

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

March 8th, 2022

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Claudia Turner, President	Edward Powers
Kathy Creason, Vice President	Dottie Tucker
Mary Ann Babb, Treasurer	Mike Mueller
Tina Powers, Secretary	Bob German
Elaine Goodner	Mary Dixon
Caren Brewster	Lynn Jackson
Donna Leveridge-Campbell	Jessie Milligan
Dick and Grace Horning	Susie Zohreh
Laurie Wartnik	Imogene McDonald
Billie Reeves	Susan Mlynarczyk
Jessica Kane	

Meeting started 10:05 am with both in person and zoom members present.

ADDITIONS: None

INTRODUCTIONS: New trainees have joined us today online and in person:

Val Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mask rules will be dropped as of midnight March 12th. No masks will be required if you feel like you would like to use the masks it is your personal choice.

The minutes will not change or be updated once they are sent out as per Donna's suggestion. Garden reports will not be included nor will the current Treasurers report be added. It was done to help those on Zoom. But as of today, they will reflect only what was presented at the meeting.

Susan is giving the plant clinic heat pads and lights to the group from the donation. They were to be used by the Plant sale folks. They will go to the plant sale committee. Those that would like to get some to help grow plants for the plant sale may contact Susan to pick them up. Claudia Turner and Mike Mueller would like to get some to aid in their growing plants for Tomato Rama. There are 8 4 ft. lights and 4 4 ft. pads, but will check to be sure.

February 8th Meeting minutes motion? No discussion or changes. Motion to approve meeting minutes by Kathy Creason and seconded by: Mary Ann Babb. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Ann Babb

<i>Prior balance</i>	17,479.41
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	15.00
<i>Interest</i>	.27
<i>Expenses (office expenses)</i>	
<i>Ending balance March 31st, 2022</i>	17,494.68

Savings: Savings CD is \$8,430.07

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

Lady Bug Landing

April Garden Report:

March Garden Report:

Lady Bug Landing Report 3/8 Lady Bug Landing is full, we have had a waitlist, two people have given up their plots for personal reasons so two more people from the waitlist got a plot. There is still one more on the list. We had an amazing work party in February where we put chips on paths and chicken manure on all the beds, 18 people showed up to help and this was a case of 'many people make short work'. We were done in less than 1-1/2 hrs. Things have been a little slower the last 10 days at the garden due to the cold snap we had and then the much needed rain. Some gardeners were able to get their beds turned before and some have put up cloches. It looks like a great group of gardeners and we are looking forward to a good season. On another note there will be opportunities on Saturday mornings starting in April-October from 9:30-12 to get volunteer hours working with Renee in the Lady Bug Landing gardens demo beds. The other gardens will hopefully have opportunities too. The Master Gardeners would need to fill out a membership form (attached) for CCMGA and pay \$10 to SCCGA (for our insurance) for MG's to be able to work in the different gardens SCCGA has. Happy Gardening and have peaceful thoughts for World

There was much discussion on this last part of the report. WE need to get clarification on this. There is a 10.00 membership fee, and then 5.00 goes back to the garden. Many did not understand this. Every garden has a different amount for their plot fees. Memberships are always 10 dollars membership fee and a plat fee so every member that wants to work in the garden might have to pay this. It is an insurance issue. SCCGA has a different insurance plan than CCMG. CCMG would have to pay the 10. Fee for the insurance. This will have to be sorted out. Samantha will reach out to Renee to get this straightened out. It does not seem fair that our volunteers should have to pay to do weeding and other work. Samantha will e mail all to get this information out to you.

- ***Coquille Harvest Moon Garden | 180 N. Baxter Street, Coquille***

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

Garden is struggling but rebuilding. Val Berg is the only board member working currently. The other two members of the board are having family issues. So it is a bit of a struggle. Samantha Orchard is president. Val Berg needs some help. Hopefully Val will send reports monthly. Val has sent out applications and has stripped some beds and gotten the planter boxes painted and rebuilt.

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

March News!

The Good Earth Community Garden Team is ready for our first orientation on March 5th! We will have three orientations in March and have updated our orientation documents to include current information and help gardeners understand the plants that grow well at the garden. We are excited that we finished the project of elevating a few plots, which we hope will encourage additional gardeners that may have physical needs. We are in the process of accepting applications and we are looking forward to flourishing plots soon! Garden was organized and extra tools were found and see if the community garden doesn't want them they are offered to garden members.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to All! Cheers, Susie Zohreh, Garden Manager

