

September 20, 2017 Monthly Meeting
Northern Neck Master Gardeners
Transportation Building, Heathsville, VA

Tami McCauley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Attending the meeting were Vicky Bowen, Deborah Brooks, Deborah Burgess, Harriet Chinn, Wayne Condrey, Leslie Damon, Jinny Estell, Martha Frank, Marge Gibson, Liz Giovane, Betsy Hardy, Aleta Hoffman, Ruth Huber, Henry Lane Hull, Barb Kauneckas, Diane Kean, Carolyn King, Sue Kosinski, Sue Lindsey, John Lunsford, Janice Mahoney, Deborah Marl, Darleen Nelson, Anne Olsen, Lynn Osborne, JoAnn Perkins, Barbara Pulling, Henry Riely, Edna Roberts, Bonnie Schaschek, Kim Schmidt, Lee Scripture, Mary Turville, and Tom Warren. Also attending were William Bell and Trent Jones, VCE.

MINUTES: The August 16, 2017 minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The reports were approved as posted. Budget planning for 2018 began in September. The proposed 2018 budget will be available in October for November vote.

EMG Announcements:

- A Milestone Award was presented to Barbara Pulling (1,000 hours).
- EMG leaving: John Lunsford announced that his house is under contract, and he and his wife will move to Tampa permanently at the end of Sept. He plans to join the master gardeners in Florida. He was thanked for his service to NNMG.
- EMG Garden Visits: Henry Riely will host on September 29th, starting at 5 p.m., and Tami will host on October 26th. Events are weather dependent. Spouses and significant others are welcome! Directions to Henry's home are: From Kilmarnock, take Route 3 south; at ½ mile after passing the White Stone Church of the Nazarene, turn left onto Ocran Road (Route 646). Continue on Scott Road, which becomes Little Bay Road, for about 1

½ miles. Turn left onto Dungeon's Thicket Road (Route 645). Take the second left onto Edgewater Farm Drive. Henry's home is at the end of the Drive, #417. Call his cell (804-363-9995) with questions.

- Bill reported that the server was down last week, without notice, for maintenance. Hopefully we will be switching to a new server soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Help Desks:** Liz noted there are just a few openings for Help Desk in Northumberland and Westmoreland. Please sign up!
- **Plant Clinics:** Wayne reported lots of contacts at recent farm markets. At Tappahannock, Diane displayed goldenrod and ragweed to show the differences. The local radio station interviewed her at the market, which brought people to the booth. The Heathsville market offered a "tip of the month" to draw people to the booth. There are only a few more plant clinics this fall; check online for openings. Betsy encouraged members to buy tickets online for Boots and Barbeque, sponsored by the NN Land Conservancy, which will be held on September 24th at Grove Mount in Richmond County. NNMG will have a booth. Tickets are \$40 each.
- **Children's Ed:** A few more volunteers are needed for the Soils program on October 13-Lancaster and October 16-NES. If you are not signed up, come anyhow. Please complete the VCE 4-H volunteer form.
- **Communications:** Two people are needed for 2018, a writer and a media contact/liaison. Contact Tami if you can help!
- **Teaching Gardens:** The farm museum garden has lots of kale and collards growing. Tomatoes and peppers did not do well this year. Work at the Reedville garden is winding down. The asters will be blooming soon.
- **Volunteer Management:** Please record your hours in VMS. Diane will begin working on the report for Trent in October. She commended the interns for doing a great job!
- **VMGA:** NNMG is hosting the December 9th meeting, which will be held at St. Francis De Sales in Kilmarnock. Volunteers will be needed to set up and provide baked goods. All EMGs are welcome to attend.

- **Vice President:** Henry reminded everyone that GNN will be held on March 24, 2018. He will schedule a GNN committee meeting in October.
- **Programs:** Marge announced that the October meeting will be held at Good Luck Winery in Kilmarnock. A tour is included. Wine tasting is available after the meeting for \$11 per person.
- **Agriculture Update:** Trent announced that the wheat harvest was good. A farmer in Lancaster was the winner of the yield contest, with 122 bushels per acre. It's been a good season for rain in Lancaster and Northumberland. Some areas of Richmond and Essex counties received too much rain or had drought conditions. He brought a soybean plant sample.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Educational Program: Bob Pitman, Superintendent of the Eastern Virginia Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Warsaw, VA.

Barbara Kauneckas, Secretary