

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

January 7th, 2020

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

- I. **CALLED TO ORDER** by President Bob German at 09:35 a.m.

Veterans attending = 22

Al Dohner	Bob Golden	Laurie Wartnik
Tina Powers	Claudia Turner	Donna Leveridge-Campbell
Dottie Tucker	Jessie Milligan	Everett Johnson
Judy Jackson	Kathy Creason	Lynn Menashian
Donna Rabin	Laurie Anderson	Mary Dixon
Caren Brewster	Mary Ann Babb	Grace Horning
John Uno	Cathy Barker	Barbara Fisher
Steve Richardson		

Trainees attending = 1

Susan Zohren

- II. **ADDITIONS:** None

- III. **INTRODUCTIONS:** None

- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

- V. **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve by: Mary Dixon

Seconded by Al Dohner

Motion CARRIED

- VI. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Claudia Turner)

Prior balance	\$21,046.53
Income	322.00
Interest	
Expenses	734.05
Ending balance (Dec. 31, 2020)	\$20,635.37

Requesting two members for audit committee for this next month. Kathy Creason and Mary Ann Babb graciously volunteered.

- VII. **COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- **Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8th and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay** (Renee Blom)
Lady Bug Landing located at the corner of 8th and Anderson Ave. in Coos Bay is just starting to accept applications for the 2020 gardening season, as of January 3rd, on a first come, first serve basis. Anyone interested in gardening this year can get their application at the Anderson St. entrance to the garden, McKay's Market across the street or online at socoastcommunitygarden.org It is \$10 membership for a 4' by 12' garden plot. You can start gardening after receiving an orientation in early February and can garden until December 1st. The garden supplies organic fertilizer, water, tools (available in shed) and possibly some donated seeds. Gardeners are responsible for planting, weeding, watering and harvesting their own plots.

*If you are just interested in supporting south Coast Community Garden Association (SCCGA) you can fill out a membership form and it is \$10. A year per person (see Sam for a membership application)
There will be a work party sometime the end of January TBA, this will be an opportunity for veteran MG's to get support hours for 2020. an email will be sent out with more information when a date has been decided.
There will also be opportunities to come get volunteer hours at the garden on Saturdays starting in April.
SCCGA has monthly meetings on the third Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m. at the Coos Bay Library, Cedar room.*

- **Coquille Harvest Moon Garden | 180 N. Baxter Street, Coquille** (Sandra Stafford) Garden Coordinator
Harvest Moon Community Garden
*First of all, we are losing our long-time president and original garden board member Mary Dixon and our treasurer, hard-working, always available to help, Dottie Tucker which is a huge loss for us. We added another director/gardener and will be searching for another director or two. Any MG or MG-to-be who is interested in helping lead the Harvest Moon Garden in Coquille will be welcomed enthusiastically. We meet the second Thursday of the month, 11:00am at the Senior Center in Coquille.
As all gardeners know, January is the planning month. Harvest Moon Garden is sleeping but work goes on. We have tried many different materials to cover our beds both to deter weed growth so this year we're trying layers of cardboard mostly to deter weed growth.*

*We're looking into seed donations and have two businesses considering our requests. We have many return gardeners so we're also going to do a combined seed purchase from Territorial with one of our gardeners who lives near there picking up the order so we can ask for a non-profit discount and save on shipping?
January also means finishing the repair of our older beds, putting soil in the new raised beds (and the beds with less soil) and adding more wood chips to our paths. Our applications are going out on the first of February, followed by orientation, with gardening beginning in mid-March, weather permitting.
We're also celebrating ten years for our community garden. 2009 – 2019. Happy New Year!*
- **Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8th Ct., Bandon** (Judy Jackson)
*2020 brings a change in Garden leadership. Leslie Wirt will take over from longtime president, Susan Ryan, who's retired after many dedicated years. We heartily welcome new board members to help take the Garden into the new decade. If you have money handling talent, plant raising talent, teaching talent or administrative talent and would like to earn valuable master gardener hours, please contact us.
Our next board meeting will take place on Monday, January 13th at 5 pm at Rancho Viejo Restaurant – which is at the corner of 42S and Hwy. 101.*

