

## **Monthly Botanical Garden Committee Meeting Minutes – May 2018**

**(actions required are identified in bold letters)**

- Garden Tour Lessons Learned

The Brunswick County Newcomers Club garden tour on May 7<sup>th</sup> was well received by the club and successful overall due to our enthusiastic, dedicated MG volunteers. It was pointed out that we may have had too many MGs working the tour. For our interns, it was their first experience with the comprehensive presentations/tour program. They did get to see how we can put on a compact structured teaching/touring event at our Botanical Gardens.

- The garden tour is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. The Compass Pointe Avant Gardeners Club will tour our garden. Because the training room is booked up, we will set up some tables at the front entry with our MG table cloth. We'll have water, some light snacks. We will have GBTM books to sell and soil sample boxes and instructions. **Each garden will have a docent.** We are expecting 16 people, but it could be more.

- Status of the Rose Garden water source. Shawn is looking into tying in the drip line system into the fountain.

- Water Fountain across the street. Shawn is pursuing either a change out of the spray head on the existing water fountain or obtaining a contractor who can make this fountain into an elevated spray. We discussed the need to clean it out. Possibly Restitution may be able to do this.

- New Benches for the BG. Gayle met with Tim Mokma of Specialty Builders and Design, LLC. He is to provide an estimate for building treated lumber benches for the BG. One bench will be circular with a back, around the center Crape Myrtle in the main platform area. We've asked for a 5' bench with back and side arms for the Southern Live Oak Garden. And then we'll have two other benches that can be placed at the edges of the main platform area in the BG. We hope to have estimates by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

- Future Propagation Project. We discussed having each Garden identify plants that are highly desired by MGs, and based on appropriate growing season for that plant, propagate it so that we will have perhaps as many as 20 plants produced. The Edible

Garden has provided tomato plants to the MGs. **This will be an ongoing project that we will address at every monthly meeting.**

- **Wish List from the Native Plant Sale. Each Garden team leader is to identify what they would like to have added to their garden from the upcoming Native Plant Sale. Please provide Gayle your list NLT May 14<sup>th</sup> so that she can obtain them before the plant sale.**
- **Waterfall Area. We discussed selecting a few of our interns to take over the maintenance of the waterfall/feature area. Shawn has certainly improved the looks by doing some weeding and mulching. **Gayle will recruit at least two perhaps three interns to take this area on.****
- **NEW BUSINESS. Tri-fold handout for each Garden.** Amanda has produced a first draft of a tri-fold handout that identifies the Pollinator Garden, its purpose, the names of the plants in that Garden, etc. This will be a major source of information for visitors to our Gardens to take with them and learn about each of our very different Gardens. We will obtain tubes to be mounted on the new sign posts to put the tri-folds into. **Each Garden Team leader will develop their own tri-fold for review at the monthly meeting for review/discussion.**