



HMGA Activity Reports and Announcements for March 2023

Announcements - Pattie Bland announced that there are two gleaning classes scheduled on April 4 at 7 p.m. and April 6 at 2 p.m. Anyone interested in participating in gleaning is required to take the training every year. Zoom link and sign up available on Better Impact.

State Fair - Needs Coordinators.

Horticulture Learning Center - Bob Durbin - Activity continues on planning and on the ground creation of the HLC. Cardboard and wood chips were placed by 19 volunteers on Saturday the 12th along with 4 raised beds. Two more truck loads of chips were delivered by C.S. Flournoy Tree Service.

Community volunteers and master gardeners are being recruited for each raised bed with a goal of 10 beds for this season. Opening day for the garden is scheduled for the first week of May.

Applications for grants have been made and efforts continue in seeking for possible grants and donations.

The next meeting of the HLC committee is April 10 at 3 PM. All are welcome to come be a participant or a spectator in this exciting project. This group has lots of energy and is making things happen.

Gleaning - Pattie Bland (Elaine Daniel, Corinna Muldowney, and Pattie Bland, Coord.) - See announcements.

Home Gardening Series - Katrina Hart Coordinator. (Reported by Catherine Hebert) - The last program of this season has been rescheduled for April 15 at 2:00 (pending library confirmation)

During the feedback zoom meeting, several options were discussed, including moving the program online and making it a hybrid series with some online and some in-person presentations. Angelette will pull the committee together again to find a new program chair for the fall series and decide how to proceed in the future.

A big thanks to Katrina for bringing more quality visual presentation to the series and being one of the best organizers of volunteers and duties. Now it is someone else's turn to make their mark on this popular public program.

Virginia Cooperative Extension (VEC) – Angelette Pryor

Educational Grants - Becky Watson (Betty Jane Hughes, Mary Wagner, Doris Gullotta, Mike Little) -

A grant application has been received from the Ashland Community Preschool for restoration of raised beds in front of the Hanover Arts and Activities Center. The application has been forwarded to the Grants Committee members for evaluation.

A question will be added to the grant application form asking what plans are in place for maintenance of the garden or project once it's completed.

Scotchtown Demo Gardens - Doris Gullota -

March 15 - Scheduled a work day for Thursday March 23rd from 10am to 1pm.

March 8 - Visited the garden owned by Susan Auman. She donated some pseudonarcissus (trumpet daffodil), Telamonius plenus and Butter and Eggs daffodil bulbs <https://oldhousegardens.com/MoreAboutVanSion> for the perennial gardens at Scotchtown. They bloom very early in spring to late spring. We will be planting them soon.

March 1 - Workday was attended by 4 MGs and 1 visitor, Susan Auman with the Daffodil and Iris society. She gave us advice on daffodil bulbs that we can install that are from the colonial period. The society is willing to donate some. We weeded the perennial gardens and removed about 25% of the day lilies. We also removed another shrub and moved bulbs that we need to identify once they bloom.

In the kitchen garden, we planted onion sets, peas and spinach.

Communications - Betty Jane Hughes

Website - Katherine Hebert

- The first committee meeting has been rescheduled for March 23rd. Too many people canceled at the last minute.
- Work continues on the website. The resources page has been redesigned and organized. Outdated content has been removed.
- Regular site maintenance continues updating content and photos as needed.

Hanover Master Gardeners - Hanover Cooperative Extension (Public Facebook Page) -

- **September Sickinger** is now an Administrator of the public page with full privileges to the administration of the page. The Page is used to advertise our public education activities. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086429378777>

Land Care Steward - Linda Hazelwood

Meetings, Trips & Tours, Continuing Education - Eleanor Fukushima, VP

- Thanks to Andrew Pompei from Hanover Planning for a great presentation on 3/13/2023 HMGA member meeting.
- The presenter for the 5/8/23 May HMGA member meeting will be Patrick Johnson, certified Permaculturist. This will be an interesting and informative presentation on a relatively emerging subject. <https://rvapermaculture.com/about-us/>
- The June HMGA member meeting will be a picnic at Taylor Park, home of our office and the Horticultural Learning Center (HLC), and learn about the planning and implementation of the HLC.
- Plans for the July HMGA member meeting are to have an informal discussion with those that attended or have attended Master Gardener College to hear about their learning experiences. Additional ideas are still being discussed. Stay tuned.
- Eleanor is still working on several potential trips/tours over the summer.

Plant Sale - Pat Reyes

Vendors - Sandy Pence - There are three confirmed vendors and two additional pending vendors to participate in the April plant sale.

Youth Activities - Needs a Coordinator.

MG Help Desk - Val Kish - Reports quarterly. Next update in April.

2023 MG Training Class (MGTC) - Val Kish - Classes end March 23rd. Class report coming in April.

Extension Office Demo Garden - Sandy Pence**Pole Green Butterfly Garden - Sandy Pence**

Rural Point Elementary School Garden - Sandy Pence - The Spring gardening lessons will begin soon and I am in contact with the lead teacher on the preparation of the Grant Report.

Speakers Bureau - Carol Brown