

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2019

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

I. **CALLED TO ORDER** by President Bob German at 9:33am.

Veterans attending = 20

Bob Golden
John Uno
Laurie Anderson
Jessie Milligan
Lynn Menashian
Elaine Goodner
Laurie Wartnik

Gail Peck
Joni Kamfonik
Joe Fisher
Barbara Fisher
Everett Johnston
Mary Dixon
Terry Harris

Cathe Barter
Grace Horning
Kathy Creason
Dottie Tucker
Imogene McDonald
Bob German

Trainees attending = 3

Tina Powers
Donna Leveridge-Campbell
Claudia Turner

II. **ADDITIONS:** None.

III. **INTRODUCTIONS:** None.

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

V. **APPROVAL OF JULY 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve by: Elaine Goodner

Seconded by: Tina Powers

Motion CARRIED

VI. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Laurie Anderson)

Beginning balance	\$23,927.01
Expenses	2,250.00
Deposits	506.00
Interest	.99
Ending balance 7/31/2019	\$22,184.00

- The 2020 budget committee will meet this month. Please submit all budget requests to Laurie as soon as possible to ensure those are included in the 2020 budget.
- Discussion: possible budget line items; liability insurance coverage costs.

VII. **COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- **Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8th and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay** (Renee Blom)
Walking through Lady Bug Landing is pretty magical right now. The garden never looked more beautiful. We have had a great group of gardeners this year who have taken pride in care of their gardens and harvesting too. A fall plant sale was held Saturday, August 10th, which still did okay in the rain. Many thanks to those who provided fall vegetable plants that are not available elsewhere in town. The fall gardening class was cancelled but there were a few diehards show up anyway in the rain. The speaker did not want to teach in the rain. Thanks again to Mary Robertson for watering, Dan Morin helping most Saturdays, and Lynn Menashian and husband Reubin for weeding and keeping our edges perfect. Demo beds have produced 459 pounds of food for the mission and food bank so far this season. Happy gardening!

- **Harvest Moon Garden | 180 N. Baxter Street, Coquille** (Mary Dixon)
The garden is flush and lush with veggies and herbs. The stars are the tomato plants with lots of cherries ripening and slicers too. Our gardeners are doing a wonderful job of maintaining their beds and are also doing a very good job of harvesting their produce. Garden Coordinator Sandra Stafford does an excellent job of sending the gardeners an email update every week or so using her garden bed as an example of what can be harvested and what needs ongoing maintenance. She even includes photos so the examples become crystal clear. We still have our ongoing raised bed project and other bed maintenance and refurbishing to do. We've had a lot of health and family issues so we have been in slow lane. Happily now we are speeding up and will have things completed by the end of the summer.
- **Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8th Ct., Bandon** (Judy Jackson)
Things that are fading: lettuces, beans, onions.
Things that are coming on: Brussels sprouts, tomatoes, squash.
The compost heap is growing as are our weekly donations to the E.A.T. program. The air in the garden is heavy with the scent of sweet pea flowers and basil. One intrepid gardener is growing corn and cleverly uses the corn stalks as pole bean support. So if the corn doesn't ripen in cool Bandon at least she's put the stalks to good use. We're now paying for weekly garbage pickup and are encouraging gardeners to put spent flowers and other seedy stuff in the trash rather than in the compost. We are awaiting a greenhouse rewiring bid from Lloyd's Electric of Coos Bay with the intention of making our indoor growing space safer and more efficient. And lastly, we're working with the City of Bandon to plan a holding bin area off of our parking lot. We want to build three bins to hold loads of bark chips, purchased compost and manure. Happy harvesting to all.
- **Plant Clinic** (Kathy Creason)
 - **Volunteers are needed** for August 22nd (1 veteran + 1 veteran or trainee) and August 29th (1 trainee or veteran). Please email Kathy at jkcreason@frontier.com to fill those slots.
 - **The September calendar is 100%...empty.** Please consider giving time for at least one or more of the open slots.
- **Plant Sale Committee** (Lynn Menashian)
 - Committee is on hiatus until November 19th.
 - **One or two new members are needed** – please email Lynn Menashian at lynnmenashian2@gmail.com if you can play an active part to make this chapter's big annual fundraiser a continued success.
- **Garden Grants Program**
 - Discussion: scope and award criteria.
- **Coos Bay Farmers Market** (Elaine Goodner)
 - New handout available, "Protect Bees, Read Pesticide Labels", which is also accessible at info@oregonbeepproject.org.
 - **Desperately need volunteers** – veterans and trainees – for morning August 21st shift! No one has signed up to date.
 - Reminder to please do an inventory of forms and handouts at the end of each shift and, most importantly, at the end of the PM shift. Either veteran or trainee can complete this. Place in the return envelope with the plant clinic forms that go to Teletron.
 - Plant clinic asks that we fill out the forms legibly. Printing is preferable. Best to re-write an unclear form when you get a quiet moment.
 - **July contacts = 316.** We had a high of 42 on the first AM shift of July with an average of 30-36 contacts per shift each week.

- **Bandon Farmers Market** (Bob German)
 - Please see the online calendar for available openings.
- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Terry Harris)
 - Discussion: OMGA requests feedback to make Mini College more "compelling" including location, topics and time of year held.
 - Note: OMGA reported a total of 4,160 Master Gardeners 2018. Just over 200 attendees participated in the last Mini College that year which was approximately 5% of total membership in the state of Oregon.

VIII. **COMMENTS from OSU Extension Service, Coos County** (Sam Clayburn)

- Coos County Fair was held last month with 231 contacts at the Master Gardener booth.
 - Air conditioning in the Clarno Building will be re-evaluated.
 - Discussion: pros and cons of this year's MG booth location, building layout and event management.
- Free coffee grounds are available at Bayside Coffee in Myrtle Point. Contact number is 541/290-2020 for more information.
- The 2020 MG trainee education schedule is confirmed for January 9th through March 12th.
- The 2020 *Fertilize Your Mind* event will be April 4th at the Mill Casino in North Bend.

IX. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- OMGA Silent Auction: Workshops to make hypertufa planters through use of molds and mosaic materials for this year's silent auction will be Saturday, September 7th and Saturday, September 14th, 10am to 1pm both days, at Laurie Anderson's home. Please contact Laurie Anderson at inspiredLA@yahoo.com if you did not get a chance to sign up at today's CCMGA meeting.

REMINDER: The new OSU/CCMGA blog now takes the place of the old web page for calendars and other chapter information. Open a browser window or use Google and type in:

blogs.oregonstate.edu/coosmga/

If a password is requested to open a tab on the page, type in: **Tomato-Rama2019**

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:39am.

The next meeting is September 10th at the OSU Extension Building in Myrtle Point beginning promptly at 9:30am.

August 13th Education Session:

How Trees Talk to Each Other

Hosted by Barbara Fisher

Members received 0.5 continuing education hours.

Missed it? Access this talk at: <https://youtu.be/Un2yBgIAxYs>

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn Menashian

Secretary

August 16, 2019