

**COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)**

**General Meeting Minutes**

April 12th, 2022

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

**ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:**

Claudia Turner, President	Edward Powers
Kathy Creason, Vice President	Don Luce
Mary Ann Babb, Treasurer	Mike Mueller
Tina Powers, Secretary	Bob German
Elaine Goodner	Kathy Barter
Donna Leveridge-Campbell	Dick and Grace Horning
Susie Zohreh	Laurie Wartnik
Imogene McDonald	Jessica Kane
Billie Reeves	Kate Henderson
Valerie Berg	Dottie Tucker

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

**ADDITIONS:** None

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Three trainees have joined us today online and in person-Jessica Kane, Val Berg, Kate Henderson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Don Luce announced a hike for wildflowers. Yearly 4 short hikes. South Coast trotters hiking group. Coostrails.com Hike at Gold and Silver Falls for those of you that would like to go. This Saturday at 10 am on April 16th. Not a long hike. Register on site. At end of the month there will also be another wildflower hikes. Get information from Don Luce or check the website.

**Minutes**

March 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting minutes motion? No discussion or changes. Motion to approve meeting minutes by Kathy Creason and seconded by: Val Berg. Motion carried unanimously.

Billie Reeves went to the Territorial Seed Store in Cottage Grove and got a 15% discount and free shipping for the next mail order purchase. They took the badge as proof as well as the card.

Seeds can be gotten for free from Coquille Seed savers.

Tee shirt ordering: The association orders the shirts from B an T printers. Order the official logo Tee shirt for the blue shirt. Many types of shirts available in the past. Some discussion so Sam will get clarification on the logo. Open for suggestions. To be discussed next meeting.

Seed box is open for anyone to take some seeds to grow. They were from the last planned Tomato-rama. Most seeds are from 2019 and should be still viable. The seeds will be left in the Plant clinic for those interested.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Mary Ann Babb

<i>Prior balance</i>	<b>17,494.68</b>
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	

Interest	<b>.29</b>
Expenses (office expenses)	<b>210.68</b>
Ending balance March 31st, 2022	<b>17,284.29</b>

We have moved our checking account to First Community Credit Union.  
Savings: Savings CD is \$8,430.72 still at Banner Bank

Dues are due for 2022 so please get those in. \$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**

**April Garden Report:**

*All is well at Lady Bug Landing the garden is full and there are 5 people on the waitlist, the garden has been busy all week with people getting their beds turned and starting to do some planting. Several of the gardeners have been helping work on the demo areas as they just enjoy being there on these gorgeous Spring days we have been having. The demo areas are slowly being turned and prepped for planting soon, brassicas and lettuce will go in after this much needed wet week ahead. Our biggest challenge has been a huge amount of vigorous bindweed in the raspberries, keeping several of us busy. Renee is there every Wednesday and Saturday now from 9:30-noon, doing weeding, answering questions and will be starting to plant soon. The garden looks great and looking forward to another good garden year.  
Happy Gardening*

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

**April News**

*The garden is coming along. WE still need more gardeners, but I will run an add next week and put it on Nextdoor again. Hopefully with Spring arriving more people think of gardening. The new gardeners see excited to get started. We have purchased soil for some of the beds as they have settled and needed more. Coquille Gardens Nursery gave us a vey good disco8nt for the soil so we are pleased with that. The shed is clean and seeds and tools are ready for our gardeners. I have been working on individual projects to get the garden looking better. Such as cutting the "grass" out front. Cleaning up the compost area. I brought a garden fork to turn it also. Repairing the wheelbarrow as the front wheel was coming off. I am very aware that could look better but there is only so much I can do. It also keeps raining so time is limited. The new gardeners are willing to help so that will be some assistance. The plant starts are coming along very well for our plant sale which will be the Saturday after the sale at the OSU Extension. I have secured the location and still need to see where I can borrow 4 or 5 tables. We got our banking changes over from Banner to First Community. That took over a week and 6 trips to First Community and then to drive to Coos Bay to get a cashiers check to transfer the balance from banner to First Community. Then it took over 4 weeks to get any checks. All seems well now.  
Good gardening to all.  
Tools donated should probably go to our plant sale. If there are tools that might head to good will, send them to Plant sale instead.*

**Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> Ct., Bandon**

## **April News!**

*Hi Karen and Tina,*

*The Good Earth Community Garden Team is going strong! We wrapped up orientations and gardeners are beginning to plant their plots! We had our first work party on the 9th and the garden is looking fabulous! Finally, we applied for a revenue-sharing grant from Bandon to allow us to upgrade our tools and equipment. We hope that is approved. We are doing well at the Good Earth Community Garden.*

