

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

**General Meeting Minutes**

July 14th, 2020

ZOOM MEETING

County wide

July Meeting: informal Zoom meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions.

**CALLED TO ORDER** by Host: Samantha Clayburn. Samantha lead the meeting.

Fava beans harvested from the raised beds in front of the Extension office. One gallon bag for all to guess how many fava beans are in the bag. Special prize from Sam so contact her for your count. Like the Price is Right with Fava Beans. The beans measure just under an inch in size. Sam will send out picture of the bag on the e-mail.

Congratulations to our Master Gardener of the Year: Dottie Tucker is our Master Gardener of the Year and the Behind the Scene winner is Jessie Milligan. Way to go ladies, you are really appreciated by all of us.

And here are two photo's of Jessie's beautiful milk weed plants.



OSU wanted a blanket release to the news and it has been posted to our Facebook page. You ladies are fabulous.

OSU put out our resumption plan. We have to have a communicable disease management plan in place before we can have any resumption of clinics and such. Mask rules apply, please let us know if you have any issues with the Covid training taken. It doesn't take too long to complete them. Send your certificate to Sam.

Notifications of Covid training went out Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, so by now all should have received it.

We have not gotten local instructions. We are in phase 2 and more pieces are in place so Sam can do some things to move forward. Plant clinic will hopefully be opening up in a limited modified method. No more than 3 in the office at a time. One or two at a time only, answering e mails and phone calls. Not open to the public however.

Farmers Market is still not open up to non-food booth. Unknown about Bandon Farmers Market.

There were some non-food booths at Coos Bay, but this needs to be re-checked to see if we can do this.

There are many hoops to jump. We would not necessarily have a place to store and the difficulty is contact tracing and signing in at the booth. We might have to wait till next year. Seems like the value might not outweigh the challenges presented to the volunteers.

WE can promote the modified plant clinic. We have a modified collection box for folks to drop off their samples without interaction face to face.

Remember, all re-certifications and certification hours are bumped into next year so you don't have to worry.

You have till October of 20201 to get your hours.

The Farmers Market is bustling in Coos Bay and perhaps a sign could be placed there to promote the virtual plant clinic for promotion of the extension. A big sign would be a great idea for promotion.

There have been some volunteers giving out covid contact information.

There are those in Coos County that flat out refuse to wear a mask, so we need to consider those that can be confrontational. WE have to follow the OSU rules because we represent them, and for employment or volunteering we need to consider this.

This is a time of great uncertainty, so grace and kindness is hoped for. Awareness is important.

There are OSU masks for all of the master gardener volunteers. Has the OSU Beaver all over it, and the other one is black with the OSU on it. (Sorry Duck Fans). Insides are lined with bamboo liner for anti-bacterial action, and a pocket filter insert and soft elastic ear loops. When you come into volunteer, you can come and pick them up.

Once approved, notification will be e mailed for plant clinic on Mondays and Thursdays, and Sam will let us know when. The calendar will be opened up and info sent to you.

Sam stated that there have been a lot of fungus calls due to the heavy rain in June.

We won't be able to do pot-luck when we get back together. Master preservation is all off this year due to the restrictions. It is more hands on and a challenge. No canning classes or tuna preservation which is a big work shop, unfortunately. Perhaps a virtual master food preservation class. We may be down for 18 months due to a lack of vaccine or treatment, so we need to try to focus on community needs and our needs as a group. Sam wants to make sure our needs are met. WE all appreciate you Sam.

The new trainees also are still enthusiast and pretty much all know that it is difficult but there are ways. WE appreciate our new trainees. It might seem like we are crawling along, but our groups safety is foremost.

Thanks and appreciation to all from Sam and back at you Sam. There have been 2 cases within OSU but out east.

WE still have not received the check from the Mill Casino, Sam called, but hasn't heard back as yet. We should still be getting it, but they seem to be backlogged and taking their time.

Financials posted on blog. Checks were sent from the Farr sale.

There are a couple of bags left of soil if you need some. 13.50 a bag.

Facebook private group is Coos County MG's.

Minutes read and approved for last month.

Financials approved for the month.

Community Garden plans approved for volunteering at the Community Gardens. Keep track of your hours, do social distancing, wear masks, use sanitizers, hand washing and there should be a sign in sheet for you at the various gardens. We are approved to work the demo gardens as long as you have gone through the Covid training.

People are happy with the community gardens in spite of the Covid. All have done a great job, and they seem to be going well this year.

