

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

January 10, 2023

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

IN HOUSE AND ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Joni Kampfonik	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
Gail Peck	Imogene Donald
Caren Brewster	Greg Reynolds
Mike Mueller	Grace Horning

ADDITIONS:

Meeting called to order by Kathy Creason 10:00 am with both in person and zoom members present.

INTRODUCTIONS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jamar reached out to Samantha. Jamar stated he might be at the meeting today.

MINUTES Mary Ann Babb motioned to accept minutes from December meeting,
Cathe Barter 2nd Motion, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Ann Babb:

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	14,543.09
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	90.00
<i>Interest</i>	0
<i>Expenses (insurance) Fertilize your Mind</i>	41.88
<i>Ending balance December 31th, 2022</i>	14,591.21

Current Savings CD is \$8,437.07 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 -

Applications have started pouring into Lady Bug Landing as of January 3. Looks like it will be another full garden this year. Orientations will be given the first part of February and gardeners can then start gardening weather permitting. We have received lots donated seeds from different companies, just had to pay the shipping and these will be distributed to all the gardens. We will have another work party the end of January or beginning of February when the chicken manure comes into Cascade. Hope everyone has been perusing their seed catalogs and had a nice holiday season.

And so it begins.

Think Spring!

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

Val Berg

The Harvest Moon Garden Report

December Garden Report for The Coquille Harvest Moon Garden

The garden is closed and between the holidays and the rain nothing has been happening.

The Board elections are happening on Thursday and everyone is excited. The applications will be out by the end of the week. Looking forward to a new year.

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

Bandon Good Earth Community Garden is resting until the 2023 opening on March 15th. The powerful Bandon winds blew down our front entry and gates so we are in the process of looking for bids. If anyone knows of someone interested in the work, please let me know.

We are making a few changes in 2023 that will support gardeners such as, orientation is only required for new gardeners and we reduced volunteer hours. We are also planning on adding back some of the educational classes, and discovering the "new normal" post covid.

Happy New Year to all,

Cheers,

Susie Zohreh

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: Lighthouse School sent a report
END OF YEAR REPORT – MASTER GARDENER GRANT

Garden Project Contact: Julie Graber, Teacher, Curriculum Coordinator, Founder

School: The Lighthouse School Phone: 541-751-1649

Address: 62858 Hwy 101 S, Coos Bay, OR 97420

Amount of grant award in 2020: \$1,000

Items Purchased: Amount Spent:

6 yards soil from Agri Tech Designs, CB \$330

6 bags soil for potting, Bi-Mart, CB \$41.94

6 tomato cages, Bi-Mart, NB \$31.74

Butterfly garden potted plantings, Fred Meyer, CB \$196.69

2 solar-powered louver openers and shutters, FarmTek.com \$398.75

Total: \$999.12

Number of students participating:

Approximately 40-50 students participated over a two-year period, clearing and preparing beds for additional soil and preparing plant starts, as well as installing a butterfly garden. Of course, many more students and faculty members enjoy the gardens during recess times, and use them for lessons within their grade level, including specialty classes, such as cooking and art.

Number of school faculty participating:

5 staff members assisted with bed preparation as well as planting/harvesting. Our maintenance team installed the vents in the greenhouse.

Number of community volunteers participating:

Approximately 40-60 volunteers have assisted us with our "Parent Work Days", over the past two years, to prepare beds, install watering systems, mow lawns, clear brush, weed and transplant certain items to new areas of the garden. Report is several pages with pictures. Great efforts.

North Bend and Myrtle Point schools are due in February.

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

Report for January 10, 2023 CCMGA meeting

Donna Leveridge-Campbell

Although our large Growing and Belonging Committee didn't have a meeting in December, the four workgroups continued with their projects that I described in an earlier report. The Curriculum Workgroup that I'm involved in meets later this week and our next large group meeting will be later in January.

LeAnn Locher, one of the Growing and Belonging Committee's facilitators, has sent out information and a link (via an email from Sam) for the free online screening of Dirt! The Movie at 3:00 on January 16, in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Oregon Master Gardeners Association Lorna Schilling Nothing until the 20ish.

Oregon State Advocacy Group: There will be meetings coming up this month. Currently we are compiling comments and testimonials from Master Gardeners, extension staff and our MG clients. Quotes will support the relevancy and urgency of our letters to legislators and other decision-makers. WE will be using these comments in the letters we write in support of Master Gardener funding. As part

of this effort, I would welcome any comments, quotations or testimonials you may have to share. They can be from evaluation forms, public comments, letters, reports or other sources that can help us describe the scope of MG impact on our communities. Please send them to me within the week. Thank

