

**Hanover Master Gardener Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Montpelier Parks and Recreation**  
**September 8, 2019**

**Minutes**

President Pattie Bland welcomed the members and guests. She stated that a business meeting and presentation by Dominic Carpin would follow the meal. She invited everyone to enjoy their lunch.

Pattie introduced Angelette Pryor, Volunteer Coordinator, and Laura Maxey-Nay, Extension Agent/ANR. They recognized and awarded certificates to the new MGs who have fulfilled the volunteer hours to complete their internships. The new Master Gardeners are: Bill Fleming, Annette Schanz, Victoria Shipp, Jane White, Rosemary Wilkinson, and Richard Wood.

Angelette and Laura recognized and awarded certificates and milestone service pins to the MGs, as listed below:

<b><u>250 Hours</u></b>	<b><u>500 Hours</u></b>	<b><u>2,000 Hours</u></b>	<b><u>3,000 Hours</u></b>
Sharon Wells	Paula Willoughby	Wayne Bryant	Valerie Kish
Patricia Skjei	Rhonda Searles	Betty Jane Hughes	
Pat Holt	Nancy Reinardy	Judy Durant	<b><u>5,000 Hours</u></b>
Kristy Gahn	Juliane Givler		Emily Gianfortoni

Angelette stated that the milestone awards presented today represent over 17,000 hours of volunteer service.

Pattie introduced Julie Givler. Julie related a conversation she had with Laura. When asked when a replacement for the 4-H Agent could be expected, Laura replied that VT had decided to divert the salary for a new agent to another unit. It would be at least another year before VT could budget for a 4-H Agent for Hanover. Julie and Richard Wood have prepared letters to Ms. Janet Spencer, Southeast District Director - VCE and to Dr. Edward J. Jones, Director - VCE, requesting support of VT in funding the Hanover 4-H position. The letters also encourage consideration of making the position of Hanover Volunteer Coordinator a full-time position. Julie asked the MGs to sign the letters in support of this action.

Pattie reported that the Nominating Committee, chaired by Doris Gullotta, stated that the current elected officers have agreed to serve again in 2020. If members would like to run for these offices or other positions available on the Board, they are invited to volunteer or make other recommendations to the Nominating Committee. Candidates must be a Master Gardener in good standing, up to date with volunteer and education hours, and a member of the Association. The Committee will evaluate potential nominees in September, finalize a slate in October, and make a recommendation to the BOD at the November meeting. The 2020 Board of Directors will be elected at the December General Membership Meeting.

Pattie stated that the State Fair plan is coming together. The theme this year will be "Native Plants." Christy Brennan continues to plan and coordinate the volunteers for the MG Booth for the Virginia State Fair. The set-up for the MG booth will be Thursday, September 26. The State Fair will run from Friday, September 27, through Sunday, October 6. State Fair volunteer opportunities will be listed on VMS. The State Fair is a ticketed event, and tickets are limited. If a volunteer receives a ticket and cannot fulfill his/her shift, the ticket MUST be returned prior to the shift for which it is allotted, so someone else will be able to fill that shift.

Door prizes (including hand painted signs by MG Jane White, baskets of apples used as table decorations, barbeque sauce, and barbeque) were awarded to the MGs. The business meeting was adjourned from the picnic shelter to the Parks and Recreation Center at 1:27 p.m.

Ginny Nicholas, VP, introduced our guest speaker, Dominic Carpin, owner and operator of the delli Carpini Farm. The farm specializes in hard-to-find open-pollinated heirloom vegetables, herbs, and flowers; especially Italian, French, Eastern European, Russian, Asian, and Meso-American varieties.

The September HMGA General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. Master Gardeners that were interested then traveled a short distance to delli Carpini farm for a guided tour.

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Wayne Bryant  
Secretary**