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WBG Memberships Due January 1, 2013
A new board policy is in place, setting the membership renewal date at the start of each new calendar year. Included in this newsletter is a membership/donation form. If you have questions, please contact: Dave Banks, Treasurer at dwbanks@earthlink.net or Karen Jamison, Chairman at karenajamison@cox.net.

3rd Saturday of every month from February thru November. All programs start at 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. (except for June) Children 5-15 yrs old The WBG does not charge for Walk and Talk events. All persons will be admitted **FREE**

February thru November
Every 3rd Saturday

WBG Happenings

Our Mission

To enhance the life of residents and visitors by promoting beautiful gardens for the enjoyment of plants and the environment through year-round educational and recreational programs.

Breaking News

Third Annual Vines & Wines Garden Party

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WBG Happenings

- July 21
- Aug. 18
- Sep. 15
- Oct. 20

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become involved by volunteering at the garden, by supporting the organization in the community and also by making a financial contribution in support of our mission.

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Third Annual Vines and Wines Garden Party Rockefeller Garden



WBG Board Secretary Kathy Coomer and Jim



Helen McConnell



Geneva Hunt, Board Member, Council of Garden Clubs and WBG Board Chairman Karen Jamison



Linda Miller with her original painting of Lenten Rose that she donated to Vines and Wines



Betty Lewis, Karen Schell, Lois Hornsby

Chairman's Message

Dear Friends,

The garden is bursting this spring with activities, blossoms and color! We hope you have been for a visit.

Several local garden clubs have visited the garden this spring for tours guided by local Master Gardeners. We continue to have interesting and informative programs monthly and Therapeutic Thursday programs weekly in the Therapy Garden will continue throughout the summer.

Two spring fundraising events were well attended and successful. On April 28th we were invited to participate in the Master Gardeners Plant Sale in Freedom Park. On May 24th the third annual "Vines and Wines" garden party was hosted in the Rockefeller Garden in Colonial Williamsburg. Both events raised proceeds to benefit the garden.

As we work to build a first class garden within Freedom Park we are also seeking to fill various Board and committee positions. We have openings in Membership, Fundraising and Grant Writing. We are also seeking a Special Events coordinator to assist with weddings and other special events in the garden. Visit our website at www.williamsburgbotanicalgarden.org or call 757.880-1893 for further details and information.

We appreciate your continued support for the garden.

Warm regards,

Karen Jamison



WBG board members
1st row: Angela Cingale, Joanne Chapman, Charlie Martino, Ike Sisane, Peggy Krapf
2nd row: Dave Banks, Kathy Coomer, Karen Jamison, Bob Harris

Volunteer Profile

Karen Jamison

It's impossible to quantify how much Karen has done for WBG, as chairman since 2005. She truly does it all—chairing meetings, weeding the garden, planting daffodil bulbs in December, staffing display booths, speaking to community groups, and picking up all the little pieces that others cannot do or forgot about. Paul Tubach was correct when he announced Karen as his replacement "Didn't I choose the right person!" he said.

A tireless promoter of the Garden and all activities, Karen uses her many contacts in the area to recruit workers and board members. And she rarely is absent at any Garden function—helping set up the programs, providing refreshments to Garden workers, selling bulbs and potted plants.

Thank you, Karen for all you have done and are doing to promote the Williamsburg Botanical Garden to gardeners, school groups, out-of-town visitors, and area residents. The Garden would not be where it is today without Karen's leadership.

And she often recruits her husband Tom to run the mower, weed the Green Roof, prune the shrubbery.



Master Gardener Tours

In mid-March ten members of the Greensprings West Garden Club toured the garden with the Master Gardener tour leaders. Each leader met the group in the section of the garden with which they were most familiar. The ladies then pulled weeds, and had lunch on the picnic tables outside on the patio at the Interpretive Center.



Master Gardeners Iris Grant and Vince Rasper with members of the Greensprings West Garden Club



Master Gardener Tour Leaders and students from a local kindergarten tour the Garden.

