

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

**General Meeting Minutes**

November 9th, 2021

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

**IN PERSON AND ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:**

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

Meeting started 10:05 am

**ADDITIONS:** No additions to agenda.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** No introductions

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No announcements

**APPROVAL OF** October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, MEETING MINUTES No discussion or changes.

**Motion to approve by** Claudia Turner

**Seconded by:** Mary Ann Babb, motion approved.

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

Prior balance	17,034.23
Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)	285.00
Interest	.29
Ending balance (October 31th, 2021)	17319.52

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

*Financials motioned and approved unanimously.*

**Dues are due currently. Still at \$15.00 Letters sent out with a good reception.**

**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***

***November Report:***

*The garden at Lady Bug Landing is winding down and many of the beds are finished and covered with straw, including all the demo beds. 1130 pounds were donated to the Food Bank for the season.*

*It was a very good garden year and Renee has appreciated all the different people who have helped make the garden work this year.*

*Applications to garden for 2022 for Lady Bug Landing will be available January 3 on a first come, first serve basis at the garden, McKay's market and on the website [socoastcommunitygardens.org](http://socoastcommunitygardens.org)*

*Hopefully the 2022 season will be as bountiful. Gardeners need to have their gardens cleaned up by*

*December 1. **There will be a work party to tidy the garden more and lime the beds, and possibly add chips to the paths if we are able to acquire some, the first Saturday, December 4 at 9:30 am. Many hands make short work and any MG's wanting to help will get hours.***

*Have a good winter.*

*Anyone interested on being on the board of SCCGA please contact Renee at [back40four@gmail.com](mailto:back40four@gmail.com) or 541-269-7468. Our meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 5:30. Meetings usually last about a half hour. Due to Covid the meetings during the winter are on Zoom and during the dry months they have been outside at Lady Bug Landing Community Garden, until we can all meet inside again.*

### **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.*

- **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*

- **Plant Clinic (Kathy Creason)**

*Plant clinic was a success this year even with having a limited attendance both at the extension and the farmer's market. We closed end of October and started with 6 questions/requests in May, 15 in June, 23 total in July and 20 in August, in 15 September and in October, 3 requests, with an overall request for 82. In past we would have two full books of requests. Biggest problem was drought on the perennials and Rhododendrons. Had a Polythamous moth come in for identification. Mushrooms growing in a ladies' yard was identified, and some bee questions.*

*We got an uptick in Ask the Expert and Samantha handled 20 to 30. WE are looking at the Ask an Expert to see if we can update and add to this. Claudia took the Virtual Plant Clinic and highly recommended it. It all goes to a data base that is stored and shared throughout the state. It is in the elevated envision system. Sam sent out the link this system. ECHO is up and running this year and is an excellent source for us to use with our Clinics, with a stored data base. Envision is in the Elevated training classes. Samantha will be testing it out at the office. It can only be used at the office and is*

an on line data base that can be used. Each person would have to sign up so that information can be tracked. Envision has the Virtual Plant Clinic

- **Plant Sale Committee | 2022 Tomato-** WE will put out a call so that we can get it started for next year, 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 American culture work shop. Sign up Nov. 10 , cultural movie, “Gather”

Our prompt for this month was to select any topic from the MG curriculum and pitch how you might reimagine that class to serve a broader or different demographic. Specifics to try to include:

1. Presenter(s) who could provide the lecture (this could be a specific individual or a representative from an org or group)
2. Resources or reading materials beyond the MG handbook for students to gain background info
3. A hands-on activity/trip/homework

Some examples: **TEK Traditional Ecological Knowledge**, also called by other names including Indigenous Knowledge or Native Science, (hereafter, **TEK**) refers to the evolving knowledge acquired by indigenous and local peoples over hundreds or thousands of years through direct contact with the environment.

- Participated in training a long time ago, felt that classes were not engaging. What’s important in our area? What can we shave off of longer classes that don’t need 3-4 hours, and where can we insert traditional and indigenous knowledge? This will elevate TEK, which goes back a long way but is in conflict with MG mantra that info has to be based in academic knowledge.
- Samantha Chisholm Hatfield from the Climate Change Institute: opportunities to speak with the MGs, maybe at OMGA or at a retreat?
- Homework: visit, talk, connect with partners to determine how to respond to client questions.
- Additional: local tribes have interest in connecting new trainees offer an opportunity to engage and educate. Community partners can help identify potential participants.

- *The tribe is stepping in in several ways to restore and co-manage the salmon run. They might be as passionate to return the camas to the area. Some of the training was through Confluence (Note: it is sharable with our MG group per Leanne/JEDI folks)*
- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Dottie Tucker, Tina Powers, alternate) *No report. Minutes to follow. Gail gave her report. A new state coordinator Ivy Miles. Two things discussed. To seek investment in technical infrastructure for the program and state money to be used for county coordinator and faculty and staff. To give support staff help. Challenge is continuing the service level of funding as they have fallen short of funding. Core mission being education and as we think about funding, how it aligns with extension goals. Financial report, mini college for 2022 and they are planning on in person possible. Looking for some positions to be filled. Send any changes to our group for new officers. New editor for Gardener Pen Ann Pinckly New one coming out in January. Report on Jedi. December retreat goals for 2022 and the MOU that needs to be updated. Plant sales discussed for the various counties. Two dates June 17 and 18, or July and will be doing it at the college. They waved dues for this year, but next year it will be 5 dollars. They will honor a waiver till the end of the year to get their dues in. Budget put out to be approved at the next meeting. They did not overspend the budget. Voted on executive board and all the officer's positions. Still don't have VP or Treasurer. Vice Provost for Extension and Engagement, Dr Ivory Lyles is the new director of Extension. Will be doing Meet and Greet to all the extension programs. Hopefully we get a visit to push the technical infrastructure, component for online recording system that will be going away. They do not have a new system yet but are going to be using a new system down the line. Funding part: Tax levies, state money, county funding, etc. Asking for more state funds to float the boat. Hopefully the levies do not run out.*

#### **COMMENTS from Sam Clayburn, OSU Extension Service, Coos County**

*Volunteer hour for volunteering Volunteer has run out as of Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. you still have time to get the hours in. Report is due to the state in December. How long will the classes be up? Unknown Classes will be up to the end of the year. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct. 31, 2022, Hours done from now on will be counted for 2022. Keep a paper trail just in case the OSU folks pull the program.*

*Training application is online and live. No one has completed the sign up yet. Training will start in February instead of January. Beginning classes will be on line. We will have watch parties, and in March, we will have hands on such as Dottie's place, plant clinic, role playing. Record your hours for continuing education. If you know people that might be interested in the classes show them the website and help them get registered. Stay tuned about the training and encourage people to send up. We would like to get 10 more students. We will have new 2022 stickers. December meeting will be the first Tuesday of the month due to a previous commitment. Claudia Turner nominated for president for the new year, Mary Ann Babb as treasurer, Kathy Creason is nominated as Vice President, voted in. Powers as secretary. December meeting we will have a tentative proposed budget and it will be send out.*

*More information on the training. If you want to be a mentor for the trainees, please volunteer. Zoom meet ups, and connections. You get hours for mentoring -outreach hours not support hours.*

*Diversity JEDI is a year long commitment. They are looking for a new member for this next month. Reach out to Tina Powers for information.*

**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 11:17 a.m.

**EDUCATIONAL TOPIC:** The next meeting is at the Myrtle Point Extension office December 7th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

**Respectfully** submitted by: Tina Powers