

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

May 11th , 2021

ZOOM MEETING

County wide

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

ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Claudia Turner	Mary Ann Babb	Mary Dixon
Elaine Goodner	Imogene McDonald	Tina and Ed Powers
Bob German	Kathy Creason	Dottie Tucker
Terry Harris	Darla Parthemore	Lynn Jackson
Susan Mlynarczyk	Billie Reeves	Grace Horning
Susie Zohreh		

Sharing to all:

Sam has harvested 4 lettuce they are regenerating.

Terry chatted about her brown marmorated stink bug. They seem to be moving in. An exchange of many bug stories while we are waiting to start the meeting.

Everyone's gardens are growing, some slowly, some not so slow. Sam shared a picture of the bug. The great stink bug discussion. Who knew. Spiders as well.

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

Minutes approved as read. Mary Dixon and Elaine Goodner seconded with motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Claudia Turner)

Prior balance	\$17,668.77
Income(Members' Dues()Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)	0
Interest	30.
Expenses Dues OMGA	0
Ending balance (May 31 , 2021)	17699.07

Savings : Savings CD is \$8,421.94

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**

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

Here is the page that was sent in for our group to share. I condensed down to just include the verbiage.

COQUILLE HARVEST MOON GARDEN is a place for gardeners who may not have the room – or the sun – to grow a variety of organic produce for themselves or for their families.

COQUILLE HARVEST MOON GARDEN is looking forward to a wonderful gardening season. Last year, with the warm, early spring turning into a sunny summer, we harvested an enormous amount of produce. We are still planning our demonstration beds – the vegetables we grow are helping the local food banks with fresh, organic produce.

Applications for a gardening bed will be available on February 1st at the Coquille Library, in the box on the garden gate and at the link below. The beds go quickly so first-come-first-served.

You can download or print the applications by clicking on the Application link. Become a member of the CHMG (Coquille Harvest Moon Community Garden) and SCCGA (South Coast Community Garden Association).

The Garden's annual fundraiser, The Vegetable and Plant Sale, will be Saturday, May 23rd from 9:00am to 3:00pm! Local gardeners can purchase our locally-grown veggies at really low prices. The organic veggies are grown by Master Gardeners.

Growing vegetables at the garden begins in early Spring. Applications are available starting February 1st and gardening begins on March 15th – when the weather is perfect for young tender plants. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis so early registration is encouraged. Applications for a garden bed are accepted until June 1st – but only if there are beds available. Join us and harvest delicious and organic produce in a congenial community of knowledgeable gardeners. The garden is located at 180 N. Baxter between First and Second Sts. The garden is flanked on either side by the Methodist Church and the Auto Repair Shop – just down the way from the Safeway Market. Drop by and visit!

Read the "How to Apply" to learn how to apply. Our applications are also available in Coquille at the garden, at the Sentinel newspaper and at the Coquille Library.

Member gardeners get free vegetable seeds, fertilizer and the use of our communal tools. Make sure to check out the garden calendar to see what to do each month during the growing season.

Tell garden seed companies to think about the backyard and raised bed gardener! We need a special section for vegetables that take up less room!

There is a new president. Her name is Samantha Orchard

There is a new board and we will have to try and contact them for some response. She may not know about the reporting. Claudia spoke to her but not too interested in connecting with the master gardeners. There are three women on the board and they are not very interested with us. They did not want our help.

Lady Bug Landing Garden Report 06/06/2021

June Report: Renee Blom

Lady Bug Landing is looking quite lovely this year. All the gardeners have their plots planted and they seem to be thriving. Tina and her husband Ed helped provide the gardeners with tomatoes, peppers, celeriac and more, the gardeners were all grateful. The demo beds have been planted with lettuce, chard, kale, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, leeks, three kinds of onions, shallots, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and summer squash. 44 pounds of lettuce has been picked and donated to the Food Bank the last few weeks. Renee has been working at the garden every Wednesday and Saturday morning and has had lots of help from a small group of gardeners, so appreciated. Happy Gardening!

May Report 5/7/21

The garden season is moving along, we were full until today as a person gave up their plot, and there is not anyone on the waitlist now. If the plot stays empty it will be used for the Food Bank. Tina Powers and her husband brought several tomatoes, celery, celeriac and broccoli plants to the garden for gardeners, and she is planning on bringing more this Saturday, which has been very much appreciated. Most of the plots are planted, as are a good portion of the demo beds. Starting in a week, lettuce will be ready to harvest in the demo bed and will be taken to the Food Bank. There is already broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower to follow along with three kinds of onions. We will be planting tomatoes, cucumbers, and squash soon, another great season.

Happy Gardening

- **Good Earth Community Garden**

June report:

Things are being harvested in the Bandon garden. We have reached the time of the year when gardeners are looking at the results of their over zealously planted lettuce and wondering how they could ever eat it all. Next week we will be making our first produce donations to Coastal Harvest in Bandon, so that make everyone happy. We will also be having our 3rd monthly work party this weekend to tackle the never ending pesky weeds. We still have a few unused plots, but we are satisfied by the enthusiasm we are seeing this season from new and returning gardeners alike.