Things on our mind and on our agendas:

- *What about all those weeds that ended up in the compost?*
- *Do we use this weedy compost and risk years of weediness or dispose of it?*
- *Do we have the volunteers and the energy to pull off a plant sale?*
- *Do we want to revamp our educational classes?*
- *How do we support the 50-year anniversary of Earth Day?*
- *And most importantly, how do we create a rich and fertile environment perfect for plant growth and harvest?*

Plot applications will be available in February at Plants 101, Ace Hardware, the Bandon library and at Hennick's Home Center. They can also be accessed

*online: <https://bandoncommunitygardenblog.wordpress.com/applications/>
or <https://socoastcommunitygardens.org/applications/>*

- **Plant Clinic (Kathy Creason) Clinic is still closed. Opens on March 2nd. 2020** Some asking about calendar but nothing yet to sign up. Online is available and if you want to sign up early contact Sam.
- **Plant Sale Committee | 2019 Tomato-Rama** (Lynn Menashian) Delivery of Black Gold organic growing medium next week down in the basement to sign out. Secondly today is the annual tossing of derelict donations. Save what is usable and toss what is broken or not usable. Next meeting on January 21st. for Plant Clinic. This is the last year for Lynn Menashian, so we will need a new chairperson next year. Question: Could

volunteer hours be accrued for cleaning pots? Yes, and it would be another opportunity for fund raising support hours. Also, can be shared by new volunteers.

- **Scholarship Committee** (Don Ivy) No scholarship update yet. Next comprehensive report updates at the February meeting.
- **School Garden Grants** (Steve Richardson) Nothing yet
- **Coos Bay Farmers Market** (Elaine Goodner) Nothing yet
- **Bandon Farmers Market** (Bob German) Nothing new
- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Terry Harris; Dottie Tucker, alternate) Nothing to report. Meeting get together was held in December for reacquainting.
- **County Fair (Samantha Clayburn) No updates at this time.**

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

Training: Twelve Master Gardener trainees starting on January 9th, 2020. Thanks to Mary, Kathy, Bob, Grace, Mike, and Tina, for mentoring this latest group. If you have anyone interested, we will take them up to the day. So, if you know of anyone, send them to the classes. OSU will supply lunch and drinks. Donations always welcome. First day of training starts on January 9th 2020 at Myrtle Point location

MGs can attend the training classes on Thursdays. *Asterisk classes are classes that are continuing education classes worth continuous education points for members that attend the trainee classes on Thursdays. Get to class early and be ready to go at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. respectively. Mentors will be sitting with the mentees.

“Fertilize your Mind” Update: Guest Opening Speaker, James Cassady will be talking about Soils. 6 of the 9 classes are scheduled. If you know of any garden subjects or speakers you would like to see presented, please let Sam know. We need new vendor coordinator. See Sam after meeting for job description. Sign-ups at February meeting for volunteering for “Fertilize your Mind” for MG re-certifying points for being room host, table help, etc. If you did not get your re-cert sticker see Sam after the meeting. Please sign your condition of volunteer form for this year before you start for this new year 2020.

Fun things. We ordered new tablecloths for farmers market booth for our tables at Farmers Markets and the Fair. Two ordered. Made for 6 ft. tables and fit nice and look nice. Good quality for the price. Some ordered for Master Food Preservers as well. New bulletin boards and staff paint in our meeting rooms over the break.. More cork boards and the room are nice and not shabby. Stop and look at the educational beds, the fava beans are growing. More compost coming to finish the second bed. Notice the difference between the bed with compost and the one without the seacoast compost to see the difference.

Do not use the abbreviation for the year 20, use 2020.

IX. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Newsletter Committee. Nothing to report on newsletter committee. Post card coming out. (Tina Powers) Remind people we are reducing our carbon footprint and then it will be sent out electronically. February will be the last one sent to 1300 recipients.

