

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

February 9th, 2023

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

IN HOUSE MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Tina Powers	Jessie Milligan
Edward Powers	Caren Brewster
Kathy Creason	Lynn Jackson
Bob German	Val Berg
Lorna Schilling	Mary Dixon
Laurie Wartnik	Mike Mueller
Dottie Tucker	Joni Kamfonik
Lynn Jackson	Gail Peck
Charmaine Mitchell	Mary Ann Babb
Greg Reynolds	

(Some trainees stuck around for the meeting but don't count hours yet so are not listed).

ADDITIONS:

Meeting called to order by Samantha at 12 pm

INTRODUCTIONS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Coquille Valley Seed Swap event February 18th, 10 to 12 pm at the Coquille Community Seed Swap.

MINUTES: Lorna Schilling motioned to accept minutes from January Meeting, Val Berg made the 2nd Motion, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Ann Babb:

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	\$14,591.21
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	90.00
<i>Interest</i>	
<i>Expenses (insurance)Fertilize your Mind</i>	
Ending balance January 31th, 2023	\$14,681.21

Current Savings CD is \$8,437.79 at Banner Bank

Money is raised for educational grants and classes. \$1500. is paying for part of the Fertilize your Mind. Check will be coming from the Coquille Tribe to help

defray the costs of Fertilize your mind. Dues are \$15.00 per year for veterans and \$5.00 for new trainees.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

Lady Bug Landing Garden Report - Lady Bug Landing Report 2/23

All the plots at Lady Bug Landing are full for 2023 as of Tuesday. We are hoping to do a work party this weekend to add chicken manure to the beds, if Cascade gets their shipment in on Thursday. The garden is ready to go, beds are limed, the shed is cleaned and organized, organic fertilizer was brought today, raspberries are cut back, apple tree is partially pruned, and blueberries will get pruned and fed this weekend. Orientations for new gardeners will start this weekend too. Looking forward to another great garden year.

Anyone wanting to volunteer can get hours there on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9:30-12 starting in April, planting, watering, weeding and harvesting for the food bank in the demo beds. Think Spring!!

SCCGA meets the third Tuesday at 5:30 via zoom. If you are interested in seeing a meeting just contact Renee Blom, email: back40four@gmail.com and she will send you a link. When the weather gets better we will meet in person.

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

Val Berg

The Harvest Moon Garden Report

New board members- 6 total, revamping the garden and had board meeting at the Broiler. We have the new seeds sorted and the beds cleaned out and will be getting rebuilt throughout the year. We are looking forward to a full new year.

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

Opening up and accepting applications March 15th orientation on this date. Sign blew down so we are getting a new one soon. If you are interested come on down and check us out. Looking at pop up plant clinics at some of the community gardens. More to follow.

Volunteer hours available at the Community gardens at the demo beds. IF interested contact the community garden folks.

Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason: *Closed for the season until March. Sign up sheet will be presented at the last MG class on February 16th.*

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. Meeting for committee will be in the first week of March. Date and time will follow. Growers are getting lined up with a list of plants to be grown for the sale. We are getting soil lined up. Those of you that are interested, contact the plant committee as a way to get some support hours. The plant sale is a great way to outreach to the community. Plant sale will be on May 6th Saturday, 2023 Many types of plants encouraged.*

Scholarship Committee: *Closed this year.*

School Garden Grants: Update from Myrtle Point High School. Over the years many projects have been worked on and completed. Much success.

Expand space and court yard, allows them to see the impact of their hard work. Spring planting for the raised beds. New plants this year-seedlings in our green house. Successful program has touched many folks at our school Thank you Master Gardeners for your support. Concrete beds and stadium and with direct concrete sun. Successful. Added horse troughs last year in Red Accent, Blue and White and Red. Plants. The plants soften the concrete buildings. Filled in around the benches with geraniums.
Still waiting for North Bend's report.

Coos Bay Farmers Market: Finished for the season.

Bandon Farmers Market: Finished for season.