Samantha's Comments

Gail Langellato has moved on into teaching. Le Ann is going forward with keeping it going temporarily splitting her time between two responsibilities, Snap Ed and Extension and Public Health. It will be put out for hire, and we will see what we get. Gail was our coordinator for the last 16 years. She used a picture of the 7 that were together and now Samantha is the only one still working with the Extension Service. Gail will be missed. Many have left due to retirement, new jobs and such. We have lots of support on the MG program so not to worry. WE will be funded for future years. Dr. Lyles has worked to insure Multnomah County to keep their program going at least for this year. Cathy recommended that our group could send a donation to Multnomah for their training program. To be discussed. 2003 commissioners removed Extension from their budget. It killed the programs. Westin came along in 2007 was told that funding for your job was part of your job. He formed partnership with Metro which provided funding for years. The new Clackamas County commissioners put a stop to Multnomah getting their funding monies as per Dr. Lyles. Marcia was managing the whole group was just supposed to be only Clackamas County University wants \$130000 for office and staff. They are asking for 500,000 to fully fund this. It is all in process. If we don't get funding from Multnomah County Commission, we won't be able to continue in the future. Metro agent-the 3 counties. Multnomah has not had a building since 2003. Task force has been formed to try to get funding from the budget. Largest county/most populous gets bupkis. Rural has a high support of these programs, whereas the big city commissioners do not see the real value extension offers. Sad but true. That is the lens that they are looking at it. Originally they felt that the 4H was too exclusive and they funded the Sun School/ Art programs and baby sitter program. Short sided. Lane County was headed that way but managed to get a long term funding service district. WE are also a long-term funding district and so far are safe as to our support system. WE do keep people seeing the value of extension. Multnomah has gotten some big view projects for the homeless, the veterans and the black futures farm. Showy but not still getting the funding. Hopefully this will help. 180 members and have historically had over 200 members. In the Spring they have the incredible edible program and net \$60,000. The organic commercial growers grow for the group, people pre-order and the plants are supplied. Super long lines and successful. But not all commissioners do not support the Extension programs. They mention the land grab university, but this is not really the Extension face. Our meetings are all on zoom as the distance for many of the members is prohibitive. We have webinars and some social gatherings in person.

CCMG: Our training starts on Thursday. We have 20 Trainees this year. We actually turned folks away this year, so we are ahead of last year. Yay! Manuals have not shown up as yet, but we shall see. Every single city (Bridge, Powers, Lakeside, etc.) is represented in our class this year. All over the county. almost 50 percent male, more younger people. Very diverse group. Looking forward to the training. 12 mentors signed up. People are super excited to be doing this program. Diverse back grounds.

Main food (Subway sandwiches) for first day of training covered. Bring side salads, deviled eggs, and other choices for our newbies. We will go back for sign up for snacks during training. The mentors will sign up for snacks. Carpooling is encouraged. Set up first day. Intro in the first session with Interaction with trainees. Honeybees 101 again for the afternoon session on the first day. All training is at MP extension. See the list of classes for more information on classes. We will have fun

popcorn for our Diversity class, a movie will be a big part of the afternoon with discussions after. Potluck at the last class. We will have the February meeting at the class day on February 9th. This will be the only time we do this. At the Botany basics, Samantha will bring in plant life for the hands on parts. Compost we will have some hands on stuff as well. Trainees will be arriving by 8:45 am. The mentors can come 8:30ish, but not necessary the first week. Check the schedules for any additional information. We will have some drop ins so plan on it. The asterisk classes count as educational hours. The pruning class will be at Kathy Creason's home on February 4th Saturday. Drop ins ok. Bring 10 dollars.

April 1st, Fertilize Your Mind we got the grant we asked for and it is a go. Honoring Don Ivy's legacy. His son, John, stated Done. We got it. It was such a special place in his dad's heart. 187 applicants \$805,000 to give out. 135 grants funded. Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Lane Counties had the opportunity to ask for grants. Lots of great projects going on. Some projects fully funded, some partially funded. \$1150 pays for room rental and AV equipment, and with our organization adding to the funds this will keep the cost at 40 or 45 dollars for the day for the public. Hopefully we get lots of attendees. 7 classes marked out James Cassidy is our keynote speaker. Soil is the subject. He is from OSU. Watershed is also having a class with him the night before at the extension office. He is not charging for a fee, but perhaps an honorarium. He is apparently well liked.

2 classes, Tina Powers, and Darcy Grey will be doing 2 classes. Possibly a mushroom class or two. Mary Jo is the vendor coordinator. More information next meeting. We need a Fertilize you Mind committee. So please volunteer. Catering and room rental taken care of. Speakers need to be solidified and advertising as well. WE can meet via zoom. Please help tap into a speaker selection. Who would you like to see and hear. Send your suggestions to Samantha if you have some ideas for good garden speakers. Some suggestion: Hanging basket. Charmaine will run this info down.

Annual report: we are still rebuilding and will continue. You do have to be responsible for your own hours 2023. You are all adults so let's make this happen. WE will go over the online reporting system to refresh your skills during the training sessions. Tighten up your reporting for this next year, batch hours to make it more stream lined. Thank you.

Awards given to Mike Mueller-Behind the Scenes MG of the year and His official MG badge and button for Greg Reynolds for completion of the program. Sticker also given to Lorna Schilling.

Mary Dixon had some good information for a source for blueberries. Chandler, Patriot, Elliot, and Pink lemonade blueberries at Hennicks. If you are interested. Patriot and Chandler would be the suggestion. 10 dollars a gallon, but she gave them to Mary Dixon for 5 dollars apiece. If interested, stop on by there.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned 11:20 a.m.

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC: Thursday, February 9th at 12:00 PM at OSU Extension

Respectfully submitted by: Tina Powers