- **Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason:** *WE need people to sign up, and we all need to get the training for the online plant clinic forms called ECCO . A statewide system to consolidate and collate information based on key words, county, problems, trends, patterns, and a statewide data base. Our training is starting and we have 5 members so far that has received training on the online plant clinic form that gathers information statewide and is searchable by key words so that a large database is built to track trends and patterns of plant diseases, etc. WE still contact the client about the information on our own. We are starting it this year and it is easy once you are in the system and our forms will be modified so that they match the format with ECCO. WE will be busy this year and the ECCO training will be available. We are getting questions early and some of the questions won't be entered in the ECCO training due to the nature of our local gardeners. WE need certified Master Gardeners on the calendars so please sign up to get your hours. We will need MG's to help out with the trainees as well so please sign up. Calendar is available to fill up. Plant clinic calendar is on the weblog to sign up as well.*
- **Plant Sale Committee | 2022 Tomato-Rama** Tina Powers Chairperson
Progressing nicely. We still are open to anyone that would like to grow. Plant sale is May 7th from 10 am to 4 pm. Set up date is May 6th from 9 am to 2:30 pm to drop plants off and set up tables for the sale. We will have a meeting after the main meeting so if you are interested in helping, stay for it.
- **Scholarship Committee:** *Closed this year. Not budgeted this year with funds going to School Garden Grant.*
- **School Garden Grants:** *Updated the Applications will be available at the end of this month and sent out to all of the schools, Head Start and Boys and Girls club and they will have a little less than a month to get the application sent back in.*
- **Coos Bay Farmers Market :** *Applications will be sent. Next year we might be back every week if we have enough volunteer. Application fee is 20.00. Sign up for every week or every other week. We start in May. There should not be any booth separation. Perhaps every other week would work best with as short handed as we are. WE have 29 paid members. No trainees as yet. There are two shifts of master gardeners. Booth will have two shifts, morning and afternoon. Morning starts at 8:15 am for set up to be open at 9 am. The next shift needs to be there at 11:30 am and break down the booth and put it away at 2:00 pm. The booth needs to be manned the whole time from set up at 8:15 am 2:30pm closing time. WE should be able to store at the Chamber of Commerce as in past years. While we could get more exposure and promotion, the consensus was for our group to cover every other week until we can get more to commit. If we get the coverage then we could do it every week. Coos Bay Farmers Market starts in May.*
- **Bandon Farmers Market:** *Once a month, Caren Brewster*
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion –Tina Powers** *My term is complete. New group starts in March and Donna Leveridge-Campbell will most likely representing our group for the 2nd year cohort.*
- **Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Dottie Tucker, Tina Powers, alternate)
- *1st Quarter Meeting March 4, 2022*
- *Gail gave her report.*
- *Highlights were that the new Extension Director is Dr. Ivory Lyles*
- *Her concerns were that Master Gardeners were not being represented on the ECAN board. (Extension Citizens Advisory Network) She would like to see a MG be on this committee.*

- *State and County MG of the year are due May 15. Gail is asking that all counties submit their forms online rather than email to make it easier for her to read and have access to them all in one place.. She would like the person's address, email and phone number be submitted for press releases and for State representatives to contact the individuals. I checked the OMGA website yesterday and they still have the PDF form up but I think Gail is setting up a form with Qualtrics.*
- *Funding for this year's OSU Extension continues to be funded below service level. This means that as vacancies open they will be left open for longer periods of time to save money. Vacancies will be filled with lower paid staff who may have volunteer management experience but not have subject experience.*
- *The Gardeners Pen winter issue is now available.*
- *Membership card were sent to the MG chapters. A 10% discount is available to MG at Territorial Seeds. Not for online purchases.*
- *We discussed our upcoming Joy of Gardening Conference scheduled for July 29 and 30, 2022 at OSU Campus. Registration will be available at the OMGA website toward the middle of April. I will be sending a power point to Tina to send out to members that has information on speakers, lodging, volunteer opportunities, as well as the field trips being offered so far.*
- *Chapter Sales will be available this year. This allows MG chapters to sell items at the conference for fundraising for their Chapter.*
- *They also would like each Chapter to contribute to their silent auction. It would work the same as past years with Chapters donating 10 items worth approximately \$25 each.*
- *We discussed hosting a "sharing session" for all of our state chapters on plant sales and other fundraisers.*
- *The OMGA grant deadline is May 15 for the Karl Carlson award and the Marje Luce search for Excellence Program. On the OMGA website.*
- *It was discussed that OMGA gives out bars for 20, 30 years of service at the Mini college and whether or not they wanted to continue doing this. They decided to continue.*
- *Next meeting will be June 3rd.*

COMMENTS from Samantha Clayburn, OSU Extension Service, Coos County

2022 training is almost wrapped up with 12 students. The first in house was last Saturday, and was a huge success. E mail for the next group will get an Email with directions. Erica Churno extension agent from Lane county will be doing the pruning class at Kathy Creasons from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday, March 12th. Her driveway is tricky so there is also on street parking. There will be a cone placed. It is a circular driving way. It is your choice for parking. Weather should be good. And coming up there will be a raised bed hügelkultur/ container class on April 12th. Class will be from 1 to 3 pm after our meeting and Plant Sale committee meeting. Darcy will also have a class down in Gold Beach, for Curry county. This will finish out our training both online and in Person.

Covid in building rules as of March 12th. Masks go away. Everybody back and snacks available to share. So bring some cool snacks to welcome everyone back. Potluck snakes. Samantha will provide the coffee and tea.

WE need to hire a new front position, so if you know of someone, please let them know about the position. We have soil for the plant sale.

Fair sign up is available for the July dates, back in the oaks pavilion. Across from the Master Food Preserver. Fair was a big success last year. July 26th thru the 30th of July. Look online. Three spaces available for the two daily shifts. Sign up for your hours. Spring break is the 23rd thru the 26th of this month. Sam will not be responding to email from 24th to the 26th of March. Level up is also on the

calendar. 1 hour classes available for your educational hours. Sam will put it on the agenda. Mike Mueller would like to borrow a grow lamp and a heat pad to help his starts for the plant sale. Soil is now in the basement along with pots so if you want some, contact Samantha and she can meet you at the extension office. Samantha will be at the Master Gardener Coordinators Conference at the end of April in Oklahoma. Level up classes are listed on the OSU websites. One hour and you can take at your leisure.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned 11:15 a.m.

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**

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC: The next meeting will be a combination meeting at the Myrtle Point Extension office April 12th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. **Respectfully** submitted by: Tina Powers