## COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

## **General Meeting Minutes**

February 13th, 2020 Coos Bay Education Services Building Coos Bay, OR

I. **CALLED TO ORDER** by President Bob German at 12:06 p.m.

### **Veterans attending = 25**

**Bob Golden** Barbara Fisher Laurie Wartnik Caren Brewster Mary Ann Babb **Grace Horning** Donna Rabin Mary Dixon **Dottie Tucker** John Uno Cathy Barter Mary Jo Audette Cheryl Drumheller Judy Jackson Lvnn Menashian Steve Richardson **Bob German** Susan Mlynarczyk

Tina Powers Claudia Turner Donna Leveridge-Campbell Imogene McDonald Joni Kamfonik Michelle Stubblefield

Don Ivy

### **Trainees attending =1**

**Ed Powers** 

II. **ADDITIONS**: None

III. INTRODUCTIONS: None

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**: None

### V. APPROVAL OF JANUART MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve by: Lynn Menashian

Seconded by Susan Mlynarczyk

**Motion CARRIED** 

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT (Claudia Turner)

Prior balance	\$20,635.37
Income	225.96
Interest	.91
Expenses CCMGA soil	1029.20
Ending balance (Jan. 31, 2020)	\$19,632.03

### VII. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

• Coquille Harvest Moon Garden | 180 N. Baxter Street, Coquille (Sandra Stafford) Garden Coordinator Harvest Moon Community Garden Mary Dixon read this.

Preparations are in full swing at the Harvest Moon Garden. Applications are available now for renting beds. A PSA has been sent to all the media outlets, the applications are available at the garden, at the Coquille Library, on the SCCGA website and on our website.

We've gotten the delivery of soil for the newly raised beds and also the beds that need more soil but are waiting for some help moving the soil into the beds. Any volunteers who would like to help would be greatly appreciated. Contact Sandra Stafford at coquillegarden@gmail.com or call her at 541-396-3508. We are starting to receive applications for beds, mostly from return gardeners right now. Happily, we have a new source for seeds and have just received a box of 2019 vegetable seeds.

Thanks to the Plant Sale Committee for giving us the opportunity to get some of the left-over plants after the plant sale. Not having a Coquille plant sale last year has depleted our reserves so we are looking forward to a successful sale this year. It will be the Saturday after the MG sale so if anyone wants to volunteer to give us a hand running our sale, we would be very thankful.

Here's to a wonderful gardening season and Happy Valentine's Day! Sandra Stafford, Garden Coordinator , Coquille Harvest Moon Garden

# • Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8th Ct., Bandon (Judy Jackson)

2020 plot applications are available on the SCCGA website and around town in Bandon. To date we've received 14 applications. Two plots will be dedicated for the EAT food program and managed by Master Gardeners. Several members bring their kids with them when they garden, so we're thinking of using the most wind- exposed bed (and therefore the least desirable) as a kids play-in-the-dirt plot which we'll stock with plastic toys.

Our member orientation dates are March  $7^{th}$  and April  $5^{th}$ . We're scaling back our plant sale this year and instead of a big sale, will hold two mini-sales at the Bandon Farmer's Market on April  $3^{rd}$  &  $4^{th}$  and May  $8^{th}$  &  $9^{th}$ .

We'll also hold an open house and plant sale at Good Earth during Bandon's Earth Day celebration on April 18<sup>th</sup>. We've started early season vegetables and berries in our greenhouse and will continue to add to the collection in the next few weeks.

Our Saturday gardening classes will begin in March and occur each month thereafter until August. On the docket are: Basic Propagation, Beginning Gardening, Growing for Good Health,

Pollinators in the Garden, Harvesting Timing and Techniques, Children in the Garden, and a Garden Gab Session.

Board members are working hard getting it all up and running including the onerous task of budget creation. It's a new and energetic group with lots of great ideas and above all a love of gardening.

Submitted by Judy Jackson

## • Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay (Renee Blom)

Lady Bug Landing is filling up quickly this year. Applications have been pouring in and as of today there are 7 of 60 plots still available. We have given 2 orientations and will do another one this weekend. We went to Eugene this week and picked up the Down to Earth All Purpose fertilizer we use at the gardens from the wholesale distributor and have just purchased a pallet of Stutzman chicken manure from Cascade Farm and Garden for Lady Bug Landing, that we are hoping to get on the beds this weekend. There will be a work party this Saturday, February 15 at 9:30 to apply the bags of manure to the beds and rake it in. If you are interested in helping just show up, make sure you are in work clothes and with more hands we will make short work of getting this done. Two weeks ago we had a small work party where we got the blueberries, raspberries and apple tree pruned. Whenever the soil finally dries out the garden beds will be ready for gardeners who have had their orientations to garden. Looking forward to another good gardening season.