*Happy gardening,
Leslie Wirt*

May Report:

Things are in full swing at the Bandon Good Earth Garden. We have had applications trickle in the last month, slowly filling up our empty beds. We will begin offering second plots soon to current members. We have held two monthly work parties now and are pleased by how many members are taking on volunteer tasks even when they cannot attend. We look forward to the harvests to come.

Leslie Wirt

Be aware of Master Gardener blog, there is Some type of invasive bug is jumping worms coming in with wild camas plants and also with the community garden plant sales. BE careful.

***Tribal Community Garden** is still in a holding pattern due to the new Health clinic and they are working with Tina for white sage plants.*

- **Plant Clinic (Kathy Creason)Samantha got it approved.**

November 2019 thru October 2020

Plant clinic is approved. It is modified like last year. We can set up outside and we can interact outside. Safety guidelines in place. Two at a time, Veteran and trainee. We can set up with the information sheets and can run back and forth to the office with the computers. We can send e-mails or phone calls. WE can chat with folks outside and run the samples inside. Not a problem. Question? Can we bring in a tablet or I pad, set up would be like the farmers market. WE can look up inside and send them information. Sam will get the google calendar going and we can get sign ups to start on Mondays and Wednesdays like normal.

- **Plant Sale Committee | 2021 Tomato-** Due to Covid, we will be having one in 2022.

- **Scholarship Committee** None this year. Still do not know what schools are doing yet. No applications .WE did not send any out due to not having a chair and holding off till next year.

- **School Garden Grants: Marshfield and Boys and Girls finished their projects.**

Update last month and Lighthouse will have update in future.

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

We got approved for the Farmers Market booths so we can start staffing them. We will get the info and application filled out and sent in and get us started May 19th possibly or May 26th, 2021 to get us going. Only two at the booth, physical spacing rules apply. Are shift hours the same, not sure, 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Only Coos Bay at this point, but Bandon not yet due to the indoor space issue. If we are short , we can have folks volunteer for two shifts in a row. We shall see.

- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** Nothing new to report but if you want to go to mini college check it out.
May 15th send a friend to the mini college. All info on the OMGA website. Oregon Growing UP is doing well. Sign up for Mini College if interested. Cost will be 49.00 for the Mini college. All sessions two a day. Interactive workshops. Only 20 people. Link sent out by Samantha last month.
- **Nomination for MG of the year have been submitted.** Announcement next month.
- **Elevated Training** Live classes done but the recorded classes are all up online and you can enjoy these. You will not be able to do feedback but can still enjoy. Enjoy the videos and sign up. Growing Dahlia was a great resource. Hopefully we will have plant sale next year and have mom's dahlias again. Claudia shared with the group that Dahlia's will be on sale for 5 dollars a bag from the Coastal Harvest plant sale this weekend. A good way to get introduced to growing dahlias. The gift that keeps on giving. Swan Island has dahlias and you can go and visit up there in August and September.
- **Growing Oregon Gardeners Level up** programs still going on once a month. Grow bags and seeds were given out and it was a big success. Three events and 74 families signed up and got grow bags and soil along with seeds that were donated. 99 seed kits given out at the library. It was such a great feeling to do this for our community and were so excited about growing for their families and their children. Little kids were just super excited to grow plants. Also 4 H kids got the overflow grow bags and seeds as well. Myrtle Crest also got soil and seeds to replenish their greenhouse beds. 4 classes are doing the Grow challenge North Bend, Myrtle Point and Bandon also gave out the seed kits. Hopefully more new gardening families in Coos County.
- **County Fair (Samantha Clayburn)** Still waiting to find out. Hoping to do this year, with decision by June 1st.
- **Recruitment and Retention:** Dona Rabin
Nothing to report.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report:** Group met and also broke into sub groups based on four goals. Who do we serve, how do we open up the programs to all, Communication and Education. I am participating in the curriculum development group to help develop an inclusive curriculum. More to follow. Seems like a sincere and pleasant group working to open up our MG programs to be more inclusive as a way to bring in new blood and new ideas to share with all. Abra Lee's presentation was about the history of Black Women's Gardening Clubs from the 30's thru today, 70 years of history. Very interesting to see such successful and ground breaking women of color in the deep south in spite of Jim Crow laws, the advancement of growing plants, Dahlias in particular, and one of the growers in the Pacific Northwest advertised in their publications when few white businesses would do this. More presentations to come that all can enjoy.

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

Foodhero.org Grow This food Challenge, you can google this to get information and the link.

Sam was asking for help to grow spinach. Many suggestions were shared. Volunteering for the clinic and farmers market will be on the calendar. Sam will create the calendar. Going till the End of October for plant clinic and end of September for Farmers Market.

Next Meeting will be on June 8th , 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/

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 7th 2021