*Happy Easter to all, Susie Zohreh, Garden Manager and Donna Leveridge-Campbell*

**Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason:** *We have good signups but we need more folks. List of dates available. 25<sup>th</sup> of this month, and more are needed. 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. There is a blue folder to collect interesting information. Someone asked about Roundup and we gathered the info, and other glyphosates remain in the soil for an undetermined time from 3 days to 240 days with soil bacteria breaking it down. (It is bad stuff) Show the trainees the blue book of information. PHONE SYSTEM has been updated and e-mails come thru Sam will send it on to the plant clinic e-mail. You can click on the voice recording just like over the phone. ECCO is now our on line plant clinic data base and it is a way to track the information on plants, diseases, insects, etc. in a state wide database. It becomes a searchable database on common issues etc. statewide. Training site and the real site is bookmarked on the Symbaloo site. Form has not been matched up as yet so is being worked on. First time in the plant clinic will be on the training of ECCO. We will all help each other to get through the ECCO system. There will be eventually a Cadre of moderators.*

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm. Set up date is May 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**School Garden Grants:** *Application was due on March 31, 2022. Two applications sent in Myrtle Point and North Bend High Schools got their grants in. WE need to have the committee meet for the two applications. Claudia Turner, Bob German, Kathy Creason will meet. Notification by the end of April 30<sup>th</sup>. E-mail notification letters will then be sent out.*

**Coos Bay Farmers Market :** *We are approved and Dates are set. Signups on the back table. Sign up in pencil. Every other 18th Wednesday. We do the first Wednesday of the Month. May 4<sup>th</sup> is the opening day for the Farmers Market., followed by the following dates: May 18<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 17<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, September 21<sup>st</sup> Mike Mueller will be the point person and be there every morning for the shift. Sam will reach out to the Chamber again, so the gear is stashed there for our booth. Market managers want people in your spot by 8:30 am. She will put us across from the Chamber office. We will tag team with the Master Food Preservers first Wednesday of each month. Check in with the main booth each session in the am shift. Manager will give you the parking permit. Times: 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 11:30 am to 2:20 pm. At closing time, shut it down at 2 pm and put everything away by 2:30 pm. Fair Week is July 26<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup> so put that on your calendars and sign up soon.*

**Bandon Farmers Market:** *Once a month First Friday of each month. Bandon Port is in charge of the Market. First Friday of each month. May 6, June 3, July 1<sup>st</sup>. August 5<sup>th</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and October 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** –*Donna Leveridge-Campbell First meeting will be April 20<sup>th</sup> for the second cohort.*

**Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report** (Dottie Tucker, Tina Powers, alternate) No report this month  
*Next meeting will be June 3rd.*

**COMMENTS from Samantha Clayburn,** OSU Extension Service, Coos County MG association logo  
*Samantha will follow up on this. Clarification. We will move forward to creating a logo. Just give Sam the information. Master gardener of the year and “Behind the Scenes “ nominees need to be submitted. Please send in the nomination form. Send this to Claudia or Sam so it’s in the system. Claudia and Samantha will make the final decision. No later than the end of April. Check out the plaque to see who has already been appointed as the past recipients.*

*New training class of 2022 wrap up on training. We started with 13 and finished with 8. We have Greg, Jessica, Phil, Charmaine, Val, Lori, Kate and Lori. All are working to get their (40) hours in. Jessica will be leaving us so will be getting her hours in asap. She will be joining the extension up in Alaska.*

*it’s important that the trainees get their volunteer hours. MG’s make sure you sign up with the trainees so that they can get their hours as well as you all. Covid hurt all of us and we are down below 30 members so its important to build our membership back. WE are getting more gardening questions and the more we get out there and share our information, the better it will become. Gardening With inflation, people will be growing more and more food crops. Personal experience is a good go to starting point to science-based information. If you plan on working with kids, you will have to have a criminal background check and fingerprinting. Separate criminal background check is required.*

*Update on the online hourly training system recording system. The OSU data system we currently have will be in use for another two years so record your hours there. Native class this weekend Darcy is doing three parts Planting a Pollinator Program. April 30, May 14 and June 14. Samantha has the registration form or you can go on Stillwater Native Nursery. These will count as continuing education hours.*

*Stillwater Native Nursery website: <https://www.stillwaternativesnursery.com>*

*Online reporting system training for the trainees, Sam will help the new trainees.*

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned 11:18 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/](https://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 May 10th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. **Respectfully** submitted by: Tina Powers