

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

General Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

IN HOUSE AND ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Mary Ann Babb	Claudia Turner
Edward Powers	Tina Powers
Kathy Creason	Billie Reeves
Bob German	Val Berg
Lorna Schilling	Mary Dixon
Caren Brewster	Cathe Barter
Imogene McDonald	Grace Horning
Lynn Jackson	Dottie Tucker
Charmaine Mitchell	Donna Leveridge-Campbell
Susan Zohreh	Elaine Goodner
Mary Jo Audette	Cheryl Drumheller

IN PERSON ATTENDANTS:

Mary Dixon brought some brassica starts for all of us. She murdered the bugs and they are ready for the garden. A few of each kind. Also she brought bread seed poppy seeds to grow next year. Throw them in the garden and they should grow nicely.

ADDITIONS: No additions to the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Claudia Turner 10:03 am with both in person and zoom members present.

INTRODUCTIONS None

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Charmaine represented us at the Dragonfly Farmer's market down in Langlois. We were represented along with Curry County as well as the Wild Flower Association. WE will be thinking of attending the markets next year. They really liked us there.

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)	0
Ending balance Augu1st 3th, 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
Lady Bug Landing Garden Report 9/22

*Lady Bug Landing is bountiful and gorgeous. The gardeners have been doing a great job this year gardening and keeping their beds mostly weed free. The demo beds are pretty much finished being harvested except for a few more onions and tomatoes to take to the food bank. We have taken an additional 142 pounds this month, of onions, tomatoes, potatoes and misc. veggies gardeners have donated to the Food Bank. Then we have been turning the demo beds over and putting a cover crop of quick growing Buckwheat, which will be turned under to replenish the soil. No Fall crops will be grown this fall as Renee whose knee is doing much better, chose not to try and do the extra harvesting while she tries and catch up on maintaining the perimeter beds, which were well watered while she was gone but are in need to dead heading the perennial flowers and weeding and removing all the bindweed, which thinks it is Kudzu vine. ☞ She has been drawing on the spirit of MG Don Ivy, who use to love to come to the garden and weed bindweed. We did have some minor vandalism, where someone cut the fence twice, but not much food was taken, the fence has been patched and a No Trespassing sign has been put up, which seems to have solved the problem the last few weeks. Hope everyone enjoys the fall as it approaches. **Happy Gardening***

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

Coquille Harvest Moon Garden

The garden is still going strong. Since there was such a late start to the planting things are slowly ripening. We have managed to get 22 pounds of food to our food bank. (the food bank beds were even later than most as they are beds that were belonging to a gardener that decided to leave us, and she had not even cleared them yet.) Hoping to get more from those beds soon.

We are fighting the never-ending battle with bind weed and we also have the larger Moon Flowers on one side of the garden that are coming with the blackberries from our neighbor on that side. We are working on taking the pathways between the beds down to the soil and then we can have chips delivered.

Coquille Garden Nursery has been sold and will close escrow toward the end of the month. They are cleaning all the "trash" out of the nursery and when I stopped by they had 2 bags of organic fertilizer that were faded but whole. He let me have them for the garden for free. The new owners will be keeping it a nursery and Saya will be staying on to help them get started.

Starting to send out seed requests from the seed companies. Trying to restock the garden seeds and get

seeds for our plant sale in the spring after the OSU sale. WE have a bank account.
Respectfully, Val Berg

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

Hi All,

The Bandon Good Earth Community Garden continues to harvest many varieties of cabbage, lettuce, kale galore 😊, onions, squash, peas, and even tomatoes!! Also, we are continuing to provide donations to Bandon Good Neighbors each month and the EAT program weekly. We recently set up a donation procedure to help us be a consistent donor for future years. We continue to enhance the garden signage and supplies, so we are viewed as a positive part of this beautiful community.

We are hoping summer decides to stay a little longer!

Hope everyone had a relaxing, Labor Day.

Best,

Susie Zohreh

Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason: Doing pretty good. People have been signing. Weird stuff on wax myrtle leaves which will be sent to OSU studying. Little black bugs. Mary Ann recruited her we hope. We also had a sample of the "love bug" harmless. Don't forget, sign up as we have one more month.

Plant Sale Committee | 2022 Tomato-Rama Tina Powers Chairperson

Overview of the Sale on May 7th. Everyone's impression on how it went.

People were happy, good turnout, on the first Saturday of the month. Tomatoes extras went to many other out-lets so none were wasted. It worked well at the Exchange offices to start indoors and have perennials outside. Better signage outside and more signage along the highway. Perhaps have signage on the Coquille Motel and the Coquille community and the Coos Bay community sign for advertising. Sandwich boards all over.

May 6th 2023 for next year's date? Or the first Saturday in May.