Lady Bug landing has a go to person that is checking the garden daily. They might need extra help as she has some health (leg issues) and might need some help. There is a hand washing station in the shed.

Perhaps if you go to work there, bring your own tools and gloves, masks and sanitizer wipes and watering cans.

Reach out if you want to chat with Sam and your fellow Master Gardeners. Lets stay connected!

#### **ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:**

Grace Horning

Bob German

Tina Powers

Laurie Wartnik

Donna Leveridge-Campbell

Kathy Creason

Lynn Jackson

Ed Powers

Elaine Goodner

Mary Dixon  
Claudia Turner  
Kalen Mills

Caren Brewster  
Jessie Milligan  
Mary Jo Audette

Susan Mlynarczyk  
Dottie Tucker  
Kristi Kistner

## TREASURER'S REPORT (Claudia Turner)

Prior balance	<b>18,197.39</b>
Income	0
Interest	.46
Expenses Dues OMGA	
<b>Ending balance ( July 31<sup>th</sup>, 2020)</b>	<b>18,197.85</b>

**-\$516.54** Check written to Mutual of Enumclaw on July 29<sup>th</sup>, but had not cleared by end of month. Will show up on next statement.

## COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **Coquille Harvest Moon Garden | 180 N. Baxter Street, Coquille** (Sandra Stafford) Garden Coordinator  
Harvest Moon Community Garden June and July Report  
<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

### July Report:

*How nice to have pretty settled weather (read no more rain every other day) and, while the garden beds probably liked the rain, we are finally getting warm weather on a regular basis. The snow and snap peas are going crazy and everyone's beds are being taken over by pea plants. Even the White-Crowned Sparrow couldn't keep up with the growth so most plants survived their attacks.*

*All the beds look wonderful and the garden is brightened by the omnipresent nasturtiums, orange and yellow calendulas, borage and feverfew. Tomatoes are forming on plants so we should be seeing ripe tomatoes soon.*

*The food bank bed has produced lots of snow and snap peas, lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower and soon beans and tomatoes.*

*Everyone is following the rules, wearing masks and observing social distancing if there are more than one or two gardeners working in the garden.*

*Public Works, as in previous years, brought us a couple of skip-loads of chips for our paths and we had a work party to spread them.*

*It's wonderful to finally see lots of veggies being produced in the garden.*

*Thanks. Everyone be safe. Wear a mask in public and stay healthy.*

## August Garden Report 2020

*Tomatoes!! We are seeing the beginning of ripe tomatoes in all the beds partially due to the continual warm weather. Obviously, this is the boom time for zucchini, beans, cabbage, broccoli putting on those side shoots, cauliflower, cucumbers, potatoes, and kale growing huge, enormous leaves.*

*We are discussing what's best for fall planting to put in all those empty spaces showing up in many people's beds. We do have about 90 days which gives our gardeners lots of choice of what to plant now...either from seed or starts.*

*We have been taking the food bank lots of snow and snap peas, lettuce and kale, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, beans and now tomatoes.*

*Wearing masks and observing social distancing is more important now that Coquille has a few Covid cases. I continually remind folks to follow the rules, especially if there are more than one or two gardeners working in the garden.*

*The best part is that the people growing food in the garden continually talk about how coming to the garden is the best, most peaceful time in their day.*

*Thanks. Everyone be safe. Stay healthy.*

*Sandra Stafford*

*President and Garden Coordinator*

- **Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> Ct., Bandon** (Judy Jackson)

*Good Earth Community Garden Report Bandon June and July Reports*

*July Report*

*The garden is abuzz with activity these days. The beds are full of color – flowers, fruits and vegetables, aplenty. Lots of harvesting is happening as the days and nights warm up. Volunteers are still keeping the grass mowed and pathway weeds pulled.*

*We're hoping to raise the height of a few of our beds to make them more accessible for older gardeners and for folks with disabilities. Leslie Wirt is searching for a good deal on some cinder blocks for this purpose and we plan to eventually have a total of eight higher beds.*

*The Board continues to meet monthly at the garden, with masks on and with six feet of separation. We had a request to hold a memorial service at Good Earth but concluded that it's not yet safe. (Plus, the insurance company that supplies our liability coverage wasn't in favor of this event.) Will the world ever turn right side up again?!*

*We're all grateful for this gardening hobby. It's for sure a pandemic blues buster: fresh air, a sense of community, and good things to eat. Good summer to all!*

