

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

July 13th , 2021

ZOOM MEETING

County wide

July Meeting: informal Zoom meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions. Meeting started 10:02

ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Billie Reeves	Kathy Creason	Ed Powers
Claudia Turner	Grace Horning	Dottie Tucker
Susan Mlynarczyk	Jessie Milligan	Tina Powers
Donna Leveridge-Campbell	Laurie Wartnik	
Bob German	Lynn Jackson	

CALLED TO ORDER by Host at 10:02 Samantha Clayburn led the meeting.

Minutes

Minutes read. Claudia Turner made the motion to approve, and Jessie Milligan seconded with motion carrying minutes as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Claudia Turner)

Prior balance	\$17659.36
Income(Members' Dues()Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)	0
Interest	.31
Two checks	626.00
Ending balance (July 31 st , 2021)	\$17,033.66

Savings : Savings CD is \$8,424.05

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>

No report currently.

Lady Bug Landing Garden Report

August Report: Renee Blom

The garden at Lady Bug Landing is as beautiful as it has ever been in the 16 years it has been growing, lots of positive comments, from the gardeners and the public. The fence & locked gates are doing its job, many thanks again to Steve Richardson and Reuben for the beautiful gates, the gardeners appreciate being able to harvest all their produce this year, with no theft. A great group of gardeners and with several of them there is a wonderful feel of family. I appreciate all the help several of them have given and a thanks to Mary Robertson for helping to water the demo areas. 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. Any MG wanting hours are welcomed to come during that time, bring a favorite weeding tool or on Wednesday you can help harvest for the Food Bank. 416 pounds have been donated to the Food bank so far lots of lettuce, cabbages, broccoli, zucchini, Walla-Walla onions, bush beans & cucumbers. Beets and carrots are

coming on soon as are more onions and shallots. The espalier Fuji apple tree is loaded too. It has been a bountiful year. On Saturday we dug potatoes and that will be weighed on Wednesday along with the next pickings. So far it has been a very bountiful year.

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.

Good Earth Community Garden

August report:

The Good Earth Garden is plugging along very smoothly this summer. I almost hate to mention how drama free and productive our little slice of earth is in fear that I may jinx it. Pests have been at a minimum, and the buzzing bees around our copious flowers are quite happy.

Happy Gardening,
Leslie Wirt

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 turnout. We have mulched our whole garden inside the fence and out. It feels nice to have no large ongoing projects!

Happy gardening,
Leslie Wirt

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• Plant Clinic (Kathy Creason)

Plant clinic is up and running. Started May 20th. Still lots of empty spots. August is empty so we need sign ups to man the clinic. We need two people in the plant clinic 9 to noon. WE can pair you up with someone, so you are not by yourself. Check the calendar on the blog for slots to volunteer. Time to get your hours in. It is nice and low key. 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:** Nothing to report.

• **Coos Bay and Bandon Farmers Market:**

Johnnie came down and worked it with Samantha. It went great last week. We do it every other week till the end of September. We won't do the October market. Smooth running. Fees were paid online so volunteers need not worry about the fees. We need someone to sign up. The schedule is on the google maps so please sign up. There are some changes this year. New market management is prompt, so you need to show up on time right at 8:30. Check in at the booth right next to Jenny Shoes to set up your booth. Sam takes the stuff over and can get there and set up the booth. Sam is hoping to get the Chamber to let us leave our booth materials there. Next farmers market on the 21st is during Fair week. Will need someone to set up that day. Samantha will be tied up at the fair opening booths and coordinating our MG and MFP booths, so will be unable to do this then. Every other week through September. Manager checked in to make sure all was good. She is efficient. Someone reached out about Bandon Market, but we have not had enough to volunteer for Coos Bay, and the traffic down there was not heavy so for this year we stick to Coos Bay.

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

*Hi everyone,
First, some of us are surrounded by fires and smoke and high fire danger and drought; our hearts go out to everyone affected, especially those in Klamath County. We held our 3rd quarter executive meeting this past Friday, August 6 via zoom. Our agenda included updates from our OSU Extension Program Coordinator, Gail Langellotto; and reports from our mini-college committee, our Historian, and the DEI task force. We are also happy to announce our newest member to our Executive committee and Gardener's Pen editor, Ann Kinkley from Linn County. Gail reported on OSU COVID policy changes, as the public health situation changes. The best place to stay up to date on OSU COVID policy is this site: <https://covid.oregonstate.edu/>, and this specific link: <https://covid.oregonstate.edu/latest-updates>. Face coverings are now required in indoor public settings. "For purposes of this face covering requirement, "public indoor settings" at OSU include indoor environments in university-owned or controlled property or in which OSU activities are held, and which are open to the public." She also reported on changes to our 2022 Master Gardener training for new volunteers. In addition, we covered improvements to the awards process, and OMGA's role in supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion. Next, we discussed the complexity of our virtual mini college and commended both Eric and Sheri Bosler, and Sue Nesbit for their efforts to bring this fantastic program to our membership. Thanks to the entire committee that worked their magic to make it happen. We are ready to plan our next mini college for 2022. Lastly, we decided to move the date for our 3rd quarter OMGA board meeting to September 10 due to the Labor Day holiday. For now, we will continue to hold our meetings via zoom. Start thinking about items you may want to include in our agenda. I have attached the Grants and Awards for 2021 in case you missed them at mini college. Congratulations to everyone! That's all I have. See you all September 10. Thank you everyone for your patience and support. Take care of each other.
Chris Rusch OMGA President*

- **County Fair (Samantha Clayburn)** Approved for the County Fair this year. July 20th through 24th. Oaks building instead of the dark Clarno building. Fair is next week. Someone walked in at Sam's house thinking it was the fair board office. Fair board is next store. We will be in the Oaks building next to the master food preservers booth. Air conditioning and bathrooms close so it will be more comfortable for all. It will be a permanent move for us. Thanks to Candy Balmer for arranging this. Mailed out volunteer tickets and if you signed up, will get tickets in the mail so look out for them. Do not lose them as there were fewer passed out to us. If you sign up for a slot later, Sam will meet you at the ticket booth to get you in, so call her and she will come over.
- **Extension office:** Tentatively our next MG meeting will be at the OSU extension office on August 10th at 10 am. IN person, no masks, no covid training, it is up to you. (UPDATE: WE WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS PER STATE REQUIREMENT UPDATE DUE TO THE DELTA VARIANCE SURGE.)

- We got a call and have a lady in Coos Bay that has tomatoes to share if anyone would like them. Lady Bug landing beds are full and has no need for the plants so 20 are up for grabs. Let Samantha know if you are interested.
- **Recruitment and Retention:** Dona Rabin
Nothing to report.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report:**
Nothing to report this month.
- **COMMENTS from Samantha Clayburn, OSU Extension Service, Coos County** (Samantha Clayburn)
Office is still technically closed. WE are hopefully getting guidance and most likely will have it open for our meetings. WE are not renting it out to the public for parties etc.
Tentatively Next Meeting will be on August 10th , 2021 10 a.m. AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE. If there is any change on this Samantha will let us know. You will not need masks or covid training, but if you feel safer wearing masks you certainly can. Hope to see you all there.
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 August 9th, 2021