

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2021

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

IN PERSON AND ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Billie Reeves	Kathy Creason	Mary Jo Audette
Claudia Turner	Grace Horning	Dottie Tucker
Jessie Milligan	Tina Powers	Caren Brewster
Donna Leveridge-Campbell	Laurie Wartnik	Elaine Goodner
Bob German	Lynn Jackson	Mary Dixon
Edward Powers		

Meeting started 10:05 am

ADDITIONS: No additions to agenda.

INTRODUCTIONS: No introductions

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements

APPROVAL OF August 10th, 2021, MEETING MINUTES *Typos corrected.*

Motion to approve by: Kathy Creason

Seconded by: Mary Jo Audette

Motion CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT (Claudia Turner)

Prior balance	\$17033.95
Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)	0
Interest	.28
Two checks	
Ending balance (September 30th, 2021)	\$17,034.23

Savings: Savings CD is \$8,426.20

Financials motioned and approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8th and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay** (Renee Blom)

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.

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

No report currently.

- **Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8th Ct., Bandon**
- **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 Wirt*

- **Plant Clinic (Kathy Creason)**

Plant clinic Slow. We still have one opening on the 20th, 9 to noon. WE need folks for October plant clinic. No one signed up yet, so e-mail and time to get your hours in. We haven't had a lot of serious complaints this year, just some impact on Rhododendrons and less soil moisture. Kathy's Asian pears are huge and doing well. Apples are enjoying this weather; Fall is here with some plants losing leaves already. Soil is much dryer. It is nice and low key. Contact Kathy Creason or Sam to sign up. Plant clinic through end of October.

- **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 applications out due to not having a chair and holding off till next year.
- **School Garden Grants: No news.**
- **Coos Bay Farmers Market** two more dates and we will not be there during October. Masks are required. Lots of vendors this year and have had good interest with our booth. Non-profits paid \$5.00 a booth this year. Its most likely to cover costs.
- **Bandon Farmers Market: Not this year.** We could not make it work for the indoors. Hopefully next year for the Farmer's market. Hopefully we will be back in force.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** Tina Powers: Challenging and lively. Meeting today with the education cohort and the main meeting will be tomorrow. Topic: impact of White privilege. Lots of discussions on this topic. 30-page document. Some of the information makes sense and some is frankly insulting so I will report back to the group. This is generated by OSU for the state requirements. Statewide committee.
- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Dottie Tucker, Tina Powers, alternate) No report. Minutes to follow

COMMENTS from Sam Clayburn, OSU Extension Service, Coos County Sam apologized for the hours, for new it started this year for 40 hours, not 60. You only need 40 hours. We do have a few that has made it through.

2022 Training: meeting on Thursday to see what it will look like. Depending upon how many signs up, it will be an on-line class. It will be a 40-hour training instead of a 60-hour program. It will be on-line classes first. Second component will be what it means to be a volunteer, and the third part will be hands on such as the tree trimming class and planting and compost and beds. Sam needs to flesh out with the OSU folks, due to the stretched program. What happens if no one wants to do online classes? These are questions that need to be addressed. Hopefully there will be some clear answers. Mentorship, hands on and the trainee comfort level. What do we do, how do we do it? Sent out a culture survey," Online this year and would you be interested?" Hopefully we get good input from the community so we can adjust our classes accordingly. Some suggestions: a Watch party. The new students will get the big book and

mentors can be at the watch party to help the newbies. Connection is important for growth of our mentees. We must make sure we keep in touch with our mentees, so we are able to sustain our programs. We are looking at a January start date, so we still have some time.

Applications usually come out in October with a January start date. Once the online classes available, they would be available for a few weeks after. On-line training is a fixed class. Watch parties would zoom live so there might be discussion with mentors and mentees. If you got 10 continuing hours, you should be able to get them. Get the hours in and make it happen. Question: will we have one class a day, more classes, less classes, many online classes set up for an hour. Silver lining, we aren't set to do 9 to 12 on a Tuesday. There is flexibility at this point that we might have some evening classes, different days, etc. Once classes are available, they would have a week or so to complete and an assessment at the end. No live action at this point, but if you had a block party, we could do a zoom interaction.

Canvas is on there and is monitoring discussions, and there might be some interaction. Reason: 1: make it as remote as possible incase Covid breaks out, 2: we are losing instructors due to retirement, and we have less of them to rely on. Later, we might get to have some hands on, but everything is still in flux.

Each county will be having different needs such as a difference in climate from the coastal counties versus the eastern side of the state. Question? Can we have watch parties with 2 to 3 classes in one day? If small enough, we might be able to do small groups and social distancing. Hopefully we can do in the winter. We might be able to film some classes a head of time such as growing from seeds up at Dottie's place. We do have to come up with strategies, so we do not lose too many and help to build up our numbers. WE do need more trainees. We will see how it goes.

The online classes have been successful and with the 1-to-1.5-hour class is a good time frame. With watch parties, we can discuss afterword's with people of zoom so we can have workable Interaction so we can work closer with our mentees. Most connections are with E-mail and that has been working well. We need to focus on the goals and let's be positive about it. WE are leaders and modeling our positiveness helps to build up or organization and our training. Gardening makes us happy and let's do what we do best, lets have a bright spot. Some other suggestions: Make our own videos to share with others.

OTHER BUSINESS: *Ending on a nice note, MG of the year, Tina Powers and Behind the Scenes award, Claudia Turner.*

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

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at (time).

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC: The next meeting is (date) at the (location) beginning at 10:00 am Respectfully submitted by:
Tina Powers, Secretary