

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

August 9th, 2022

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

IN HOUSE AND ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Mary Ann Babb	Claudia Turner
Edward Powers	Tina Powers
Kathy Creason	Jesse Milligan
Bob German	Val Berg
Lorna Schilling	Mary Dixon
Caren Brewster	Cathe Barter
Imogene McDonald	

Grace Horning	Phil Reher
Lynn Jackson	Dottie Tucker
Charmaine Mitchell	Kalen Mills
Susan Zohreh	Elaine Goodner

IN PERSON ATTENDANTS:

Announcements before meeting:

Mary Dixon has variegated geraniums, some Flap Jack succulent plants and some naturalized daffodils and bearded royal purple iris for those that would like to take them.

Long sleeve shirts can be ordered after we decide on a new logo. Discussion to follow.

ADDITIONS: No additions to the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Claudia Turner 10:04 am with both in person and zoom members present.

INTRODUCTIONS: President of Multnomah MG and now living here. Lorna Schilling moved here from Multnomah and is still with zoom is the President of the Multnomah MG's. She lives on Henry George Road towards (Brink Creek?) She moved back and will be joining our group.

Minutes: Val Berg motioned to accept minutes from July's meeting, Ed Powers 2nd Motion, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Bob German announced Beaver lodge slicer is huge, he brought this in to show our group** the result of the tomatoes he planted for the plant sale and had an impressive example. WE crowned Bob the Tomato King. Also growing successfully peppers, Claudia Turner is the pepper growers. Not as productive as past years, perhaps because of a lack of bees.
- Also lots of deer out on the roads so be careful.

- Samantha Clayburn is now an official gardener as she has achieved success with pumpkins, tomatoes, and lettuce. She was able to grow in the new beds out front at the extension. Celery is also doing well as are the nasturtiums in back.
- Charmaine Mitchell is starting up the Southcoast chapter of the Native plant Society of Oregon made up of a combined Coos and Curry County Chapter. If anyone is interested, please sign up First meet and greet in September in Port Offord. Most meetings will be zoom.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Ann Babb:

Prior balance (Opening balance at New Account : First Community Credit Union)	16,511.09
Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)	102.00
Interest	
Expenses (insurance)	525.00
Ending balance July 30th, 2022	16,088.09

Current Savings CD is \$8433.54 at Banner Bank

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

Lady Bug Landing is doing well and is beautiful. Typical of this time of year we are seeing some powdery mildew on the zucchini's and cucumbers, so gardeners have been removing the leaves, there was also some garlic rust that needed to be removed. Everyone is starting to have really good harvests of all kinds of produce, and it is good to see the different gardeners interacting with each other, a real sense of community. Renee has been able to work part of the time mainly helping with the watering and answering questions and is happy to be back in the garden. There has been an additional 125 pounds of produce taken to the Food Bank this month; mainly cabbages, cauliflower and onions. Potatoes and tomatoes will be harvested soon. Another good garden season. 60 beds in Coos Bay.

Happy Gardening

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

*The **Coquille Harvest Moon** garden is looking pretty good now. We still do not have the bank account set up due to banking issues so this does hinder cashflow for garden maintenance. WE acquired two more late starting gardeners and they were informed of their shortened growing season in which to grow their vegetables. One young lady, recently divorced, will be gardening with her young daughter. We gave her the Boy Scouts beds that did not show up(I tried to contact them several times, but no result) for their beds so we gave her these beds. We are happy to help her feel she has more control in her life right now. There are three food bank beds in the garden at this time and they are starting to look really nice. Nothing ready as yet to take to the food bank but hopeful for a bountiful harvest for them, perhaps in August as they were started a bit late in the season. I have one bed left that was not rented. I have started Broccoli and lettuce starts to transplant in this bed when they are ready for planting. Our other gardeners' beds are doing nicely. I am talking to someone who can advise me on*

repairing some beds that need repair. WE have received the official OK from the City to put up signage on the on the posts that used to be used by the former school that moved. Sign with an arrow pointing towards the gardens and right on the street.

I will be contacting the local sign company to find out the price for the new signs that says Harvest Moon Garden. I have been working on the entrance to help it be more inviting. There are hanging baskets in the same color as the barrels and the signs. I am planting lavender, feverfew, and borage in the small triangular planters just inside the gate. There will also be contrasting nasturtiums and calendulas in them as we have plenty of these plants left that come up everywhere. I am going to plan more of a demonstration area outside of the fence in the front. I plan on working on this in the Fall (might be a good way to get those volunteer hours helping out Val) I go there everyday for an hour or two, so I don't overdo it, but it seems to be coming together quite well, and bind weed is everyone's bane of existence so we will continue to pick at this. We asked the gardeners if they would help to weed and strip out overgrown beds, they could pick up a second bed. This has worked out well. We have one bed with strawberries with no renter. WE have a total of 28 beds.