JCC Williamsburg Master Gardener Tours of WBG

The James City County Williamsburg Master Gardener Association, Virginia Cooperative Extension Volunteers, approved the project in establishing the WBG Tour Guides. Patsy McGrady and Mitzi Balma, MG Class of 2010, signed onto the project and now co-chair the effort. Carolyn Will, Helen Hamilton, Gary Driscole, Brian Taber, Donna Ware, and Angela Cingale introduced Patsy and Mitzi to the garden -- explaining the history, goals, and objectives of WBG and discussing the structure and content of the various sections of the WBG. Eight additional Master Gardeners from the Class of 2011 joined the project. The tour guides constantly update their information as the garden expands and new plant materials are introduced into the landscape. The 2012 tour guides comprise of Mitzi, Ken Caro, Iris Grant, Cathy Hill, Valerie Hillyer, Patsy, Gary Streb, Nancy Bayne, Vincent Rasper, and Jordan Westenhaber.

The group's goal is to keep developing information on each of the 15 distinct garden sections and showcases specific plants according to the season. This information will provide greater depth to the tours and be a valuable resource for new people joining the MG project. Between 2010 and 2011 the group has provided tours to both adult and children's groups totaling over 150 visitors. As an added feature this year, with the daffodils blooming in and around the garden, Mitzi prepared an informative and enjoyable presentation on Daffodils which was a crowd pleaser. Tours are generally provided on a per request

basis and can be arranged by sending the webmaster an e-mail. The group successfully conducted two scheduled tours on "The WBG in Spring" for 28 people. Based on this initial success, the group expects to make the spring tour an annual event and is considering adding a "The WBG in Fall" scheduled tour also.

There are currently 4 James City County Williamsburg Master Gardener Interns, Maggie McCain, Becky Palmore, LaMonica Samuel, and Nancy Schusheim training to become tour guides for the latter part of 2012.

There are other opportunities for Master Gardener tours of the garden with the opening of the Interpretive Center in Freedom Park complete with full time staff, museum, picnic tables, and other facilities is bringing more visitors and greater visibility. And the newest addition, "Go Ape", is also bringing community members to explore and request a tour of the garden. The 2012-2013 garden season promises to be very busy for the tour guides.

MASTER NATURALISTS BEGIN BASIC TRAINING IN SEPTEMBER

The Historic Rivers Master Naturalists group is accepting applications for its annual six-month Basic Training session. The session starts September 4, 2012 and ends March 13, 2013. The group meets about twice a month on Tuesday evenings and participates in a field trip each month on a Saturday.

The application for Basic Training can be downloaded from the Historic Rivers Chapter website: www.historicrivers.org/ or contact the Basic Training Committee at hrcetraining@cox.net Additional information about the statewide program is at: www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/

WBG Activities February thru March



▲ Charlie Martino and Angela Cingale represented WBG at the JCC Parks & Rec Expo, Community Center on Longhill Road, at the end of February passing out information brochures about WBG. They spoke to over 100 people — some had never even heard of the Garden but Geoff Suter made a colorful program handout and a slide presentation to tell them about activities at the Garden.



▲ Students from Jamestown High School: Calin, Annette Coons, Teacher Assistant, Jakema, Robert Horvath, Special Education Teacher, Rachel, and Niko working in the garden. Angela Cingale, WBG coordinator for the program is in the foreground



▲ John and Joanne Chapman, supervisors of the workers



▲ The February Pruning Workshop was very well attended. Master Gardeners Annette Bell and Ruth Murphy discussed pruning techniques while Mitzi Balma demonstrated proper working apparel.



▲ On a chilly morning in March, rescued trees were planted in the wetland area by J Pieper, Travis and Ralph Will, and Donna Ware



▲ Students from the College of William and Mary, Tom Jamison and Angela Cingale load the brush pile onto a trailer for disposal. The trailer is parked permanently near the shed for the convenience of garden workers, and to allow easy transport to a nearby disposal site

WBG Activites April thru June



▲ A highly successful plant sale was held in April, thanks to Peggy Krapf, Angela Cingale, Geoff Suter and Kathy Coomer who coordinated and staffed the event



▲ Master Naturalists Jack Carey and Tim Dube installing one of several bluebird boxes in Freedom Park



▲ In April Shirley Devan presented a program on local birds for adults and children at the Interpretive Center. She then led a walk through garden



◀ Charlie Martino at the WBG display at the Art in the Garden event, June 7



◀ Linda Miller, Botanical Artist, gave a free art workshop to 15 children for the June program at the Garden



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