*Judy Jackson*



*August Report courtesy of Leslie Wirt this month. Thank you .*

*Things are Blossoming at the Good Earth Garden in Bandon. Because of the pandemic, or perhaps it is just coincidence, it seems that there is a little bit more experimentation on the part of our gardeners. There is a wide range of vegetable varieties and techniques that I have not seen there before, as well as a lot of beautiful flowers. We even have a gardener who is growing nothing but flowers for cutting like ranunculus, dahlia, and anemone flowers. Another gardener has nothing but Cardoon growing in his bed.*

*We had several gardeners drop out at the beginning of the gardening season without requesting refunds, so on top of our usual 1 demonstration bed, we have 6! All the produce from which are being donated to our local Meals on Wheels. This past week, because of the diligent work of our board member/garden manager Susan D, we were able to donate over 30 gallons of salad greens. Green beans, tomatoes, and cucumbers are right around the corner, too!*

Happy gardening,  
Leslie Wirt

- **Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay (Renee Blom)**  
*Lady Bug Landing June Report*

*July Report*


#### *Lady Bug Landing 7/14 report*

*Lady Bug Landing is looking beautiful. We have been getting lots of comments from people walking by or coming into the garden. We have had some produce walk away, but are trying to deal with people who think they can go shopping. We also have had someone who is obviously mentally ill come through pulling things up and letting them lay, which is sad. We have been working with the local police who are now driving by more often. Even with this going on there is lots of produce and we have taken 242.75 pounds from the demo beds to the Food Bank as of Saturday with lots more to be harvest. We have been harvesting, artichokes, lettuce, cabbages, broccoli, sugar snap peas, and summer squash, with beans, onions, potatoes and more brassicas to come. Mary Robertson has been coming twice a week to help water the demo area, and a couple of gardeners have been helping with the watering of the herb and raspberry beds and helping Renee with the weeding and harvesting. Lynn and Reubin Menashian came one Saturday to weed eat the curbs and parking area and weed pathways, it is all very much appreciated. Renee is at the garden every Wednesday & Saturday from 9:30-noon, to harvest, weed, plant and water if anyone wants to help out. You need to have gloves and masks to work and respect social distancing. If nothing else come and see, how beautiful the garden is. Due to the Covid-19 there will be no fall plant sale or class this year. Everyone take care and happy gardening.*

#### *Lady Bug Landing Report 8/11/20*

*The garden at Lady Bug Landing is beautiful with lots of produce despite the fact we have had a lot of people taking food. We have been talking about how to handle that, short of a six-foot fence and locked gates, which would be sad, as so many others come through and enjoy the garden. We believe it is just a few people who come in early in the morning and pick. Despite all that the demo beds have put out 563.75 pounds of produce so far this season for the Food Bank. Again we want to thank Mary Robertson for coming twice a week to water the demo beds. Lynn Menashian and her husband Reubin who show up and weed eat the edges and weed some of the pathways, and Bob Golden who has come a couple of times and weeded pathways too. Thank you, it takes a village to keep the garden going. Renee is at the garden from 9:30-12 every Wednesday and Saturday if anyone wants hours, you need to wear gloves and masks and bring your favorite weeding tools. We have just planted the fall crops this last weekend so it is mainly weeding, harvesting and watering that need to be done. Hope everyone is staying safe and enjoying the gardening season.*

*Plant Clinic (Kathy Creason) Clinic is Cancelled till further notice.*

- **Plant Sale Committee | 2020 Tomato-Rama (Lynn Menashian)** :  No Report. Cancelled till next year.
- **Scholarship Committee** No reports
- **School Garden Grants** No reports



- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Terry Harris; Dottie Tucker, alternate) Nothing to report.
- **County Fair (Samantha Clayburn)** Cancelled till 2021
- **Recruitment and Retention: Donna Rabin**  
Nothing to report.

VIII. **COMMENTS from Samantha Clayburn, OSU Extension Service, Coos County** (Samantha Clayburn)  
Blog Address is: [blogs.oregonstate.edu/cossmga/](https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/cossmga/) Password is: Tomato-rama2019 Financial report is also on the blog site.

IX. **OTHER BUSINESS Next Months' Meeting:**  
**CCMG Meeting Zoom Meeting September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Webinars:** Hourlong for Continuing Education Credits for MG. Good for trainees for learning.

**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/](https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/coosmga/)**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** one hour meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Tina Powers, Secretary  
August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020