Respectfully, Val Berg

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

August News! Beds in Bandon-40 total. Donation The Good Earth Community Garden in Bandon is so excited to have students from the Middle School attend a gardening 101 class. Judy Jackson put together a fun Treasure Hunt for the children and they had a good time looking for produce and learning about the garden. They tasted peas, borage, and nasturtium (the nasturtium wasn't a favorite!). We gave them some edible plants to care for at home. We continue to provide donations to Bandon Good Neighbors each month and the EAT program weekly. We are thrilled that the community is beginning to reach out more and that the garden is becoming such a beneficial and positive part of our beautiful community!

Best,

Susie Zohreh

Garden Manager and MG Cheerleader (;

Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason: WE need help, we have a few openings in August. The 22th, 25th and 29th to complete August. WE have no September entrees, so we need volunteers, we need you. Some people could not make it in due to illness or jobs. So PLEASE volunteer. Calendar is wide open. September is empty so PLEASE sign up. Some notes on the garden issues we are noticing. Bind weeds out of control. Rats eating potatoes in the gardens, and other pests. Apple trees devoid of all fruit. Very few apples in our areas. The weather in Coos Bay, and in Bandon area hit the apples and pears. Lots of berries, growing, some areas are fine. The bees are taking a beating. Mason bees were damaged, hardly any bees. The storms hit during their peak time. Some had no flowers on their berries and fruit trees. Many questions about spots on leaves of cherries, and a clear shrimp like pest that attacks the roots of brassica. WE looked under the microscope and saw these wigglers. Slugs not as bad as other years but some aphids. Again fewer bees. Compost that Claudia used had seeds in them and she is getting bonus rounds of squash, lettuce and other plants. Lots of big purple potatoes from plants from 2 years ago. The grew along the wooden bed sides. Could be warmer sides. The 150 gallon grow bags are working really great for Claudia's plants, lots of beans. Especially the edges due to the heat. We need plant clinic people in September so please check your calendar and contact Kathy Creason for a spot. Thank you.

Plant Sale Committee | 2022 Tomato-Rama Tina Powers Chairperson

Our next meeting will be after today's MG meeting. WE will discuss and do the evaluation on this years' sale and plan to start for 2023.

Scholarship Committee: *Closed this year.*

School Garden Grants: *No report at this time. The garden was put in but no pictures as yet.*

Coos Bay Farmers Market

Plugging along at the Market. Thank you to Karen and ? for jumping in to cover the afternoons. Samantha was not able to cover. WE need volunteers for Wednesday, the 17th in the afternoon as well as other spots. Morning is covered. It has been busy and we are at the corner of the main market, shifts are 8:30 to 11:30 morning, and 11:30 to 2:30 pm for afternoon. 31st only morning covered. September 7th, morning shift, 21st we need afternoon person. WE can get away with 2 folks but its not doable with just one person. Some folks did volunteer but check with Samantha if you can cover. Sam will be out of town that week. Market is going very well. Lots of samples and inquiries and very busy this season.

Bandon Farmers Market

We are inside and comfortable in the Bandon Building. To get information out we suggest contacting the Shopper. WE are having more folks show up for the Market. Much improved. On Fridays, the market has gotten busier with the tourists. We get people from out of town for the summer that works in Bandon and exchange ideas from other areas. We need someone for September first Friday of the month. Charmaine might be able to cover.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion –

(DEI) Committee Report: *Donna Leveridge-Campbell:*

Gail Langelotto opened our July OSU Extension MG Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force Zoom meeting with some OSU updates. One of these is that the new OSU President is Jayathi Muthy and she is specifically advancing DEI.

*In order to meet the goals of the Task Force, we will be working in four different Workgroups. These sub committees will meet 1-2 times per month separately from the full Task Force meetings. **The DEI Task Force's stated goals are:***

- *Increase the diversity of who we serve in the community*
- *Increase the diversity of who we are in the program*
- *Grow the breadth of our curriculum and events to include cultural practices and inclusion*
- *Model inclusive practices to our peers in the MG program*
- *Form, grow and strengthen our work with community partners*

The Workgroups are:

1. **Curriculum** – *to broaden our MG curriculum to include gardening from many different perspectives. This Workgroup will work on the resources compiled by Cohort 1 to make them more accessible, gather additional resources, and turn them into a user-friendly toolkit.*
2. **Demographic Survey** – *to develop, disseminate, and evaluate an inclusive demographic survey of our current (and potentially former) MG volunteers from across the state.*
3. **Seed to Supper** – *to help build upon the success of Seed to Supper in serving low-income and food insecure individuals, families, and communities.*

4. **Communications and Special Events** – to be the outward face of the Task Force and consider how the Task Force's work is shared with the broader MG community and the gardening community in general.

