

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

**General Meeting Minutes**

October 13th, 2021

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

**IN PERSON AND ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:**

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

Pre-meeting idea for newsletter? What type of tomatoes did everyone grow? Pictures, stories about them. Think about for the next meeting.

Meeting started 10:05 am

**ADDITIONS:** No additions to agenda.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** No introductions

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No announcements

**APPROVAL** OF September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, MEETING MINUTES No discussion or changes.

**Motion to approve by:** Kathy Creason

**Seconded by:** Mary Dixon with motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** (Claudia Turner)

<i>Prior balance</i>	<i>17,034.23</i>
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	<i>285.00</i>
<i>Interest</i>	<i>.29</i>
<i>Ending balance (October 31th, 2021)</i>	<i>17,319.52</i>

*Savings: Savings CD is \$8,427.23*

*Financials motioned and approved unanimously.*

**Dues are due currently. Still at \$15.00**

**COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

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

***Lady Bug Landing Garden Report***

***October Report:***

*The garden at Lady Bug Landing is winding down, starting the fall decline with the cooler nights. Tomato blight has hit all the tomatoes so the garden is looking a little sad at the moment, but slowly gardeners are removing the plants to be hauled away. Renee is at the garden every Wednesday and Saturday from 9:30-12 till the end of October, to water, weed the demo beds and pathways, harvest the demo area for the Food Bank and help gardeners where needed. Karen Blew has helped harvest the last month on Wednesdays, which has been appreciated, as there have been several big harvests. 1109 pounds have been donated to the Food Bank so far, and this next week will probably be the last as there is just lettuce, broccoli and some turnips left to harvest.*

*The garden gates have gotten left open a couple times the last couple weeks, and we have had some minor theft. ☹️ Mary Robertson has been a big with the watering the demo beds, it has been very nice to have gotten a break with the rain. Renee has appreciated all the different people who have helped make the garden work this year. Hopefully the 2022 season will be as bountiful. Gardeners need to have their gardens cleaned up by December 1 and there will be a work party to tidy the garden more and lime the beds the first weekend in December TBA.*

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> Ct., Bandon**

- **October report:**

- *Things are winding down at Good Earth. Pumpkins are orange, and warm weather crops are done in this lovely autumn weather. We recently had a small group of High School volunteers who helped us get a head start on our end of season work. Hope everyone is enjoying the change of seasons!*

- *Leslie Wirt*

- **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 18th, 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 have funny looking bees to identify . 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. Tina Powers chairperson, and Mike Mueller along with Claudia Turner and others to participate in some form of plant sale. Mary Dixon asked “Any parameters coming down from OSU for plant sales this year?” Now is the time to think about it. Many would like to do something to do a drive by or some time of plant sale. Plants were successfully donated to Pelican Harbor so we do see a way to make it come together. A good way to draw new and old members back to our group. Contact Tina Powers if you are interested in helping out with this effort. Claudia Turner pointed out that this coming year is important to get

our name and faces out in the community. Others have filled in and we are in danger of losing our slot within the community to be THE source of great plants and information. OSU is the authority on this and they are calling the shots as far as the COVID restrictions and parameters. They did not put a mandate on vaccine at this time.

- **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** *Closed now, but next year will be back every week and back at the Bandon market. Don and Mike Mueller and Susan M stepped up as well as a few others. Thank YOU.*
- **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** – *Native culture was the theme this go around. Acknowledgement of other cultural impacts to our gardening techniques and cultural customs was discussed, with many Native speakers and discussions. Interaction in our county with our local tribes is encouraged. Curriculum: re imagine some classes to include other nontraditional demographics such as First Nations, Asian cultures etc, and how to include and adopt some of these techniques and have more interaction with these folks. Our main non-white group in Coos County are our tribal members such as the Coquille and Consolidated tribes. Some subjects discussed are the camas root culture, gathering versus growing, and other topics. Some other topics were how to fight bias. At the end of the day, it is all about respect. How does this impact Master Gardeners? It is important to just respect each other as we are all humans. Some of this will be taught within the master gardener program. WE are as a Statewide group looking for more members and this is a good way to reach out to others, non-traditional folks to enrich our knowledge. It is not a negative thing and can really have a positive impact and effect on our groups. Reaching out to the local tribes have opened up possibilities for us to learn really cool stuff. Camas growing, tribal methods for local foods, etc. We can learn from so many other folks. Politics have not been included in this which was refreshing. All have been respectful to 360-degree viewpoints. Kathy Creason suggested that if we run with our March trainings at the Casino, perhaps we can get some of these native speakers to share their information and open up more minds. Diversity does not have to be a negative word. All inclusive gardening group is so basic, and all cultures grow and that is what we are here for. We can all gain from the knowledge of each other. (Thanks, Mary Dixon) Just reach out and talk to other cultures, other people and compare their experiences. (Thanks, Claudia Turner). What are you growing? Great question to ask all.*
- **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 is signed up for the native American culture work shop, as well as state wide hiring committee, search advocate usually from a different county and a different discipline. To help avoid unconscious bias via training. Newer program starts at the end of October for a few weeks. Sign up Nov. 10 , cultural movie, "Gather" About indigenous people and their gardening practices. Curry MG search. 7 candidates identified. Two did not make the cut and the interviews will be this week and we will then do in person interviews. That's where we are at. Reporting of hours are due October 31<sup>st</sup>. Make sure you go on on line report and put all hours in. The new hours start November 1<sup>st</sup>. 10 of outreach and 10 education hours required*

*for returning MG's. 40 hours for new trainees. Siting on boards, growing plants for plant sale, All support hours. Lots of opportunities for educational hours. You can reset your password. 2022 training moving ahead. Watch parties and mentoring, online initially, and then hands on over the course of the training. New trainees training as well as training refresher for MG's Sam will put up the links. E mails will be sent to sign up for these classes. Hour and a half to 3 hours, and nighttime classes. We can mke it fun having watch parties. Possibly in the evening. Online classes first, then in person classes such as training on seed planting, might work with others to get hands on. Pruning, planting, other training for hands on. WE might do a few things with Curry County. Training is moving ahead. If you know anyone interested, make sure to get the names and phone numbers to Samantha. 40 hours for newbies, 20 for returning members. More information to follow.*

*We need volunteers for our board. WE need a President, Vice President nomination. Claudia and Tina have graciously volunteered to serve for another year. If you would like to run or be nominated, please contact Samantha before the meeting next Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. 10 am.*

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Plant clinic question from Susan Smith. What are these mushrooms and how do we contain, remove or utilize these in my garden. WE looked at it from a Plant clinic viewpoint. We advised her to leave them to help fertilizer her soil and improve the garden. The mushroom was identified as a warted puff ball and a shelf polypore. Mycelium will be everywhere so she will not be able to remover. She should embrace her mushrooms for her garden's health.

**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/](https://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 10:59 am

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