

Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association
General Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2008

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman called the meeting to order at 9:05a.m.. There were 34 in attendance. Cathie Rod and Bev Mastrovich were thanked for providing the refreshments.

In the absence of **Recording Secretary, Patty Burns**, Pat Hagerty read the minutes of the July 28, 2008 meeting which were accepted as read.

Treasurer, Allen Smith, stated the balance ending as of August 26, 2008 was \$11,473.70. We should end the year in good shape which is consistent with last year. He indicated that we are now registered with the state of NC as “Not for Profit” organization and the next step will be to file the forms to pay state sales tax. Al stated that his position will be open next year since he already served two years. He described his duties for anyone that is interested in becoming a candidate for the next election and said to call him if there are any questions. The report will be filed for audit.

Greenhouse/Restitution, Ash Tyler said he is still waiting for an electrician to return and complete the greenhouse. He stated that Charlie will be picking up 140 daylily bulbs next week and that plugs, plants, etc. are coming in over the next few months for the plant sales so there is a lot of work to do. The Restitution budget of \$10,500 has been approved and we have to perform \$3,245 in-kind of volunteer hours to keep the budget.

Newsletter Editor, Joe Loughlin asked that information for the newsletter be sent to him by the 5th of each month. Cathie Rod will be doing the October newsletter while he is on vacation so any articles should be sent to her by 10/5.

Hardscape, Fred Mina stated he is replacing deck boards and plantings still need to be done. Ash stated we just received 12 new tables for the greenhouse which need to be put together.

Vice President, Grace Wrigley stated she and David have the following speakers lined up for next year: January, Bruce Williams (landscaping); February, Lisa Wimpfheimer (Tryon Palace); March, Jim LeTendre (tomato pests/solutions); April, Kent Kolbe (NC DOT Landscape Beautification/Wildflower); May, Anne Pendred (visual pictures of landscape flowers and plants); June, no speaker (graduation social – photography contest); July, Keith Baldwin (NC soils and plant growth); August, Joe Neal (weeds); September, Charlotte Glen, (open topic); October, speaker TBD (Art in the Garden); November, Larry Cahoon (NC climate changes); December, no speaker (Christmas banquet). Shirley said that if anyone has suggestions for 2010 let her know.

Nominating Committee, Dominique Loewenstein stated that we have three elected officers – President, Vice President and Treasurer who can serve for two consecutive one year terms. The Vice President and Treasurer positions will be open next year. She is passing out a form to complete if anyone wants to run for election or knows someone who wants to run then return to the Nominating Committee – Joe Loughlin, Cathie Rod and herself by mail or email. The candidates will be presented at the next general meeting. Additionally, Shirley stated we are also in need of a Corresponding Secretary to replace Peggy Meinzer. This appointed position sends out cards, letters, etc. from the BCMGVA so she is looking for volunteers. There is \$50.00 in the budget for supplies. See her if interested.

Coordinator, Charlie Spencer asked that everyone keep their timesheets up-to-date and kept at the extension office. He also reminded everyone to let him know if someone is sick, a death in the family, etc. so a card can be sent. He stated the Fall Coastal Gardening Program scheduled for 9/26 has been cancelled due to the unavailability of speakers. On 9/9 a seminar will be held at the church in Boiling Springs from 11:00 to 12:30. A Firewise demonstration will be at St. James on Saturday, 9/13 from 10:00 – 2:00. Library seminars will be: 9/18 in Southport, 9/19 at Hickman’s Crossroads both from 2-4 p.m. and 9/20 at Wal-Mart in Southport from 10-12 Noon. On 9/22 is a propagation workshop at Brunswick Electric from 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. followed up by an herb class on 9/22 from 2-4 p.m. at BCC conducted by Charlie & Shirley. Saturday, 10/4, is the Sunset Beach event. The conference is 10/5, 6, 7, & 8th. The fall plant sale will be 10/23, 24 & 25 but the dates might be changed. Life on the Farm will be scheduled for late October or November. The Farmer’s Market on Garrison lawn in Southport is still being held every Wednesday from 9:00 – Noon until November but the MG booth will only be there until around the end of September. He stated we are selling books, getting more people bringing in plant samples and people asking about becoming a Master Gardener. He stated all the seminars will be posted on the internet and in the next newsletter. He mentioned he belongs to a Shag Club that is selling tickets for a \$5.00 donation to buy phone cards for our troops overseas.

President, Shirley Waggoner-Eisenman stated that tote bags for the conference will be stuffed on Monday, 9/29, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the extension office. We are still in need of hosts and hostesses, transporting conference material to Sea Trails, and help at the Silent Auction table. Grace stated that there are over 200 participants for the conference so far and three of the workshops are already full. The first bus for each tour is full and we are working on getting a second bus for each tour. Shirley stated that if anyone lost their form, they can go on the website www.ncmastergardeners.org and print one off. More attendance from Brunswick county MG’s is needed. Carol Wilson stated she has attended several MG conferences and has brought back a lot of knowledge about gardening and encourages everyone to attend. Encore is donating 50 azaleas to be sold at the Silent Auction which will help generate more money. David Barkley narrated a visual presentation on the 2008 MG conference referencing the workshops, speakers, and activities that are planned. Linda Lemieux is now selling raffle tickets for two raffle items at the conference - \$1.00 for a reel lawnmower and \$5.00 for an in-ground pond.

Hort Agent, David Barkley stated he recently attended an invasive plant seminar and may use that topic at one of the coastal gardening seminars. The extension hired a new horticultural agent. A hazardous household waste collection will be held on 9/20 in Southport. He has received an opportunity to participate in the NC green industry grant program. The Brunswick County 4-H horticultural judging team is representing NC at the national junior horticultural meeting in October. He is trying to raise money to get the team to the nationals and is requesting \$1000 from the BCMGVA. A motion was made by Grace Wrigley and seconded by Jim Meyer for the BCMGVA to contribute \$1,000 to the 4-H Club to attend the National Conference. Motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned followed by a presentation from Charlotte Glen on “plants for difficult situations”.

Next general meeting will be September 25 with Ronda Sherman speaking on vermicomposting. Refreshments will be provided by Sue Fogle and Don Cannady.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Burns, Recording Secretary as recorded by Pat Hagerty