

**Hanover Master Gardener Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Hanover Evangelical Friends Church**  
**February 2, 2018**

**Minutes**

President Doris Gullotta welcomed the members; guests; and our speaker, Phil Sheridan, PhD., to our General Membership Meeting. She stated that the business meeting would follow the meal. She invited everyone to enjoy the pot luck dinner.

Doris called the business meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. She reminded members to pay their dues. She stated members can pay dues to Pat Reyes by cash, check, or credit card. Dues can also be paid on-line at HanoverMasterGardeners.org. Doris said the website is up and running, with a fresh look and additional features. She requested that members submit their favorite recipes to Betty Jane Hughes, to be posted on the website. Doris stated that a Project Fair is planned for March. She said that all project leaders need to submit updated project proposal forms to Laura Maxey-Nay for approval. Doris offered to help with the write-up of the project proposals. Doris reminded all MGs of the importance of logging volunteer hours on VMS.

Rhonda Searles presented a volunteer opportunity to add a youth activity to the HMGA calendar. She stated we currently have the Roots and Shoots program, Ag. Day, the Meaningful Watershed project, and a project created each year for the State Fair. The "Spring Break" project was cancelled last year due to lack of interest. She stated that Washington-Henry Elementary School had an Earth Day festival last year, in which HMGs participated. Several of the area schools have similar events that would be opportunities for MG participation. Rhonda has contacted all the public schools in Hanover County, and four have expressed interest. Buz Sawyer stated that the Plant Clinic Committee would be meeting soon to discuss the upcoming schedule and could include these volunteer opportunities.

Doris discussed a potential project to promote native pollinating bees, including leaf cutter and mason bees. Crown Bees, a company specializing in educating the public on the importance of non-honey bee pollinators, would be happy to work with us in support of our efforts. Their website has a lot of information as well as teaching resources that can be used to prepare a project that is suitable for both adults and children. Doris will facilitate a meeting to further explore this project, as several people have already expressed interest.

Diane Dean stated that she recently attended a class on "Healthy Landscapes, Healthy Chesapeake Bay" at the Upper King William Branch Library. Two more classes are scheduled for February 6 and February 13. She stated Laura will be speaking at the February 13 class, and suggested the HMGs should go to support her. She also reminded the members that Brenda Burke will be speaking Saturday on "Bees of the Eastern U.S." This lecture is a part of the HGS educational series. MGs can volunteer at HGS lectures or attend a class for a one-time CE opportunity of two hours.

Pattie Bland, Vice President, introduced speaker, Phil Sheridan, PhD., whose presentation on “Pitcher Plants and Long Needle Pines: Their Propagation, Habitats, and Habitat Restoration” was informative. A drawing for a raffle and door prizes followed Phil’s talk. Door prizes were won by Susan Doran and Pat Holt.

Doris thanked everyone who helped organize and set up. She thanked Beckey Watson for making the centerpieces, Linda Hazelwood for Hospitality, and Diane Dean for her technical assistance. She stated the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on February 19, 2018, and all members are welcome to attend. There will be a three-hour CE pesticide training refresher opportunity on March 1, 2018.

The February HMGA General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Present:** The attendance sheet will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Wayne Bryant**  
**Secretary**