Net sales amount: 2178.75 /plus 37.00

For next year, 2023 we will need a list of plants to sell, how many got sold

Tomatoes, flowers, herbs, pollinators, raspberries, strawberries, zucchini, onions, squash, lettuce, celery, broccoli, kale, make a list of plants to sell. Facebook poll: what do you want sold on the 2023 plant.

WE need the list of plants left over for 2024's growers.

More tomato varieties-more cherries, more slicers, QR code tomatoes and other vegetables for the tech sav.

We need to do inventory September 13th and washing party. October 11th clean up and inventory party for the meeting. Potluck both days. Wear old cloths.

One day of sales.

What we can improve on for next year.

And we will need some good Banners.

Scholarship Committee: Closed this year.

School Garden Grants: No report at this time.

Coos Bay Farmers Market We only have one more farmers market. Lots of people still going through.

We were put in the food court area and it worked better for us and were more visible for a change. Great turnout. Samantha will pick up the stuff the following Friday. It costs \$5.00 per session. Pretty decent.

Bandon Farmers Market We are kind of stuck in a weird place at the Market. We are being pushed into a corner. Samantha will be visiting to see if it is worth it and reevaluate. Perhaps put us next to the produce people.

Question was asked: Why can't we do the market on Saturday? Friday is for the local people and Saturday seems to be more for the tourists. Friday is more about food and less craft. Saturday is more for the artisans. Because we are a non profit, we are at the mercies of the market manager. They might not grant us a Saturday. And do we even have enough people to man the booths.

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

LeAnn Locher opened our August OSU Extension MG Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force Zoom meeting and introduced our trainer for this session, Jeff Kenney. Jeff is the Director of Institutional Education for Diversity, Equity + Inclusion for OSU. The workshop topic was "Dialogue Skills for Conflict and Cooperation".

We received handouts in advance and two video lectures to watch prior to the Zoom training session. I think the "Group Norms for Dialogue" handout that we received could be really useful for various kinds of meetings and other group settings. It provides agreements to adopt that encourage respect for everyone. Following these norms can help us develop a mindset as a group, and along with certain actions from the participants, true dialogue can be possible.

This training on developing Dialogue Skills had two areas of focus for promoting effective dialogues: Elicitation and De-escalation. Each of these focus areas had a model with skills to practice, which we used in discussing a couple of vignettes in small break-out groups.

The model for the Elicitation Skills was OARS: using Open-ended Questions, Affirmations, Reflective Listening, and Summarizing. We also had examples of various kinds of Questions and Participation Strategies that might be appropriate to use in various situations and some Facilitation Strategies to choose from if one is in that role. The De-escalation model was LARA: Listen, Affirm, Respond, and Add Information. Also, FYI, as a first step, our Cohort 2 JEDI Curriculum Work Group is developing a survey to send out to all of the Oregon MG chapters. We hope to learn such things as what they may already be doing and resources they may have to share in the broad area of JEDI, what has worked for them and what hasn't, and what curriculum needs they may see in this area.

As always, any questions and/or input you have will be most welcome.

Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) meeting | Representative Report (Dottie Tucker, Tina Powers, alternate None at this time.

Samantha's Comments

Best of show container garden. From the fair. She is heading to the state fair with her container garden. We sponsored this.

Hours need to be put up on the web so that they can be reported by November 14th.

Master Food preserver class has started. I am unavailable on These Thursday classes.

We will be done October 20th for the MFP>

Fertilize your mind time to get speakers. Sam has been dragging her feet, due to out of practice or Covid fatigue. Do we want it in the Spring, or in the Fall. Many want it in the Spring due to getting ready for our growing seasons. \$1000. Grant for room rentals, and we have to have catering. WE might want to ask for more to cover the expenses. WE may need to ask more for tickets to cover our costs. Sam is reaching out to get our Soils speaker.

WE are trying to get a time set that will not jam up folks taking their kids on Spring Break. We need someone to take on getting vendors and a grant writer within our group. Can we do it in April?

Perhaps the first week-end of April (April 1st or 8th Saturday only). Training for the next class, finishes up in the beginning of March. Association pays for speakers and expenses and then bill is submitted to OSU. OSU pays us back.

Indian Camp report: *Two groups of kids, 7-9 yrs then older kids, about 7 in each group and a couple of adults. Calin Mills helped. The kids loved digging in the dirt and seed bombs. It was a big success. It was a combination of Master Gardener and 4 H. Compost, clay and water with wild flower seeds and mix, shape into balls, roll in compost. Dry out and then use as a Plant bomb.*

Educated them about the master gardener program. Hopefully we can do it again next year. It was very successful. WE made Don smile down from heaven!

Lorna Schilling mentioned that Advocacy group. Taken it to the college for getting positions filled. They have had some success and will be asking for funding from the State legislator.

ADJOURNMENT: *The meeting was adjourned 11:14 a.m.*

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC: The next meeting, October 11th 2022 at 10:00 a.m. **Respectfully** submitted by:
Tina Powers