

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

**General Meeting Minutes**

May, 2020

ZOOM MEETING

County wide

No April Meeting. May Meeting informally run due to the Zoom format. We all were learning how to use Zoom for the first

- I. **CALLED TO ORDER** by Host: Samantha Clayburn. Samantha lead the meeting. This not be a formal meeting as we are in non-traditional times. Chance for all of us to connect and update us on what is going to be happening hopefully in the future. How is everyone doing? Most reported to having great gardens, and those that grew for Tomato Rama were donated to Lady Bug and the Coquille garden. Other plants were given to Farr's to sell. Plants for sale were up on the Farr's sign board with plants for sale \$2.00. County and offices locked down tight. Our county extension was a model for most of the other counties, and instead of going rogue, we end up with a community partner win/win. Some county extensions plan on perennial sales in the Fall, but we do not have that focus. It was brought up that at some community gardens have had some plant thieves at both Coquille and Coos Bay. It has gotten challenging as seeds and growing products have become hard to come by. Many have started growing that have never grown before. Samantha and others cannot go to office until the state ok's it. The fava beans have grown to 7 ft. tall. The building has been watched over by building maintenance and hopefully all is secure. Many counties have donated plants to food banks. Perhaps we can grow for food banks, both plants and product. Coquille and at Good Earth has some connections to food banks and have helped them. Opportunities are possible with master food preservers to help food banks, but this is just some ideas to kick around. Seed to suppers, good for kids and parents, and maybe some fresh ideas can engage volunteers in creative and forward ways.

OSU reopening plan: Clear as mud to Sam, lots of words and hope but no concrete details. Sam will keep us posted as soon as things are clarified. Possibly out till June. Opening to the public not until the end of September. Fair has been cancelled for this year. Farmers Market might be able to have a booth but nothing official as yet. Unknown if contract has been filled out for the Farmers Market. Sam will get online and get the insurance information so that we can have application ready for when we get the green light to get back to the farmers market if educational booths are allowed. Question for Bay Area Chambers if we can use their office for storage again. Plant clinic and phones are closed so Sam has been handling some calls via the phone. People are still asking plant clinic questions so when we get back, we will have calls from new gardeners. Facebook has been helpful and is a great marketing tool for the association. Jesse and Claudia has taken it over and the traffic has been picking up quite a bit. Private group made for our group to communicate between all of us. Round of applause for Jesse and Claudia. Volunteers need not worry about your volunteer hours. Because it was cut short, this years trainees have till next year Oct. 2021. If you do on line work, meetings, continuing ed, as a MG, please put your hours up on the site. Your hours still get posted. If you grew plants, gave them to community garden your get your hours. Plant sale was called March 18<sup>th</sup>. All numbers will be down so it is not to worry about at this point. CCMGs put hours up for your requalification. Again, we will be extended out to 2021.

Mini College has been cancelled. Most everything has been cancelled. Master food preserving maybe in September, but does not sound like any training in person will be done. Training will have to be pushed back to 2021. MG is being discussed as an on line training program. January is still up in the air for New trainees. Updates next meeting. Guidance is from OSU. All hoping we can move forward. Hopefully training in January will progress. You can mail checks for bags of soil you used for personal use. Send to Claudia or the office. We got a refund sent from the Mill Casino. They are supposed to refund for Fertilize your Mind. Check has not been received as yet. Mill Casino is shut down, but we will have to reach out and let us know where the check is out, both room rental and food catering. The grant folks are allowing us to roll the check over till next year, the \$1000. Deposit. Sam will double check to make sure we do get our money refunded. If you have bags of soil for personal use, please pay this back. Hang on to trays that you may want to return when we get back.

Plant clinic has been repainted while we have been out. Once we get back, we want to plan a fall festival when it is approved so we can have a social event that we made it through this crazy 2020 summer, a late

fall festival pot luck to celebrate with our trainees and our master gardeners. Sam planted things and did not kill them; Rhodies, azaleas and Japanese maple and irises with her mom's help. Any other comments or updates? Sam's kid gave her a Mother's day card signed Happy Birthday. On-line schools are working and internet connections are being done through the school busses.

Many cuts will be happening with OSU, so we shall see what happens.

It was great to see and hear all of you. Hopefully we can see each other in the future.

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

Tina Powers	Claudia Turner	Terry Harris
Grace Horning	Susan Zohreh	Kathy Creason
Laurie Wartnik	Jessie Milligan,	Susan Mlynarczyk
Elaine Goodner	Mary Jo Audette	Cheryl Drumheller
Donna Leveridge-Campbell	Donna Rabin	Judy Jackson
Bob German	Caren Brewster	Mary Ann Babb

#### **Trainees attending =**

Edward Powers

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Claudia Turner)

Prior balance	<b>\$18,325.55</b>
Income	0
Interest	.47
Expenses Dues OMGA	245.00
<b>Ending balance ( May 31, 2020)</b>	<b>\$18,081.02</b>

#### **COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- ***Coquille Harvest Moon Garden | 180 N. Baxter Street, Coquille*** (Sandra Stafford) *Garden Coordinator*  
*Harvest Moon Community Our gardeners are amazing. They are helping out in the garden and we are getting lots done. We have spread the chips in and around our beds but still have to wait for another load to finish the front. We have created a strawberry bed and have another bed with blueberries and raspberries.*

*Everyone seems to be following the Covid-19 requirements rules.*

*We are having our plant sale on Saturday, May 23. We are very clear in our publicity that everyone must wear a mask and gloves to shop in the garden. We will provide latex gloves and will have some masks for purchase. We will be restricting the number of people in the garden at one time. We have received some wonderful plants from Mary Dixon and Claudia Turner with more to come. We really appreciate all the gardeners who are growing plants for our sale.*

*The garden looks amazing. The gardeners have planted lots of peas, carrots, beets, lettuce, greens, spinach, squashes, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, beans, pepper plants, and tomatoes. Since the Covid outbreak, we have lost a few gardeners but the other gardeners have taken second beds so they can grow more food during this difficult time. And we are now planting two beds for our food bank donations.*  
*Thanks. Everyone be safe. Stay healthy.*

*"Remember...*

*When the world wearies,  
and society ceases to satisfy,  
there is always the garden."*

*Sandra Stafford Garden Coordinato Thanks!*

*Harvest Moon Community Garden*

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

- **Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> Ct., Bandon** (Judy Jackson)  
Good Earth Community Garden Report  
May 2020  
Nothing reported.
- **Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay** (Renee Blom)  
Lady Bug Landing 3-12  
May 2020 Nothing reported. Observation: Garden looks to be growing well with most beds productive.
- **Plant Clinic (Kathy Creason) Clinic is Cancelled till further notice.**
- **Plant Sale Committee | 2020 Tomato-Rama** (Lynn Menashian) : 🍅🌿

**\*PLANT SALE CANCELLED till Next year 2021**

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** No reports
- **School Garden Grants** No reports
- **Coos Bay Farmers Market** Opening on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nothing planned as yet for information booth.
- **Bandon Farmers Market** (Caren) Nothing new
- **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)  
**Newsletter Committee.** New articles are requested. Received one already. Thanks.  
Could use a couple more. How are you reacting to the Covid 19? How is it impacting your gardening?

Blog Address is: [blogs.oregonstate.edu/coosmga/](https://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 June 9<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  
June 8th , 2020