

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

December 13th, 2022

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

IN HOUSE AND ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Claudia Turner	Tina Powers
Edward Powers	Donna Leveridge-Campbell
Kathy Creason	Billie Reeves
Bob German	Val Berg
Lorna Schilling	Mary Dixon
Cathe Barter	Laurie Wartnik
Dottie Tucker	Mary Ann Babb
Charmaine Mitchell	Tamra-Hunt Ferre
Mary Jo Audette	Lynn Jackson

ADDITIONS:

Meeting called to order by Claudia Turner 10:00 am with both in person and zoom members present. Mary Dixon has tropical plants to share and adopt.

INTRODUCTIONS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bob German has Marionberry canes to share with the group.

MINUTES: Val Berg motioned to accept minutes from November meeting, Kathy Creason 2nd Motion, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Ann Babb:

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	14,273.09
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	270.
<i>Interest</i>	0
<i>Expenses (insurance)Fertilize your Mind</i>	0
<i>Ending balanceNovember30th, 2022</i>	14,543.09

Current Savings CD is \$8,436.38 at Banner Bank

Dues are due at this time. Many have already paid them. YAY.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

Lady Bug Landing Garden Report 12-22

Lady Bug Landing is now closed for 2022. There was a work party on Dec 3, most of the beds had already been cleaned up and straw put on them, so we limed the soil, filled in spots on the pathways with chips, loaded a trailer to take to the dump, drained the water lines and changed the locks for the winter.

On January 3 the 2023 applications to garden will be available in a box at the Anderson gate, McKay's market across the street and online at socoastcommunitygardens.org The membership cost is still \$10 per gardener but the price for a garden plot has gone up for the first time since we opened in 2006 to \$15.

South Coast Community Garden Association is always looking for new board members so if you are interested you may contact Renee Blom 541-269-7468 (this is a landline no texting please) or at back40four@gmail.com The meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 mostly on zoom but when the weather is better we occasionally meet in person. Our annual meeting which is open to the public will be January 17 at 5:30 where the new board and officers for 2023 will be elected.

Happy Solstice, Holidays and Think Spring when we can all garden again.

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

Val Berg

The Harvest Moon Garden Report

Well, the year is closing down in the garden. All the beds were to be cleared by the first weekend in December. The weather wasn't cooperating so the last few gardeners have till next weekend.

I have used my husband's heavy duty hedge trimmer and cut back the neighbor's blackberry thicket so it will have a more difficult time invading the garden.

We had a space of about 4 feet long where our fence does not come to the ground. There was an opening of about 2 feet high. It wasn't seen because the blackberries had covered it. I have fenced in that portion.

We have received the first box of seeds. They were from Ferry-Morse. Unfortunately, they are half flowers. If anyone would like some purple zinnia seeds, please let me know.

I still leaving the broccoli in my bed for now. It is for the food bank so It won't be a problem if it is past the cleanout date.

We have had a good number of gardeners who have expressed the desire to be on the board. I hope this pans out.

That's about all right now.

Val Berg

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

The Bandon Good Earth Community Garden plots have been put to bed; however, we have our final work party to check for last minute weeds or maintenance items on Saturday.

We are so very blessed to have a team of gardeners that love to care for and value the garden. We are having a potluck garden party for all of are awesome gardeners after the work party. We will share learnings and enjoy one another's company. Finally, we provided are last donation of lettuce and carrots on November 29th. We are so thankful and proud that the community, gardeners, and are donation plots allowed us to donatedrumroll please.....429 pounds of food to Bandon residents in need. Thank you to everyone!! Bandon is looking for new members. May everyone have a wonderful holiday season.🙏

Best,

Susie Zohreh

Garden Manager and MG Cheerleader (;

Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason: Closed for the season

Plant Sale Committee | 2022 Tomato-Rama Plan on a meeting to get the next year started, after the general meeting. All are invited to participate. Also we plan on washing pots if it is a nice day in January.

Scholarship Committee: Closed this year.

School Garden Grants: No report at this time.

Coos Bay Farmers Market: Finished for the season

Bandon Farmers Market: Finished for season.

WE should also look for other locations to promote our organization.

Statewide “Growing and Belonging Committee”

Formerly the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force

Donna Leveridge-Campbell

Although our large Growing and Belonging Committee didn’t have a meeting in November, the four workgroups continued with their projects that I described in an earlier report. Our next large group meeting will be in January. In November, LeAnn Locher sent out a Fall Update blog about our committee’s work and I’ll convey some of what she reported here.

About that new name...

Growing and belonging is essential to achieving the [mission and vision](#) of the OSU Master Gardener Program. We need to grow who we are and who we serve in order to cultivate resilient and healthy communities and expand the reach of science-based gardening practices across Oregon.

For resilient and healthy communities, Oregon needs informed gardeners, and more of them. And just as a healthy garden is biodiverse, so too is a healthy gardening program. This means we seek to attract Oregon gardeners from all counties, backgrounds, ages, races, ethnicities, nationalities, genders, abilities, income levels, renters/homeowners, gardening experience levels, and more.

