunteer Program in Brunswick County. The purchase of a trailer was voted by the membership on March 27, 2008 at a regular scheduled membership meeting.” The positive impacts of doing this are: 1.) the sales tax will be paid for by the county; 2.) the insurance would be covered under the county’s umbrella policy; 3.) positive press for the Master Gardener program. The motion was seconded by Bev Mastrovich and approved by the membership.

**Newsletter Editor, Joe Loughlin:** In Joe’s absence, Shirley reminded everyone that articles for the newsletter should be sent to Joe by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Greenhouse/Restitution: Ash Tyler** thanked the new class members for helping with the plant sale and stated the next plant sale will be May 8, 9, & 10. It was noted that more experienced Master Gardeners are needed to work along with the new class members. A sign up sheet is being passed around. The greenhouse and irrigation system is ready to be upgraded. The Restitution Program is doing well.

**Master Gardener, Cathie Rod** has volunteered to head up a monthly “Who’s Who” article in the newsletter which will be an interview with a Master Gardener so that others within the organization can learn a little information about other fellow members.

**Coordinator, Charlie Spencer** again stated the next plant sale dates and that more experienced help is needed to work with the new class members. An email for the May seminar dates has been sent out and will be in the next newsletter. They include four seminars on insects and diseases on 5/3 Southport Wal-Mart, 5/7 Leland Library, 5/9 Hickman Crossroads, and 5/15 Southport Library. Nothing else is scheduled for the summer due to the state conference coming up in October except for the Recognition luncheon on June 10th. Rain barrels are being sold and a few people are needed to work on putting them together. Workday is Tuesday, 4/29 at 9:00 a.m.

**President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman** asked the membership for donations for the silent auction and door prizes, i.e. plants, crafts, etc. for the state conference. All the workshops are lined up and the announcements should go out by the end of June. Pelican bookstore bought a table and will run a bookstore. Vending space is available at the conference for chapters for \$35.00 a table. An individual vendor is \$225.00 per table. She suggested the BCMGVA buy a table for the conference. The membership is still looking for a Herbarium and if anyone is interested, to let her know.

**Hort Agent, David Barkley** discussed programs he has been doing around the state. A new website is being developed for a few NC counties and will be great once implemented statewide. The Plant ID class took a trip to the Sandhills Community College and the JC Raulston Arboretum. The Landscape class will go on 5/2. He will help train youths in judging horticulture crops on 5/10 in Greenville or at the Extension Office. There will be a two hour plant clinic at the Leland BCC on 5/13. The other clinics are scheduled for the second Tuesday in June, July, and August. Charlie will be putting information in the newsletter about the clinics. On 5/5, Dr. Faunst will be doing an all day plant review for the Plant ID class and anyone else that had previously taken the Plant ID class are also invited. Guest speaker will be Bryce Lane for NCSU on gardening ideas. There is a possibility that the 4H will provide lunch for a nominal fee and Al Hight will be leading the speakers in the afternoon for the Coastal Gardener Seminar. Master Gardeners are invited to stay for the afternoon seminar and New Hanover and Pender counties will also be invited. Information will be put in the newsletter as soon as details are worked out.

**Gardens: Jim Blake** stated no one is showing up for the workdays. It was discussed that the workdays are the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month and the calendar will be updated to show the correct days. A reminder will also be put in the newsletter.

**Master Gardener, Jim Meyer** reported that the household chemical waste/electronics pick-up at the Shallotte Middle school was fairly successful but more publicity was needed prior to the event. The next one will be in Southport at Wal-Mart.

Judy Thore from the new class invited everyone to attend the dedication of the butterfly garden at the Boiling Spring Community Center on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m. followed by a presentation from Peter Hertyl from NCSU on ground pearls.

The next general meeting will be May 22nd.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Burns, Recording Secretary