

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

**General Meeting Minutes**

February 9<sup>th</sup> , 2021

ZOOM MEETING

County wide

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

**ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:**

Kathy Creason	Tina and Ed Powers	Bob German
Susan Zohreh	Elaine Goodner	Imogene McDonald
Donna Leveridge-Campbell	Susan Mlynarczyk	Lynn Jackson
Laurie Wartnik	Mary Dixon	Dottie Tucker.
Dick and Grace Horning	Cheryl Drumheller	Bill Wehner
Elaine Goodner	Jessie Milligan	Lora Wehner
Tamara Ferre-Hunt	Mike Meuller	Maryann Babb
Grace Horning	Laurie Wartnik	Claudia Turner
Terry Harris		

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

Minutes approved as read. Mary Dixon and Terry Harris seconded it and motion carried.

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

Prior balance	<b>16,788.72</b>
Income( Members Dues()Fund raisers, grants and donations.)	<b>819.00</b>
Interest	<b>.40</b>
Expenses Dues OMGA	
<b>Ending balance (February 28th , 2021)</b>	<b>17,608.12</b>

*Savings : Savings CD is \$8,418.86*

*Financials motioned and approved unanimously.*

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

**COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

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

**March Garden Report**

*The application packets are out but we haven't gotten a lot of applications so far. Perhaps it's because of the wet, cold weather. Perhaps it's also due to the Covid restrictions keeping people at home more. However, as soon as warmer weather appears and people start thinking about gardening, we will see more applications.*

*Sadly for me, I've decided to step away from the garden. I am proud of my contributions to both the Master Gardener program and Coquille Harvest Moon Community Garden but now, ten years later, I'm ready to spend more time on my own projects.*

*I'm not sure who will take over but the rest of the board has a lot of gardening experience and I wish them luck...and a warm, dry spring and summer.*

*Thank you to all those who work so hard and dedicate themselves to helping the community learn about the benefits of organic gardening. A special thanks to my 'mentors', Mary Dixon and Renee Blom. Good Gardening!*

*Sandra Stafford  
Former President and Garden Coordinator  
Coquille Harvest Moon Community Garden*

### **February Garden Report**

*We made the front page of the Coquille Valley Sentinel announcing when our applications for a garden bed will be available with a photograph of Mary Dixon watering in the garden. We've printed our applications and flyers to distribute to the community. The Coquille Library will distribute the application packets through the window where people pick up their books and the applications will be available as usual in the box at the garden gate.*

*We've been prepping, liming and covering the beds with cardboard. I now prefer cardboard over everything else we've tried. The cardboard discourages weed growth really well and the soil isn't as water-logged and the soil warms up much faster than when we used straw as a covering.*

*We will be following all the Covid restrictions, let potential gardeners know ahead of orientation what will be required of them and have a feeling those requirements will last all summer. Getting the Covid virus under control is an imperative and asking people to wear a mask, gloves and respect social distancing is a small price to pay.*

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

*Sandra Stafford*

*President and Garden Coordinator*

*Coquille Harvest Moon Community Garden*

*"A garden is a friend you can visit any time."...(Just come alone and wear a mask & gloves!!)*

- **Lady Bug Landing Garden Report 3-9-21**

*All is well at Lady Bug Landing. 52 of 60 plots have been spoken for and all gardeners have had their orientations. There have been a few calls this week from new people who said they were sending in their applications. Previous gardeners got their orientations on paper and had to read them and let Renee know they had, a lot of the material was the same as precious years, but due to Covid-19 and the new fencing there was new information. The newer gardeners had theirs in person but were in very small groups of 6 or less and we did social distancing, gloves and masks, need to be warn at all times when at the garden. The fencing projects is all finished with maybe a little minor tweaking and the new chains and locks will the added to the gates and a new lock on the shed, all the same combination. Hope this all helps out with gardener's not losing produce this season. The crew that helped with the fence was great, everyone worked together well, and it seemed like every Saturday morning for seven weeks we drove to town in the rain and when we got to the garden the skies parted for a few hours so work could get done, The Lady Bug Landing Charm. ☺ A few gardeners have covered their soil to dry out and a few have started to garden. We all look forward to another good gardening season.*

- **Lady Bug Landing Garden report 2-9-21**

*Lady Bug landing is open for the season, as of Saturday 49 of 60 beds have been rented for the season already. Lots of returning gardeners, and many new gardeners, a lot of them right there in the neighborhood.*

*The fence project has started and there have been work parties the last 4 Saturdays, as the skies parted for us. The entries have been redone, all the fence posts are in and the 2 x 4" cross pieces for support are done. Next weekend weather permitting the actual fencing will go on and Renee will start doing orientations, and the following week we will raise the existing wood fences with the old low wire we removed in December. The orientations will be in small groups every half hour due to Covid-19 and social distancing. Steve Richardson and Lynn's husband Reubin have been helping with the project and have built 2 lovely gates, too.*

We also got a pallet of Stutzman's chicken manure that was spread on the garden this Saturday and was split with Lakeside garden.  
We are looking forward to another good garden season and hopefully all the gardener's veggies will be safe and sound. 😊

- **Good Earth Community Garden**

Judy Jackson is stepping back from Good Earth and will be handing the reigns to Leslie Wirt.

