

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2019

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

- I. **CALLED TO ORDER** by President Bob German at 10:35am.

Master Gardeners (MG) attending = 27

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| Lynn Menashian | Cheryl Drumheller | Donna Leveridge-Campbell |
| Al Dohner | Caren Brewster | Barbara Fisher |
| Everett Johnston | Susan Mlynarczyk | Joe Fisher |
| Mike Mueller | Jan Farnsworth Thompson | Steve Richardson |
| Mary Dixon | Joni Kamfonik | Donna Rabin |
| Tina Powers | Laurie Wartnik | Kathy Creason |
| Claudia Turner | Dan Morin | John Uno |
| Mary Ann Babb | Dottie Tucker | Judith Uno |
| Grace Horning | Laurie Anderson | Bob German |

Guest = 1

Susan Zohreh

- II. **ADDITIONS:** None.

- III. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Grace Horning introduced her daughter, Susan Zohreh, who plans to complete the 2020 Master Gardener training program.

- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

- V. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve: Mary Dixon

Second: Laurie Anderson

Motion CARRIED

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

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| Beginning balance | \$20,477.67 |
| Deposits | 580.00 |
| Interest | .86 |
| Expenses | (12.00) |
| Ending balance 11/30/2019 | 21,046.53 |

Motion to approve: Claudia Tucker

Second: Lynn Menashian

Motion CARRIED

- VII. **COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- **Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8th and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay** (Renee Blom)
The garden is now closed for the season. A work party on December 7th finished up a few of the beds that were not cleaned out, added straw and limed all beds. We lucked out – rain held off while we worked. Applications will be available January 3rd for the 2020 gardening year; people will be able to start gardening again the first part of February after receiving an orientation. There will be another work party in January, time and date TBA, to prep beds and prune the raspberries. It was a very good garden season and produced 1,150 pounds of produce donated to the Food Bank & Mission. Special thanks to Mary Robertson who helped with watering, Lynn Menashian and husband Reubin who came regularly to edge the curbs and weed

the pathways, and trainee (now veteran) Dan Morin who got many of his hours working and learning about vegetable gardening – a huge help. We are looking forward to another great garden season in 2020.

- **Harvest Moon Garden | 180 N. Baxter Street, Coquille** (Mary Dixon)
We held the end of the year workdays on December 7th and 8th. Happily, all of the garden beds were cleaned out and looking ready for hibernation. We have put lime on the beds and sometime after the first of the year will add more soil to the existing beds and put new soil in the beds that were recently raised. So nice to have that done. We do still have beds to repair and that will come a little later in 2020. January is rest and regroup month for the garden and gardeners. On February 1st we have our applications ready for the 2020 gardening season and gardeners will start growing in the beds on March 15th. The applications will be at the Coquille Library, the Sentinel Newspaper office and at the garden. We really had a successful gardening year. Lots of yummy produce was grown and there was minimal insect invasion and damage. Gardeners were really happy with their produce.

Please note: *We hope this next year to gain Master Gardener (MGs) volunteers in ALL the community gardens. We are losing some MGs. When the MG program started there were no community gardens. The South Coast Community Garden Association (SCCGA) was the organization that helped bring those gardens into being; the Master Gardener program was not affiliated with them. These gardens were recognized as a truly viable way for new as well as veteran MGs to earn volunteer hours. The MG program needed new ways to earn hours and the two organizations worked out a plan. This is why the gardens provide reports to the MG meetings: to alert member of a way to earn hours through volunteering at the gardens, learn and grow and create good will. Please volunteer in 2020 at one of the gardens. No experience necessary.*

- **Plant Clinic** (Kathy Creason)
 - The Clinic is now closed and will reopen in March 2020.
- **Plant Sale Committee** (Lynn Menashian)
 - The committee met on November 19th and has the following information for members:
 - The sale in 2020 will be two days as always.
 - Changes this year will include signups for plant delivery times on the Friday before the sale to reduce the congestion experienced in 2019.
 - Grower signup will start shortly.
 - Eighty (80) bags of Black Gold Organic soil will be delivered to the Myrtle Point basement in late January. All bags will require signout.
- **School Garden Grants**
 - John Uno has accepted the role of chairperson.
- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Dottie Tucker)
 - Lynn read a thank-you note to CCMGA from Sue Nesbit, Past President of the Oregon Master Gardener Association, for the donations to the silent auction.

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

- Calendars for signing up for farmers markets as well as the plant clinic are now available.
- Five individuals have applied to the Master Gardener training program for 2020. Mentors continue to be needed.
- *Fertilize Your Mind* will take place on April 4, 2020 at the Mill Casino in North Bend.
- Thank you and tokens of appreciation were presented to the three outgoing CCMGA board members: Laurie Anderson (treasurer), Barbara Fisher (vice president) and Lynn Menashian (secretary).

IX. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Awards **for 2019** were presented.
MASTER GARDENER OF THE YEAR: Laurie Anderson
BEHIND THE SCENES: Janet Tilton

CONGRATULATIONS!

- Awards for **volunteering 100+ hours** were presented.
Laurie Anderson
Cathe Barter
Kathy Creason
Dana Holliday
Nancy Johnson
Lynn Menashian

Jessie Milligan
Tina Powers
Steve Richardson
Mary Robertson
Claudia Tucker

Thank you!

- Master Gardener badges** were presented.
Jan Farnsworth-Thompson
Claudia Turner
Darla Parthemore
Tina Powers
Suzanne Church
Mary Ann Babb

Dan Morin
Tamara Hunt
Donna Leveridge-Campbell
Martha Lane

Congratulations!

- President Bob German reminded members to check email for a memo that listed the changes to the meeting locations in 2020. It was noted that the January CCMGA meeting will be on January 7th and not the 14th in order to occur before the start of the trainee program.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** The last CCMGA meeting of 2019 was adjourned at 11:23am.

The meeting was followed by the annual potluck.

REMINDER: The 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**

More info: The CCMGA Facebook page can be accessed here: <https://www.facebook.com/CoosCountyMasterGardeners/>

Respectfully submitted by:
Lynn Menashian
Secretary, CCMGA

****IMPORTANT****

THE JANUARY 2020 CCMGA MEETING
will be held on January 7th (and not the 14th)
in Myrtle Point beginning at 9:30am.