

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2022

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

IN HOUSE AND ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Claudia Turner	Tina Powers
Edward Powers	Cheryl Drumheller
Kathy Creason	Caren Brewster
Bob German	Val Berg
Lorna Schilling	Mary Dixon
Cathe Barter	Laurie Wartnik
Grace Horning	Mike Mueller
Dottie Tucker	Mary Ann Babb
Charmaine Mitchell	Imogene Donald
Susan Zohreh	Gayle Peck
Joni Kamfonik	Mike Mueller
Lynn Jackson	

ADDITIONS: none

Happy Fall everyone. Claudia Turner welcomed all.

Meeting called to order by Claudia Turner 10:06 am with both in person and zoom members present.

Mary Jo Audette will be working to acquire vendors. Table for book give away.

INTRODUCTIONS : None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Does anyone want Marionberries? Bob German will bring them to the next meeting.

Claudia mentioned this: Fall mushroom class on November 12 10 to 12 pm for those interested. South Slough center. Identify 51 local mushrooms. Workshop indoors and along the trail. Bring basket and knife for collecting.

North Bend Library hosting on Nov.15, 1 pm discussion of mushroom gardening. Also used as beneficial help to the garden. Jamar from the Coos Head Food Coop will be giving a demonstration on cooking the wild mushrooms. Myrtle Glen Farm- Mushroom talk.

Charmaine Mitchell has started a chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon and is doing the steps to do the legal paperwork on the non-profit status and is in need of some help to walk through this process. Looking for volunteer to assist her. Thank you.

MINUTES Val Berg motioned to accept minutes from October meeting,
Mary Ann Babb 2nd Motion, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Ann Babb:

Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)	16,088.09
Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)	0
Interest	0
Expenses (insurance)Fertilize your Mind	\$1,815.00
Ending balance October 31 th , 2022	14,273.09

Current Savings CD is \$8,435.66 at Banner Bank

Budget for 2023: Budget ready to be voted on.

Any questions about the budget or corrections? Discussed at last meeting in detail. Any concerns? Vote to approve the budget. Kathy Creason made motion, Val Berg seconded and motion carried.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

Lady Bug Landing Garden Report 11-8-22

Lady Bug Landing is winding way down, most of the demo beds are all weeded and covered with a light dressing of straw for the winter. Sounds like the first frost might hit Tuesday eve. About half the gardeners have finished for the season and everyone else needs to be done and garden beds weeded and with straw on them by December 1. There will be a work party if anyone wants to help on Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 am to finish up any beds that are not done, turn the water off, change the lock combos and lime the soil for the winter. Many hands make short work.

On January 3, 2023 applications will be available on a first come, first serve basis at the Anderson entrance of the garden, McKay's Market and online at socoastcommunitygardens.org Make sure they are the 2023 apps and you need a membership and garden app to garden, membership is \$10 per gardener and \$15 for the garden plot, this is a \$5 raise, the first one since the garden opened in 2006.

Have a Good Holiday Season

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

Coquille Harvest Moon Garden

Harvest Moon Garden Report for October

Well, the first three weeks of October I could not go to the garden, but one of our gardeners has stepped up to help clear out the beds. She would email me about what she was doing and asking permission before doing anything. This last week I have gone to the garden 3 times and she would meet me and do any of the lifting and carrying off the things I pulled out. She has a lot of knowledge and is very helpful.

I have invited all our gardeners to the meeting on Thursday. It seems our president has been trying to discourage them to keep them from the meeting. Not sure what she is thinking.

We have taken 38 pounds of food to the food bank. I may have broccoli to take a little later. The very late start to the garden was a real deterrent. The actual food bank beds were another gardeners' beds

that she didn't plant and then decided she wasn't going to use them. This meant that they were not planted until into July

We still have rats and will be discussing the problem at the meeting Thursday. I have asked our gardeners for suggestions.

We were going to plant a cover crop but we have found root worms and we don't want to feed them. We are going to rake the top soil to expose them to the elements.

Now that most of the gardens are done for the year I will be doing some maintenance to the actual wood on some of the beds.

Looking forward to the new year

Val Berg

Treasurer/ Secretary

Harvest Moon Garden

Kathy asked about the food bank gardens-- for the food banks.

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

The Bandon Good Earth Community Garden harvest season is coming to an end. Some gardeners have put their plots to bed for the winter and others are crossing their fingers and waiting for the final tomatoes and squash to ripen. We still have lettuce and kale to donate and will continue to contribute until the garden closes. In October, one of the Middle School teachers reached out to us and needed some space for their veggie starts. We now have two plots that have starts and hope mother nature will provide some magic!! We continue to work closely with the Middle School and High School to educate and teach children the basic skills of gardening and inspire them to be future gardeners.

Finally, we are having a December potluck party for our gardeners, we are excited for everyone to get together and share learnings and get to know each other!

May everyone have a wonderful holiday season.

Best,

Susie Zohreh

Garden Manager and MG Cheerleader (;

Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason: *Closed for the season, Charmaine and Mary Ann were the last volunteers. Closed everything out.*

166 received samples and questions. Busiest month September. Unknown from the farmers market. We do answer many questions at the farmers market. WE had some silk moths show up this year. Also the True bug- love or kissing bugs. Harmless and interesting. Lane County also had similar problem with weather damage and lack of apple fruit or Mason Bees. Asian Pears did a little better Spring curve ball and lots of fruit trees suffered.

Plant Sale Committee | 2022 Tomato-Rama *Tina Powers Chairperson Had a meeting and then we inventoried and cleaned containers at our after meeting. Plenty of containers are available and even though folks are not supposed to leave them, they still are doing it.*

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.

***Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force
Report for September 13, 2022 CCMGA meeting
Donna Leveridge-Campbell***

Statewide "Growing and Belonging Committee"

Formerly the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Task Force (aka JEDI)

Report for November 8, 2022 CCMGA meeting

Donna Leveridge-Campbell

The main topic at our October Growing and Belonging Committee meeting was learning about how the Portland Metro (Clackamas, Multnomah, & Washington Counties) Master Gardeners worked to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion in their program. The presenters were Weston Miller, Master Gardener program coordinator and Carla Gonzales, Master Gardener volunteer.

Although this group is huge in relation to Coos County, as is the population of the area they serve, much of their approach and some of the specific things they are doing have relevance for other much smaller Master Gardener programs. After the meeting, LeAnn Locher sent notes with a summary of things that the Metro MG's did to increase the diversity of their latest group of trainees, etc. At the end was their advice to others:

- ☑ Pay consultants to provide honest feedback, work with colleagues*
- ☑ Be ready to change what you're offering based on what the community needs.*
- ☑ Meet people where they're at.*
- ☑ Consider joining together in regional areas to share and swap ideas.*
- ☑ Be clear on the expectations of the program to attract the folks you want to the program.*
- ☑ Implement structures to support the values of the program can happen regardless of where you are or what size you are.*
- ☑ Living the values of our organization.*

Following the Metro presentation, there was mention of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Many Master Gardener programs will be participating with various activities to benefit their communities during the week of January 16. Some ideas were shared, and it was suggested that MG events can be registered on the OSU website.

Oregon Master Gardeners Association report from Dottie Tucker

Discussed the by law changes to be voted on Dec. 2nd. Gail gave her quarterly report -New state wide growing and belonging award.- commitment on the Jedi spectrum. Growing and belonging committee. If anyone needs a copy, Dottie can send it out upon request.

Recertification for yearly master gardener and only certified master gardeners can give advise and write articles for the newsletter. 10 hours education and 20 hours volunteer hours required per person per chapter. When complete, you will receive your sticker from the Extension coordinator. National standards adopted by OSU MG. 4 requirements for DEI requirement. Online and in person classes, 4 options offered. June 18 through 22nd for National MG conference. \$397.00 early bird for sessions.

2023 Mini college will be having it every year. Voting on bi-law changes Growing and Belonging Award to be given starting this next year. Bi-laws are available here or if you are interested, Dottie can send it out to you.

Douglas County is interested in hosting the June meeting.

Good of the Order: Jackson County had a function but that was last week so is no longer relevant. Dottie has all of the various reports and can send it off. Next meeting on February 2nd. Then Lorna will be taking over for me. Time for Dottie to do something different. Thanks to Dottie for being on the committee.

Samantha's Comments: Mandatory 1 hour DEI we can watch together as a group-online available if you can't make it in that meeting day.

Growing and Belonging Committee information. Do it as a group and one and done. For new trainees it will be worked into the curriculum.

Schedule for the 2023 training schedule starts January 12 through February 16th and with Kathy Creason for fruit tree pruning hands on. Some online modules and hands on in person classes for these classes. Was posted live as of November 1st. WE have 5 people signed up. 40 hours of training- 6 weeks. Saturday field trip with Erica Churno demonstrating the pruning class. Botany will be 1 hour lecture and hands on labs along with the Entomology lab and soils and fertilizer class. The Beekeepers will be here for the hands on. Pest management will be online with hands on. February 2nd, Tina Powers will be doing the Vegetable growing on the coast. There will be a hands on berry class and Norma will do native tree class and a couple of other instructors. Module classes will be 1 hour and there will be enough time for hands on training. Classes with asterisk will be able to count towards educational hours.

Fertilize your Mind is going to happen. Fees have been partially paid to secure the space and times. Goal is at least 100 people. Encourage the date and keep on your calendar. Grant was asked for \$1,150 to cover the cost of the room and AV equipment.

Fertilizer Your Mind on is April 1st.

Russ and Babette bee keeping in person. Keynote speaker is James Cassidy. And many local class teachers- 5 of the 9 teachers.

Food Safety and Food security. 1,000 cost sharing in the budget for Feed your Mind scholarship or whatever you want to call it. We will wait to divvy the money if the grant comes in. Registration is in January.

To be a Certified MG, condition of Volunteer of Service form. Please fill out and get back to Samantha. E-mail to those not here. Drop off or email back. They must be on file to be a MG. Get those in by the end of this week. Turn in your hours as well so we can get the credit for the annual report. There are thousands of hours, and it is verified one at a time.

Some thank you cards from our stake holders. Beret Harris-best of plate vegetables-4 H thank you. Tamara Hunt was working the day. Was also sent a thank you from Nottsinger family.

Samantha got her certified Pesticide expert. Squeaked by and made it..certified!

Encourage the 4 H kids as they learn so much and become the next generation of growers.

Raised beds have been harvested this year-10 pumpkins. Sam did a great job. Planted fava beans as a cover crop. Planted in a slightly larger grid. Bed was very successful. No more lettuce, however. It bolts. Beans for next years. Replace the wood caps for the beds. Name tags will be ordered for next year. 8 dollars for next on. December is the next meeting with potluck afterwards. Stickers for our badges next meeting.

Dues are due for 2023. \$15.00 So get them in and be counted.

Elections are coming up for secretary. Next meeting.

Logo is tabled for next month.

Seed starting workshop by Tina -Gardening on the Coast.

Will still have a seed training session at Dottie's in February.

Kathy Creason thanked all that worked the plant clinics.

Tina Powers is looking for articles for the spring newsletter so please send something. Thanks.

ADJOURNMENT: *The meeting was adjourned 11:18 a.m.*

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 10:00 AM at OSU Extension Office, it will be a potluck Holiday end of year celebration.

Respectfully submitted by: Tina Powers