**March Report:**

Bandon Good Earth Garden is gearing up for a new season. Our beds are over half rented. We have a giant pile of wood chips to be spread, and we are working on increasing the height of 2 more plots to accommodate members who need taller garden beds. Other than the behind the scenes logistics of renting out plots, all is quiet in Bandon.

Leslie Wirt

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**February Report:**

Applications for the Good Earth Garden in Bandon have been distributed throughout the Bandon community. They are at 4 physical locations: Ace, Hennicks, 101 plants, and Coastal Harvest. They are also available on the SCCGA website. We have raised our plot fee from \$20 to \$25. This is to offset the costs of the plant sale we are not holding this year, and the raising water costs in the city. We have received several applications back already and are looking forward to a new season.

Be well,  
Leslie

- **Plant Clinic (Kathy Creason)**

November 2019 thru October 2020

Nothing to report. Closed till March Pending modified approval. Still waiting for OSU to give some modified approval.

- **Plant Sale Committee | 2021 Tomato-Rama:**

No update

- **Scholarship Committee** None this year.

- **School Garden Grants:**

- **Coos Bay and Bandon Farmers Market: WE usually start in May so we will see.**

Nothing at this time to report. Indoor is happening, but we don't participate there. Hopefully we can participate in May.

- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report**

**Thanks to Dottie Tucker**

OMGA 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting March 5, 2021

Introductions were made from each County

The executive board was introduced.

Chris Rush did a power point presentation for new Reps on responsibilities of the Chapter Reps as well as the duties of OMGA.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for grants from OMGA to the chapters.

They include the Karl Carson grant, for chapter projects, The Ray McNeilians Grant for education and The Jan McNeilan grant that is for reimbursement to the Chapter hosting an OMGA meeting

Send A Friend- Up to \$100 dollars sent to Chapters for help sending members to mini college.

Parameters for these grants are on the OMGA website.

May 15 is also the date to submit Master Gardener of the Year and the Behind the Scenes Master Gardener of the year.

Secretary report: Thanks to all who sent in quarterly reports

Treasurer report- OMGA is in the negative for the year due to not requesting dues from chapters, etrade down. They did receive a donation from Kroger.

Patrice the OMGA treasurer would like each chapter to send in the number of paid members and trainees. They don't have this info this year due to not requesting dues from each chapter this year.

Patrice discussed the decreased spending this year due to not traveling as much. She also discussed the expenses this year. (PNW handbooks, grants, liability expenses and the website.

She has the year end statements from each county except one.

A number of positions on the board continue to remain unfilled. (President Elect, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

They are looking for someone to be the editor for the "Gardeners Pen" Maybe two people who would like to share the position. They are open to just publishing the newsletter once or twice a year if that helps get someone into the position.

Seamus discussed the list serve and updates to that list. (this is a list Chapter board members contact info)

Gail Langellato gave her report. She discussed several projects she is working on. Her report was emailed to the chapters. It can be sent to members if you have not already received it by email.

Attached.

Mini College Update:

Theme this year is Connect, Collaborate, Cultivate

It is the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mini College and it will be held virtually on July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

It will have its own website to see what is offered and to register.

Registration will be open as soon as the website is finished.

We should receive and email when that happens.

It will be \$49 this year. Each day you will be able to sign up for two Session but all the sessions will be available for you to view at a later time. There will also be two interactive workshops available each day. These are limited to 20 people each and after you sign up you will receive a homework assignment to complete ahead of time to bring to the session to share results of these assignments.

One of the workshops on Saturday will be about the Inaturlist app.

Rich Taylor will be providing two slideshows. The one on Friday will be pictures of home gardens and landscapes around the state.

Saturdays slide show will be on places to visit around the state.

He will be requesting photos from Master Gardeners. More details on how to get these to him will be sent out in soon.

The Silent Auction was discussed. The money raised from this goes to the "Send a Friend" grant and for operating expenses of OMGA.

It was decided that Chapters can either donate \$250 or have silent auction items that add up to about \$250. Pictures of these items would go to OMGA. The items themselves would be the responsibility of the Chapters to send to the recipients. It was decided if the item cost more than \$5 to ship the recipient would be responsible for shipping.

The response for Moderators for Mini College was great. Many thanks for those who volunteered.

Training will be coming out soon.

Josephine County Master Gardeners is moving to a new location. They have a greenhouse they are giving away. It was used when they received it so it is not in great shape. You can contact Josephine County Master gardeners for more info.( Mark Schallheim is the president and I have his email address if anyone is interested in contacting him. [jocomg.president@gmail.com](mailto:jocomg.president@gmail.com))

*Attached also the Program leaders report to the OMGA*  
Statewide Program Leader's Report to the OMGA

1) **Growing Oregon Gardeners, Level Up series** (for the general public) is going really well. Advance registrations are selling out our Zoom license (1000 people, although not all show up). The talks are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 3pm. All talks are now being broadcast via live stream on Facebook and YouTube, to increase access for those who didn't get in via registration. All talks are also recorded for later viewing, with hundreds of folks viewing each talk, after the fact.