- **Plant Clinic (Kathy Creason) Clinic is still closed. Opens on March 2**<sup>nd</sup>**. 2020** Calendar is located in plant clinic office to sign up. Online is available and if you want to sign up early contact Sam.
- Plant Sale Committee | 2019 Tomato-Rama (Lynn Menashian) Good morning to all on this sunny and cold
   Monday:

The annual **BIG** Tomato-Rama Plant Sale for the Coos County Master Gardener Association (CCMGA) is - gasp **only 90 days away**. As always, the weekend after Mothers Day will see another opportunity for local residents to purchase beautiful plants for modest prices at our annual fundraiser. Location will again be the Pony Village Mall. The sale room will change. More details next month. For now...e-mailed calendar and update on Tomato-Rama.

**Growing Volunteers:** It's grower time. We now have a new position of propagation coordinator, Susan Mlynarczyk, and will have volunteer signup boards up, with on-going grower sign ups. Check with Susan. **Plant delivery:** Friday before sale. Sign up for specific delivery time is required as what happened in the past did not work well with too many growers arriving in clumps, jamming up the table managers and plants being damaged in the rush. To elevate this major problem, all growers need to sign up at specific delivery times to insure quality plants and calm table managers.

**GROWERS:** Those larger growers who produce luscious plants every year for the sale have already started thinking about what they will grow. How about a 2020 planting calendar, you ask. Your wish is our command. Please also don't forget to sign up with Propagation Coordinator **Susan Mlynarczyk** when you have made your decision on plants. We do not want to throw out 1200 like last year. Sign up in these blocks for Tomato specific sign- up sheets, and a known set number of blocks of tomatoes to avoid over production of any one variety. Not exclusively the only tomatoes, trainees and MG's can grow different varieties, we just we just want to avoid over production. Dottie Tucker has the other vegetables and plant sheets for signing up. WE need variety so growers, plant other vegetables, flowers, herbs, perennials and succulents. Trainee training on Tomato-Rama is on February 27<sup>th</sup>. We have tons of seeds to share with you generously donated by many folks. Seeds available till the end of training time, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Just see Susan Mlynarczyk. Her contact information is 541-290-1790 <a href="mailto:bhappytoo@yahoo.com">bhappytoo@yahoo.com</a>. Question was raised? Is it ok to dig up transplants for sale. Yes, embargo lifted.

Planter cleaning and sterilizing for our downstairs bulk cells is needed if someone wants as a volunteer job if needing hours.

Let Susan or Dottie know what you want to grow so we can keep track for label time, both trainees and MG's.

**Trainees**, this is your opportunity to obtain a boatload o' volunteer hours toward your Master Gardener certification. More information will be coming to you later this month on February 27th during an orientation to this event.

The sign-up sheets for all volunteers at the plant sale will be ready to rock and roll at the March CCMGA meeting. Explanations for each role will be provided, as always. Sign up soon - your favorite job could be filled before you know it. Mary Jo Audette and Barbara Fisher will be available at the March meeting with the sign-up board to answer any questions.

Delivery sign up for your times so that we can avoid jamming up the table captains or damaging the plants. So mark your calendars for **Friday, May 15th** (plant delivery day to the sale room), and **Saturday-Sunday, May 16th and 17th** (sale days). Your chance to contribute to this important event is coming up.

Thank you so much, Lynn (and a big thanks to Lynn for coordinating this huge project.)
Lynn Menashian Chair, Tomato-Rama Plant Sale Coos County Master Gardener Association
cell | 559.908.3635 (texts are always welcome)

•	Scholarship Committee (John Uno ) Don Ivy reporting for the last time. He will still participate in the
	committee. Thanks to the board for allocating funding in budget for the scholarship money to distribute.
	One letter of interest for application/inquiry for scholarship received Dr. Steve Richardson and Don Ivy are
	looking at applications, Notices sent out and look good. Announcements went out February with March and
	April for receiving applications, then review of applications done in May. Scholarship process is
	transparent, clean and efficient. Sam applied to the Coquille Tribal community fund, was reviewed and CC
	Extension has received funds. Thanks for being a part of this committee, I have missed the camaraderie and
	good will and appreciate Samantha Clayburn, and all of the Master Gardeners for their hard work and
	interaction with our community. Respectfully, Don Ivy.