We each chose the workgroup we wanted to work in for the rest of our time in Cohort 2, and then we met with our chosen groups in "breakout rooms". I chose to participate in the Curriculum Workgroup. We introduced ourselves and exchanged email contact info and we discussed some potential goals and projects. Our first step will be to familiarize ourselves with what's been done so far, and try to find out what resources some of the MG groups around the state have and what they are already doing that might be useful information to share.

Our next Task Force meeting will be on August 18. Please let me know if you have any questions and/or anything to share with the Task Force.

Donna Leveridge-Campbell

Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report (Dottie Tucker, Tina Powers, alternate) No report at this time. Dottie was unable to go to the mini-college. Our guest shared the mini college information with this group. Keynote speaker was Samantha Hatfield-Chisum. TEK Traditional Ecological Knowledge within the Tribes, stories are handed down generation after generation. They are noticing climate changes and share amongst themselves. This knowledge has been historically marginalized but needs to be shared with all. A gathering was postponed due to lack of snow fall. This is where weather is impacting the environment and the cultures. Flathead Lake in Montana a traditional area, did not have a total freeze over this past year due to temperature changes in the environment. There was a huge hole that never froze over this year. Stories are only told after the first snow fall and it was delayed. Serious impact to the environment and the culture. 2,093 MG's almost 50% drop. 38000 public contacts when usually 98,000 contacts since covid. We have had historically as many as 5,000 MG's worth 84,000 volunteer hours, worth \$2,400,000 million. 84 gardens 25 tons of vegetables but in the past much, much more and we are down on tonnage of donated vegetables. More people are using the food banks due to the inflation and high cost. Also, many less volunteers to hand out the food. People that want to learn about gardening is signing up for a 6 week course. The downside is that on line is limited due to the lack of real human contact. Seed to Super for underserved is now sponsored by Oregon State versus the Extension offices. BEET program, Food Hero programs to help out. Sue Nesbit sent a note of thanks for the Coos County MG. for the donations. The sales were great, net revenue over 4,000. Thanks so much again as this will fund more grants for 2023. Thanks for Samantha for the posters to promote our Southcoast MGs. Thanks also to Dottie's efforts. All over struggle to get active volunteers on many fronts. MG, food donations, food banks, all over. Where do we contact food insecure people. There has to be facilities, referrals, programs. Seeds were received from the Food Hero folks. WE have many avenues to get seeds for all. The extension received 1000's of seeds. WE have an opportunity to get seeds from the Seed Savers Exchange for our kids groups. Motion was put forth and passed to get the 50 packets from the Henry Seed Give away from the Seed Saver Exchange in Decorah Iowa. More info to follow.

COMMENTS from Samantha Clayburn, OSU EXTENSION SERVICE: Fair update. Went really well. 388 contacts at the fair, re-did the community garden posters successfully. Made new posters with QR codes to get them right to the garden information. Got great pictures for the posters along with many QR codes, Sam went a wee bit QR crazy to good results. Soil publication with QR codes now, winter

garden QR codes so people can go right to website. Bowling game went well. All of our stuff came back. No theft. Composter raffle was won by Charmaine Mitchell. WE moved the booth tucked up into the side and was easier accessed and visually perfect, across from the Master Food Preserver table so there was a nice segue to both programs. Thanks to all that worked the fair. WE survived Fair.

Working with the Tribal kids Day Camp tomorrow, 8/10/22 10:30 to 11:30 am, and if you have your background check you can work with them. It is a way for our group to get more involved in DEI for this area. Tribal seed bombs tomorrow at the Coquille tribal center for the kids at the Plank House. 10 to 20 kids for each group of littles from 5 years old to 8 and 9 + years old. Tuesday thru Thursday. One of our goals to work with the tribal children partnerships. WE miss Don Ivy who was the Coquille tribal chief as well as one of our Master Gardeners, and we are doing all we can to honor his memory. Samantha will open some channels to partner with their committee garden. WE will try to tie in for next year. Working with redeveloping the Grow your Mind again at the Mill Casino for next year.

Will Grow your Grub ever come back? WE will see what can be done to follow up on this.

Samantha will be out of the office on the 17th of August and will return August 21st. In September 19th to the 22nd. Sam will be at her leadership program and will be in Bend to finish her capstone project. Oct 31st is the end of our reporting so get your hours in. Samantha did a quick re-training for the hours.

Master Food Preserver Training starts in September. How to be a master food preserver volunteer/teacher. If you want to just learn to can, go to the Saturday food training individual classes. We need articles for our newsletter for publication in October so send them to Tina Powers at chefpowpow@gmail.com

Logo is in progress for our new shirts, and as a group we must decide when we want to order the long sleeve shirts for the members.

ADJOURNMENT: *The meeting was adjourned 12:04 p.m.*

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC: The next meeting, September 13th 2022 at 10:00 a.m. **Respectfully** submitted by: Tina Powers