2) **The Elevated Master Gardener Skills Building Series** (for MGs, only) is also going really well, with 3,597 enrollments across the 14 courses being offered:

- Overview = 663 | Zoom Basics = 364 | Advanced Zoom = 318
- Woody Plant ID = 382 | iNaturalist for MGs = 378
- Plant Clinic = 245 | ECCO = 204
- Educational Gardens = 193 | Youth Gardens & Safety = 142
- Social Media = 182
- Diversity and Equity Showcase = 126 | Community Partnerships = 113 | Inclusive Communities = 120
- Community Science = 167

Folks who passed the Plant Clinic and ECCO courses (~25 people) are being invited to participate in the Ask Extension plant clinic. Q&A from this system are regularly featured as an Oregonian garden column.

3) **2020 Annual MG Program Impact Report** is posted online.

4) **First Cohort of the Master Gardener Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Task Force** will meet, for the first time, in April 2021. Over 50 people applied About 30 folks will form our first cohort. Our work is going to be divided into three phases.

- April-July: context setting, needs analysis
- August-November: idea generation and prioritization
- December-March: recommendations, guidance for future evaluation

We expect to start inviting folks who are interested in joining phase two of this work (our second cohort) in December 2020.

5) Our Partnership with **Food Hero for the Grow This Challenge** was met with overwhelming response. Nearly 300 Master Gardeners volunteered to participate, by growing out seeds, sharing their own experiences (successes/failures) and photos, to help the more than 30,000 people across Oregon who signed up for the challenge.

6) **OSU is talking to Oregon Food Bank about** being the steward for the Seed to Supper Program. OFB is not doing direct community education, as their strategic plan is now focused on direct food relief. I met with Devin from OFB, today, to talk about what a draft plan for this stewardship could look like. The idea is that the draft plan could grow into a both a strategic plan for how OSU would administer Seed to Supper, and a Memorandum of Understanding with the OFB, related to Seed to Supper.

7) **Gail's Annual Reporting for 2020**

- 3 OSU Credit Courses to 106 students
- Three independent studies to three students
- 2 Ph.D. students mentored, 2 undergraduate thesis students mentored, 1 post-doctoral researcher mentored
- Launched three new research projects in the Garden Ecology Lab
- 2 guest lectures in OSU credit courses
- Supervised 2 OSU non-credit instructors that taught 41,858 students through non-credit classes
- Supervised 1 OSU credit instructor, and worked with him to co-develop two new credit classes and 3 new non-credit classes
- Received accreditation for the first 'for credit' undergraduate certificate in urban agriculture

- Taught 20 non-credit classes to Master Gardeners, the gardening public, and green industry professionals, reaching over 1,800 people
- First author on two book chapters published in 2020 and co-author on two Extension publications
- Published five articles in trade magazines (Hardy Plant Society and the Oregon Association of Nurseries Digger)
- Three scientific presentations in Oregon, four national scientific presentations, and seven scientific posters. Of these, three were invited.
- Celebration of Master Gardener volunteers in the Fall of 2020, with 91% responding to evaluation survey saying they wanted to see this as an annual event.
- Started weekly meetings with the Home Horticulture working group to get us through COVID.
- Successful hire of the North Coast faculty member (where I served as search advocate), and the new MG Outreach Program Coordinator (where I served as search chair).

**County Fair (Samantha Clayburn)** Cancelled till 2021

- **Recruitment and Retention: Donna Rabin**

Nothing to report.

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

*"Growing Oregon Gardeners Level up is now on the websites. Register, and get some hours in.*

*<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/events/understanding-seed-characteristics-growing-oregon-gardeners-level-series>. Live and there have been three classes so far.*

*Elevated Series is for MGs only.*

*Submit for MG of the year. Send nominations in to Samantha Clayburn.*

*Samantha Clayburn took some and there is lots of value in these trainings.*

*I naturalist. Discussion boards keep going till April. If you need the link, and did the Covid training, you are already linked in. You can pre-register for these a head of time.*

*The level up series is also a great source of information for your education. Growing Oregon Gardens Level up series. One hour each course, so make sure you are keeping track of those for your 10 continuing education credits.*

*Conditions of Volunteering forms going out this week and will need these returned and signed. This is so when we can go back to the office, we can get started. Please take the Covid training so that you can be allowed back in to the office.*

*The form and the covid training are the only two things required. So make sure they are on file.*

*Other Counties have educational series and if you take them you may use these as well for your educational hours.*

*Mini College will be virtual, registration opens in March.*

*International Master Gardeners conference. Link is in agenda. Registration starts in April. Sept. 12 through 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*Two remote opportunities: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion group and Learning community and task force. Grow this Oregon challenge program. Link is also in the agenda. Virtual.*

*Shout out to Samantha about the newsletter. Great Job. Appreciates it.*

*Next Meeting will be on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

*Meeting adjourned.*

**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 March 7th, 2021