•	School Garden Grants (	) Unknown head of this committee. Will mail out apps to
	the schools for school grants. North Bend	has started a horticulture club and an application should go to

Jennifer Hample, instructor at North Bend. Science teacher at North Bend. Deadline March 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 for application filing.

- Coos Bay Farmers Market (\_\_\_\_\_\_)No manager as yet. first Wednesday in May.
- Bandon Farmers Market (Caren) Nothing new
- Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report (Terry Harris; Dottie Tucker, alternate) Nothing to report. Next meeting in March.
- County Fair (Samantha Clayburn) No updates at this time.

# VIII. COMMENTS from Samantha Clayburn, OSU Extension Service, Coos County (Samantha Clayburn) In middle of Master gardening training, Fer

## Training:

**"Fertilize your Mind" Update:** April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Guest Opening Speaker, James Cassady will be talking about Soils. Instructors are set. Rich Little: teaching two classes for us. Newsletter ready and "Fertilize your mind" added to the newsletter. On-line registration, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Room Host, and other positions for volunteer work. Sign ups available. Room host, table monitor, registration table, clean up. Many opportunities available. Support Hours given for volunteering.

Sign up sheets for Bandon and Coos Bay available. Pot luck at last MG training. Volunteer opportunities and what you want to do.

**Newsletter Committee.** New articles are requested. Received one already. Thanks.

Newsletter: last paper newsletter. The rest will be electronically so should save some money. June will be all electronic.

Blog Address is: blogs.oregonstate.edu/cossmga/ Password is: Tomato-rama2019 Financial report is also on the blog site.

Meet to plan Spring planting.

Fava beans GROWING!! in the beds build by MG last fall are doing well. Great Job!. We need to meet for help in planting not that it is about time. Now, time to dig in fava beans. The fava beans grew wonderfully. Also need more compost then fill with plants from the plant sale!

Ideas requested for April meeting talks. What would you like to have for subjects. We could make videos of people's places for educational. Planting topics. Think about making webinars of our own gardens that we visit such as Lor's and Bill's fantastic place. Bring up at the March meeting for April and future meetings.

10 minutes webinars for our meetings.

### IX. OTHER BUSINESS

**Next Months' Meeting:** 

CCMG Meeting March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Myrtle Point Extension Office. 11 am.to noon, Pot luck at 12 noon to 1 p.m. Class at 1 p.m. **Webinars:** Hourlong for Continuing Education Credits for MG. Good for trainees for learning. Brook Edmunds, from Benton County come one a month and archived on her youtube channel. 1 hour webinars. Movie night for plant geeks.

## **Updates from the Garden Ecology Lab (2020 edition!)**

Presented by: Dr. Gail Langellotto

March 17th at 10am PT

Pre-register here: https://learn.extension.org/events/3737

# **Gardening with Native Plants and the OregonFlora Project**

Presented by: Dr. Linda Hardison

April 21st at 10am PT

Pre-register here: https://learn.extension.org/events/3738

### Winter Squash Research at OSU

Presented by: Dr. Alex Stone and Lane Selman

May 19th at 10am PT

Pre-register here: https://learn.extension.org/events/3761

### Solve Pest Problems: A New Resource for Master Gardeners and the Public

Presented by: Weston Miller

July 16th at 10am PT

Pre-register here: <a href="https://learn.extension.org/events/3762">https://learn.extension.org/events/3762</a>

There will be a more webinars coming in August-October. I'll send via email or you can always check here (previous webinars can be found here too): <a href="http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/ediblegardens/2020/01/23/2020-osu-extension-master-gardener-webinar-series/">http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/ediblegardens/2020/01/23/2020-osu-extension-master-gardener-webinar-series/</a>

If you have suggestions for webinar speakers or there are topics that your MGs asking for, let me know! Take care, Brooke

**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 12:44 p.m.

**EDUCATIONAL TOPIC:** 

The next meeting is at Myrtle Point.

Respectfully submitted by: Tina Powers, Secretary February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020