Statewide "Growing and Belonging Committee"
Formerly the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force
Report for February 9, 2023 CCMGA meeting

Donna Leveridge-Campbell

Our Growing and Belonging Committee resumed our large group meetings in January. And the Curriculum Workgroup that I'm involved in meets again this afternoon. In commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr., Day, we watched an online screening of Dirt! The Movie and were invited to share reactions in an online OSU forum. The film took us to many places around the world and featured many knowledgeable and renowned environmental justice scholars and activists who shared their various perspectives on topics such as how living dirt/soil is the foundation of life on earth. I highly recommend this beautiful and important film to anyone interested in environmental health, climate change, gardening, farming, ranching, indigenous stories and perspectives, soil health, mental health, sustainable economies, social justice, etc., etc. It is a film filled with examples of solutions and hope.

At our January meeting, among other things, we discussed an interesting opinion piece in the New York Times entitled "What if Diversity Trainings Are Doing More Harm Than Good?", by Jesse Singal. Unfortunately, the author did not actually define "diversity trainings" and he seemed to focus on one or two international research studies of mandatory workplace trainings done by the "diversity, equity, inclusion industry". But he did bring up some issues that might be worth considering in designing effective diversity trainings.

Another topic at our meeting was discussion of new statewide and county Master Gardener awards in the area of DEI. Gail asked for our guidance in awarding points in a rubric to be used in selecting awardees.

March will be the last month of this Cohort 2 and my work on this committee. (Tina Powers was in the 1st Cohort.) The 3rd Cohort will start in April/May before Gail Langelotto leaves her statewide MG leadership position on July 1. I hope one or more folks in our Coos County MG group will be interested in joining this statewide Growing and Belonging Committee. Meetings are on Zoom and meeting dates and times will be set to meet the needs of the next group of participants. Trainees as well as MG's are

invited to get involved.

I would be happy to talk with any of you who may be interested in learning more about this committee. Feel free to contact me with any questions. My phone, text, email info, etc. is listed on the MG Roster.

Oregon Master Gardeners Association Lorna Schilling Nothing until the 20ish. No meetings yet.

Oregon State Advocacy Group

Letter was sent out to all MG members the Oregon State Advocacy Group. Letter is an ask letter for the large budget requests to support the extension work and MG groups along with the university and all horticulture programs. Each chapter is tasked to lobby the Oregon legislation for a 50 million dollar ask to keep all of the hort. Classes, extension services, etc. Funding is always an issue. WE are a county tax provided program and are lucky compared to other counties that don't get funded by their counties. We show our stake holders that we do a great job and advocacy for our extension programs. WE produce impact statements highlighting what we do so that the commissioners see what we have done.

Samantha's Comments

Claudia Turner is retiring from the Facebook page, and we need to find someone to continue our face and presence on social media.

We put out a lot of information on our Facebook page. So if anyone wants to participate another good way to get hours. Sam can get you the training as well.

We need folks to write articles for the Newsletter. Writing for the newsletter gets you more volunteer hours.

Tina Powers is retiring from the position of Secretary of the Association and is looking for a person to volunteer to take on these duties. Lots of good hours available to the MG that takes over this task.

Gail Langellotto will be moving on into teaching and research so will not be the state coordinator any longer as of July 1st, 2023. A search committee has been formed to find Gail's replacement.

Multnomah county is having some issues for funding according to Lorna Schilling.

April 1st, Fertilize Your Mind Lots to see and do. Hopefully we get Emily from the Thyme Garden. Renee Row will be doing a hanging basket workshop. Darcy is coming to do 2 classes. James Cassidy will do a soils class, Tina Powers is doing 3 classes on Vegetable growing. Flyers will be available soon and registration will be posted soon.

A fun filled day includes boxed lunch, vendors in lobby. Last of details on this great function.

9 am to 5 pm. Plant clinic will be having a table as well. Room hosting needing volunteers.

On the last training day, we will go thru the volunteer hour opportunities at FYM.

Scholarship program was unfunded due to lack of interested. We now fund toward the school garden grant. Light House School, Boys and Girls clubs, North Bend High School and Coquille High School. We have 3,000 for schools this year.

Annual report: we are still rebuilding and will continue. You do have to be responsible for your own hours 2023. More to follow. Training for new system, last class of the MG project.

12:51 pm finished with meeting.

Respectfully submitted by: Tina Powers