

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

June 8th , 2021

ZOOM MEETING

County wide

June Meeting: informal Zoom meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions. Meeting started 10:06

ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Mary Ann Babb	Kathy Creason	Ed Powers
Claudia Turner	Grace Horning	Jan Farnsworth-Thompson
Susan Mlynarczyk	Susan Zohreh	Mary Dixon
Donna Leveridge-Campbell	Caren Brewster	Laurie Wartnik
Bob German	Lynn Jackson	

CALLED TO ORDER by Host at 10:06 Samantha Clayburn led the meeting.

Donna mentioned that Darcy introduced her to an application for identification of plants called Picture This. Super easy and interesting using it to identify weeds. Just a share. Not a perfect identification but not a bad first step. I Natural is a similar program. These programs are all good for a first step but can mis label, so it is advised to double check and do a research for a deeper dive on the info Do your due diligence.

Minutes approved as read. Mary Ann Babb and Claudia Turner seconded with motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Claudia Turner)

Prior balance	\$17,699.07
Income(Members' Dues()Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)	\$15.00
Interest	.29
Expenses (checks)	\$25.000
Ending balance (June 30 , 2021)	\$17,659.36

*Savings : Savings CD is \$8,423.01
Financials motioned and approved unanimously.*

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **Coquille Harvest Moon Garden | 180 N. Baxter Street, Coquille**
<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>
No report at this time.

Lady Bug Landing Garden Report 06/06/2021

July Report: Renee Blom

The garden at Lady Bug Landing is doing great. The wonderful fence and gates have kept the thieves at bay, and everyone has been able to harvest their produce this year. A great group of gardeners and we are getting lots of positive feedback from people walking by. We thank Lynn and Reubin for once again coming by and adding trimmed edges to the curbsides and parking lot, always a pleasure to see them. Renee is at the garden every Wednesday and Saturday from 9:30-12+, to water, weed the demo beds and pathways, harvest the demo area for the Food Bank and help gardeners where needed. 243 pounds have been donated to the Food bank so far; lots of lettuce, cabbages, broccoli, cauliflower, snap peas,

& kale. Zucchini is just starting & 200 shallots were dug this week. Saturday, we replanted brassicas, beans, kohlrabi and fennel, for the fall harvest. So far it has been a very bountiful year.

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!

- **Good Earth Community Garden**

July report:

Bandon Good Earth Community Garden is currently enjoying a quiet, productive summer. The bees are abuzz, and the beds are flush with lettuce, peas, and brassicas. Summer squashes are beginning to form. We have a new board member who has taken on produce donation, and she has coordinated a few coolers full of donations the last couple of months. Our monthly work parties continue to have good turn out. We have mulched our whole garden inside the fence and out. It feels nice to have no large ongoing projects!

Happy gardening,

Leslie Wirt

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

Kathy has been redirecting folks to community gardens for like minded gardeners.

Tribal Community Garden Health clinic opening, and white sage plants are about 2 weeks out before they get donated. .

Jan on the food bank: They need plastic and grocery bags so if you have some, please drop them off.

- **Plant Clinic (Kathy Creason)**

Plant clinic is up and running. Started May 20th. The office is open, but we will meet with them outside and take all their information. We are working towards opening up the office with full opening in the fall. We are working our way up to full opening for everything. Check the calendar on the blog for slots to volunteer. Time to get your hours in. It is nice and low key and enjoy. Contact Kathy Creason or Sam to sign up. You get your time in the plant clinic.

- **Plant Sale Committee | 2022 Tomato-** Plan on having it 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.**
- **Coos Bay and Bandon Farmers Market:**
Every other Wednesday till the end. You can work a shift or a whole shift. WE should be able to start tomorrow but will find out. The first official market for us will be the 23rd of June. Two shifts of three volunteers each and we can not store equipment at the chamber so Sam with shuttle equipment back and forth. July 7th . Sam will be arranging so if you want to sign up for the Coos Bay Farmers market let her know. 8:30 to 11:30am /11:30 am to 2:30 pm. We won't be doing Bandon Farmers Market but will start again next year. Two shifts of two to three people. We are not able to store equipment at the Chamber so Sam will store equipment in her vehicle and no masks needed. Shoot Sam an e-mail if you can do a shift. Next one July 7th then 21st during Fair week.
- **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.
- **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)** Approved for the County Fair this year. July 20 th through 24th. Oaks building instead of the dark Clarno building. Candy Balmer wanted to make the move so we will be next to the MFP booth. Land, veggies and other products near us. Question to group: With some covid regulations, perhaps longer shifts of 2 instead of 3 shorter shifts. It was agreed that we would do two shifts per day. Building opens at 10 and closes at 8 but last hour is dead so 7 pm. 4 ½ hour shift. The fair is important to our community, so this is a great thing. Please sign up for the calendar.
- **Recruitment and Retention:** Dona Rabin
Nothing to report.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report:**
- Review of current curriculum to improve diversity, equity and inclusion.
 - What works? What doesn't?
 - Where are opportunities?
- Class format: in-person/hybrid/online/other
 - How does this impact who can attend?
 - How does this impact the programming we can offer?
- Continuing education opportunities for MGs
- **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. Looks like we will be full back to normal in the fall. No vaccines are required for volunteering, but it is required for staff and students living in the dorms.

We will have the training classes start up in January 2022.

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.

When Sam gets out to chat with folks, she was able to help identify some yellow little weed, she went to his home and get a sample of this weed. Hour and a half later with these two 90 ish folks, had a whole office of pictures and travels, great view, got the sample of the weed, asked if he could take a picture of him and his wife (she had Alzheimer's) very cool friendly, thanked him for the great visit. Inviting her back and made her day. Sam loves to help people, so we all make a difference in so many lives. And Lesser trevoile similar is to the dreaded buttercup.

WE have many options now to volunteer hours. We love to be able to see everyone.

Next Meeting will be on July13th , 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 July 12, 2021