

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2021

Hybrid Meeting

County wide

In person and Zoom Hybrid Meeting:

IN PERSON AND 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	Elaine Goodner
Bob German	Lynn Jackson	Mary Ann Babb
Marrie Caldiero	Jan Farnworth Thomas	Mary Dixon
Mary Jo Audette		

CALLED TO ORDER by Host at 10:05 Samantha Clayburn led the meeting. Welcome back to in person and so good to see all, including those on Zoom. It has been a long time. Covid protocols in place.

Minutes

Minutes read. Mary Ann made the motion to approve, Katy Creason seconded with motion carrying minutes as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Claudia Turner)

Prior balance	\$17033.66
Income(Members' Dues()Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)	0
Interest	.29
Two checks	
Ending balance (July 31 st , 2021)	\$17,033.95

Savings : Savings CD is \$8,425.12

Financials motioned and approved unanimously.

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

September Report:

The garden at Lady Bug Landing is still looking lush, but is starting the fall decline with the cooler nights. The gardeners have been happy, as there has been no theft this season, with the new fencing and locked gates. 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. 865 pounds have been donated to the Food bank so far lots of lettuce, cabbages, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, zucchini, Walla-walla onions, red onions, bush beans, leeks, tomatoes, kohlrabi, fennel, cucumbers, beets, carrots and shallots. The espalier Fuji apple tree is loaded too.

Renee has appreciated all the different people who have helped make the garden work this year. It takes a village. Despite the new Covid restrictions in place, it has been a bountiful year.

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.

Good Earth Community Garden

September report:

Things are buzzing at Good Earth. We are still collecting a steady stream of donations and our garden is looking so great that we have canceled our September work party! It is heating up here in Bandon just as we get ready for fall.

*Happy gardening,
Leslie*

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*

• Plant Clinic (Kathy Creason)

Plant clinic is up and running. Started May 20th. Still lots of empty spots. September is looking 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: Got an e mail from Julie Graber, just checking in for the 2021 year. WE weeded and tidied up the garden. We appreciate all of the support

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

WE are at Coos Bay farmers market and going great guns. Very busy. We are positioned next to Snap next to Checkerberries. WE had both the MG and the MFP booths. We did the kids scavenger hunt and got lots of contacts. We only pay \$5.00 a booth were most non-profits are. Still some shifts open. Don Luss is working most of them but we need a few more to help out. WE need to check in between 8 am to 8:30 am to get you placed. Our gear is stored at the Chamber of Commerce building. Check in to the info booth, make sure it is in the correct area, then get the booth equipment from the Chamber office and set up for the day. Morning shift sets up 8:30 to 11:30, afternoon shift, 11:30 am to 2:15 pm and break down the booth and put equipment away at the Chamber office.

Bandon FM has been requested, but we still are not quite ready to do it as it is inside. We are not yet staffed and not ready to take on.

- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Dotty Taylor**
Report next Month.

- **County Fair (Samantha Clayburn)** We survived. It was crazy and last minute but it went off without a hitch. Big success, in new location. Both MG and MFP booths were located in a great location. Many newcomers grabbed lots of information. In the future if Candy is in charge, we will keep the same hours, two shifts. It made it easy for scheduling and logistics. 3 people with 2 shifts and flexibility built in. Cameron Watkins sent a thank you note for receiving best of show for her container. Mary Beth Broer, high point horticulture winner. She grew zinnas and got high point . She sent in a long and fun letter. Thank you for sponsoring her 4 H. Best of show container gardener Abigail also won and sent in a thank you letter. Sponsorship of fair awards for 4 H.

- **Extension office:**

Coordinator Report: Samantha Clayburn:

Masks are required at the Plant Clinic and meetings along with the ZOOM meetings to accommodate all. The building is open from 8 am to 12. Contact tracing is down with the general public with a tracking sheet. Members and employees are not required for contact tracing.

OSU will keep updating for keeping the office and plant clinic open. Masks usage will change as the Covid situation changes with the Delta variant. Keep masks wearing and social distancing rules for now. Sam will always strive to keep you up to date so that you can feel safe and do what is best for all our members.

Coos County Awards for this year:

Congratulations to Claudia Turner for being awarded the Behind the Scenes of the Year and Tina Powers , Coos County Master Gardener of the year. Thanks for all volunteers that have participated in various activities. All of you are appreciated. It has been a long year, with many starts and stops and in spite of all the hiccups, much got accomplished with our group.

Training for MG 2022: *Online, the Volunteer requirements, the First class of the Training will be updated for better information from the state. Hands on training will be handled by Samantha Clayburn. Counties are suggested to See recording. Minimum is 40 hours for volunteer hours. We will be reducing class hours to 40 hours to match. Tiered pricing. Counties sets curriculum, set up the shell for the class, register the classes with Sigma.*

State wide supplies short courses, communication pieces, develop advertisement for recruitment. 3 required Botany, pesticide safety,

Sustainable horticulture nuts and bolts of the training group. More to follow as OSU develops new strategies for Master Gardener training due to the Covid protocols.

- **Recruitment and Retention:** Dona Rabin
Nothing to report.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report:** Tina Powers
Program on Working with Native Tribal Horticultural Practices in September and October. Will report back on these classes.

OSU Extension Service, Coos County (Samantha Clayburn) Office is open 8 am to 12 pm daily Monday through Friday.

Tentatively Next Meeting will be on September , 2021 14th, 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 10, 2021