

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

June, 2020

ZOOM MEETING

County wide

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

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

Notes graciously taken by Claudia Turner due to my out of state absence.

Phase I for OSU began last Friday(5/29), so the staff in the office at the Myrtle Pt Extension office can return to work only one person working at a time. They will rotate.

Three staff at once will be allowed in phase II.

Wiley is asking OSU to return to opening the community gardens again.

A request has been submitted to OSU.

There will be no meetings of the CCMGA at ESD in Coos Bay for the rest of the year. If we meet, we will meet in Myrtle Pt so we should sign up on their calendar to reserve the room for the rest of the year.

Donna Campbell-Leveridge mentioned some good Farm to Home Webinars and will share them with Sam to disseminate.

There is a Native Plants Webinar put on by South Coast Slough on Saturday, June 13th at 10 AM.
Stillwater Native Nursery in Bandon was mentioned by someone

The Farr's Hardware store sale sold 500+ plants. Mary Morse grew these. They were sold for \$2 and the CCMGA gets \$1 each and Mary gets \$1 ea. Farr's (Jay or Chris) needs to write us a check for \$519.

Bob mentioned that Laurie had scheduled the July CCMGA mtg at the park on Ferry Rd. Sam said she would check with Laurie to see if that is still on.

Respectfully

Claudia Turner



ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Dottie Tucker	Donna Leveridge-Campbell	Lynn Menashian
Caren Brewster	Susan Mlynarczyk	Laurie Wartnik
Kathy Creason	Elaine Goodner	Terry Harris
Bob German	Claudia Turner	Al Dohner
Lynn Jackson	Jessie Milligan	Grace Horning
Mary Morse	Susan Zohreh	Donna Rabin
Mary Dixon	William and Lora Wehner	

TREASURER'S REPORT (Claudia Turner)

Prior balance	\$18,081.02
Income	729.00
Interest	.45

Expenses Dues OMGA	613.08
Ending balance (June 30 th , 2020)	18,197.39

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>

June Report:

We had our plant sale on Saturday, May 23. Considering the restrictions, and the minimal publicity we did, it was pretty successful. We were very clear in our publicity that everyone must wear a mask and gloves to shop in the garden. Almost everyone who came was prepared but we provided non-latex gloves and masks for those who weren't prepared. We restricted to ten the number of people in the garden at one time.

We also kept a contact list of everyone entering the garden.

We were lucky to have so many wonderful plants grown for us by Mary Dixon, Dottie Tucker, Claudia Turner, Jim Rice, Bonita Clarke and others. We really appreciated all the gardeners who grew plants for our sale.

The garden is growing well and looks lush and beautiful, even with the weird on and off weather.

Thanks. Everyone be safe. Stay healthy.

Sandra Stafford

President and Garden Coordinator

Coquille Harvest Moon Community Garden

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.

Sandra Stafford

President and Garden Coordinator

- **Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8th Ct., Bandon** (Judy Jackson)
Good Earth Community Garden Report Bandon June and July Reports
June Report

Good Earth's garden beds are filling out as warm weather (sort of) begins to show up. Five of our beds are exclusively growing food for the local food bank and Meals on Wheels.

One of our board members is closely involved with these organizations and has made it her mission to see as much donated produce as possible get to those in need.

The E.A.T program which we used to donate to has been cancelled for the time being due to social distancing concerns.

We are also looking into adding a third row of cinder blocks to eight beds to make them more height accessible for our gardeners.

We've established some guidelines for keeping all safe during COVID-19. These include:

- No more than 2 people working on their bed at any time*
- Kids are to stay with parents at their bed when others are in the garden*
- Gloves are strongly encouraged when touching hose spigots and gates*
- The shed is closed (to prevent communal tool usage) and members are expected to bring their own tools.*

We also have set up a hand washing station.

Our Board meetings are currently being held outdoors at the community garden on the 2nd Monday at 5 pm. We wear masks and sit at least 6' apart.

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

- ***Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8th and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay (Renee Blom)***

Lady Bug Landing June Report


Lady Bug Landing 6/9 report

Lady Bug Landing is moving along well. People are following the Covid-19 protocols we have put in place. We asked the public to please respect that and not come into the garden, but with Oregon going to Phase 2 we are lifting that. Gardeners have been busy getting their gardens planted and we have had a few plots given up that we are now planning on planting for the Food Bank if no one wants to apply. The demo beds are mostly weeded and planted with lettuce, strawberries, kohlrabi, potatoes, fennel, various brassicas, tomatoes, onions, leeks and shallots, summer squash, cucumbers and beans. Also more flowers have been planted in the flower and herb beds, and more brassicas will be planted in the future. So far 70 pounds of lettuce have been donated to the Food Bank. Two gardeners have been helping Renee this season with the demo beds and Mary Robertson has started watering these areas twice a week, which is a big help.

Happy Gardening

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.

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/coosmga/ Password is: Tomato-rama2019 Financial report is also on the blog site.

IX. **OTHER BUSINESS Next Months' Meeting:**
CCMG Meeting June Zoom Meeting July 14th, 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/

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
July 13 , 2020