To attract gardeners of all backgrounds, Master Gardener programs and practices must create an experience of belonging for all participants and potential participants.

[Read more about the committee, our name, and why we exist.](#)

Some additional resources you may find helpful:

[How can I strengthen my skills in speaking of diversity, equity and inclusion?](#)

[How can I help set expectations for civil dialogue in our group?](#)

[What did the first year of this committee do?](#)

[A guide to Indigenous land acknowledgements](#)

[Increasing inclusion in the school garden](#)

Ways for Master Gardener volunteers to help do this work:

- Come to events and share them with others in your group;
- Make the creation of a local project for Martin Luther King's Day of Service on January 16th. Promote it and engage your fellow volunteers, and the broader community, in participation;
- Participate and encourage participation in surveys you may receive from us;
- Share the information and resources in these updates with others in your group. Talk about them at chapter meetings, including how your local group can learn and adopt the work being done. Let us know what you come up with!

So many classes are on line and the program has improved and has more diversity information and gardening and these things need to be promoted within and without our group.

Oregon Master Gardeners Association Lorna Schilling Talking about revising the by-laws. Got into the weeds with punctuation. There was a vote to update the by-laws and updates will be minor at best. Will be sent out when she receives them to the association.

Oregon State Advocacy Group: Tina Powers is our Coos County representative to be the bee in the ear of our legislators for this next year. Lobby and advocate with them. Community involvement in gardening and food preservation, education and was a very diverse group. They will be working with the diversity group. Strong advocate of Farm to School Program.

Samantha's Comments Conference was last week. Sessions for MG and MFP. Numbers will be finished and submitted in January. Impact statement is shared with stakeholders. How many hours, how much food donated.. Meeting with Dr. Lyles. Big ask for the 23-25 biennial. Big part for horticulture, all the various departments. Lorna Schilling mentioned that Multnomah County won't be funded for extension this year. Funding will be a challenge for them. Funding is squirrely for them. No classes in Multnomah County due to lack of funding. NO trainees for this year. Clackamas and Washington will still have classes. WE are a taxed based system and not at the whims with the University System. We are a long-term funding system. 50 million goes only so far.

They talked about training with a hybrid class presentation, and it will be helpful along with local in person training with local experts. If you have taken one or more level up classes, the committee would love to hear from you so please give them feedback for training. Potential MG booth in Bandon on February 6. Contact is Courtney Weiner (? Spelling)

All online VRS info uploaded for the impact report. Fair both, Farmers Market and Plant Clinic are all under plant clinic. Samantha had to input over 2000 submissions so: Batch meetings all in one for total hours, plant sale committee meetings group-fund raiser support can be all in one fund raising support. Work smarter not harder. Charmaine would like the list of the specific categories. We got it in the e-mail last month so find the e-mail so that you have the most current list.

Please do not do at last minute. Perhaps do a monthly input. Put documentation in your comments such as for the month of June, batch the hours and so note it.

MG training 2023. We have 14 people signed up and with a hybrid mix so it is successful. WE have 18 manuals so we will need mentors again. Volunteers wanted. Looks to be a great group of trainees coming in 2023. Classes start January 12th. Only 6 weeks. Russ and Babette are coming to do the Bee classes on January 12th. Dottie will be doing the greenhouse visit again. March 4th for Dottie's farm for greenhouse seed starting at 10 am.

Recertification time. WE had a total of almost 2000 volunteer hours, 319 online continuing education, including Level Up classes, recertification 22 people, 3 trainees completed their hours.

*Charmaine received her certificate. Greg Reynolds and Val Berg also completed. YAY.
Many of our MGs have recertified. Mary Joe, Maryann Babb, Cathe Barter, Karen Brewster, Kathy Creason, Mary Dixon, Cheryl Drummheller, Bob German, Grace Horning, Judy Jackson, Lynn Jackson, Jesse Milligan, Claudia Turner, Susie Zohreh, Tina Powers, Edward Powers, Donna Leveridge-Campbell, Mike Mueller, Billy Reeves, Dotty Tucker and a few others. Congratulations.
Awards: 100 plus hours awards. 4 people-Charmaine Mitchell, Tina Powers, Edward Powers, Donna Leveridge-Campbell.*

*MG of the Year-2022 Claudia Turner and MG Behind the Scenes-2022 Mike Mueller.
Congratulations to both of You.*

*Samantha shared that Your efforts netted \$53,000 dollars in hours. Thank you all for your efforts.
Samantha is now showing potential as a great grower. 10 seeds equals 10 viable Fava bean plants in the planter in the front.*

Instructional writing if you send an article to the newsletter. Expand on volunteer spotlight in gardening. Shows diversity.

We need to vote for a new secretary as Tina Power's tenure is up. Please volunteer. It is easy and she will help you.

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

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC: Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00 AM at OSU Extension

Respectfully submitted by: Tina Powers