R and R Donna Survey being developed for tracking why people leave, or stay, January 28th for next meeting 10 a.m. at Coos Bay Visitors center. Plan on having questionnaire ready for folks.

Claudia Turner collecting dues. Invite all new trainees to join the meetings. Make them feel like they are part of the group to help us retain more trainees. We retain over 50 % of the trainees

1 .5 hour for standard time for meetings for your hours with the exception of February and March, where meeting will be 1 hour for points. Continuing ed: quarter hour increments. Usually half hour of training

Changes in training schedule. Botany training will be later in the training. Soils will be in January. Mycorrhiza is new class this year. Feb. 1 Saturday, pruning field trip in Bandon. Bill and Laura have volunteered their property. Encourage interested folks to attend. Drop-in classes. \$10 per class, \$15 for both am and pm classes. Fertilize your mind. April 4th at the Mill Casino to avoid Spring Break. Lunch provided as this was a success last year. Four rooms reserved for classes. Suggested to charge walk ins for guests at the Mill Casino. Different name badges for vendors, gardeners. Some hotel guests wanted to drop in to take classes. We can charge \$40 for all day. \$10 for classes for drop ins. Have different

colored badges for guests, vendors and MG. Guests would not be able to get lunch due to lunch counts with the hotel. We will mention this to Susan Anders contact person for casino. Scholarship money available to take "Feed Your Mind" for those gardeners that might not be able to afford it on a first come first served basis.

Al has grow lights 24 inches long, with starting cups and covers if any students might need. We will reach out to a teacher in Coquille.

Funny story from Samantha Clayburn. Sam's son is researching aquaponics. Fish feed the plants, plants feed the fish.

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 10:11 a.m.

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC: Japanese Maple pruning

The next meeting is from 12-1 on February 13 in Coos Bay between training sessions at South Coast ESD building.

Respectfully submitted by:
Tina Powers, Secretary
Jan. 7th, 2020

Attached addendum from Renee Blom

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December 21, 2019

Dear SCCGA members All the gardens were very successful this year once again: Lady Bug Landing (Coos Bay), Coquille Harvest Moon Garden (Coquille), Harmony Garden (Lakeside), Good Earth Garden (Bandon), and Earthworm Acres (Myrtle Point). Thanks for supporting the community gardens in Coos County. We are sad to say that that Earthworm Acres will be closed in 2020 as they have lost their lease. Our annual meeting will be held January 21, 2020, at 5:30 pm, followed by our monthly meeting, in the Cedar Room at the Coos Bay Library, this meeting is open to all members and the public. If you want to vote for our 2020 Board of Directors, you must have been a garden member in 2019, and attend the annual meeting. *Please note that all our meetings are fragrance free.

2020 SCCGA Board of Directors: President- VP-Renee Blom (Coos Bay) Secretary-Karen Blew Treasurer-Sarah Brunnier (Coos Bay) Members-at-Large-Mary Dixon (Coquille), John Uno, Judith Uno, Anna-Marie Slate, Don Eubank & Sharon Eubanks (Lakeside) Leslie Wirt (Bandon) Mary Robertson & Josh Peterson

Garden Plot Applications will be available for the individual gardens on the different garden's links on our SCCGA website (check it out) socoastcommunitygardens.org or on the dates and locations below, remember plots are available on a first come, first serve basis. Jan 3: Lady Bug Landing (at LBL, McKay's), Feb 1: Lakeside Harmony Garden (Lakeside City Hall). Coquille Harvest Moon Garden (at the Sentinel, Application Box on the Harvest Moon Garden Gate, Coquille Library & CoquilleCommunityGarden.org), Bandon's Good Earth Garden (True Value, Plants 101, Hennicks & Bandon Library) *We are now on Facebook, South Coast Community Garden Association; check us out and 'Like' us.

Thanks for supporting South Coast Community Garden Association 'Growing Together Through Community Gardening'.

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