

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

April 11, 2023

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

IN HOUSE AND ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Cathe Barter	Val Berg	Peter Schuler
Charmaine Mitchell	Mary Jo Audette	Howard Wilson
Dottie Tucker	Mary Ann Babb	Jennifer Brongil
Edward Powers	Caren Brewster	Ron Metzger
Gail Cassidy	Valerie Peterson	Gail Peck
Kathy Creason	Grace Horning	Jody Kampfonik
Laurie Wartnik	Mike Mueller	Lorna Schilling
Mary Dixon	Donna Leveridge-Campbell	Imogene McDonald
Tina Powers	Claudia Turner	Billie Reeves
Gregory Reynolds	Bob German	

ADDITIONS:

Meeting called to order by Claudia Turner at 10 am

INTRODUCTIONS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS Heat pump died so sorry for the lack of heat for our meeting today.

Please keep quiet when someone is speaking so the zoom folks can hear.

Charmain announced the Glide Wildflower show coming up on last Saturday and Sunday of the month.

Looks very interesting with lots of native plants and might be a good learning experience for all of us.

April 29th and 30th starts at 9 a.m. No admission. They request a \$3.00 donation if you are so inclined.

Diane O'Brian was a former member. Her son is looking for help to figure how to help on the many flowers and plants from her. Sent him to the plant clinic.

MINUTES: Mary Ann Babb motioned to accept minutes from March Meeting. Val Berg made the 2nd and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Ann Babb:

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	\$14,522.21
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	\$1,150.00
<i>Interest</i>	
<i>Expenses (insurance)Fertilize your Mind</i>	\$566.73
<i>Ending balance February 28th, 2023</i>	<i>\$15105.48</i>

Current Savings CD is \$8,439.87 at Banner Bank

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 4/23

If it ever warms and dries out, the garden is ready to go, it has been a tad warmer the last few days, still wet, all we need is sun. A few gardeners have cloches up to dry out the soil and plant sooner. The demo areas are all weeded and just ready to plant, but the soil is way too wet. For anyone wanting to get MG hours, Renee will be at the garden every Wednesday & Saturday from 9:30-12, April-October to work, weather permitting, the Demo areas, weeding, prepping soil, planting, and harvesting for the Food Bank. Just show up, bring gloves and your favorite weeding tool, and a hat when the sun ever comes out. We are all happy to see things warming up some and able to get some work hours in, even if just weeding for now. Someday the veggies and flowers hopefully in the near future will Spring forward.

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

Val Berg

The Harvest Moon Garden Report

Good Morning. We have added Sea Coast Compost to all the beds and the garden is open for growing. In the last month we have had several work parties and this last one we had our new gardeners working too. The area in front of the garden has been scraped clean by a friend of Ronita's. The beds have been repaired and we are going to have new bed numbers

Ronita's our board artist and as created ceramic number plates for all the beds

We will be glazing them at our next meeting.

I got all retaining stones from my neighbor as he was moving and didn't want them. I removed the rotting wood from around our garlic bed and replaced it with the retaining stones. We are going to have two strawberry towers on the other end of the little bed. Ronita's brother is a printer and he made us two beautiful signs which we have already installed. We've had several people comment on how nice they look. We are all working to make the garden a place everyone loves to come to. Our new board is Amazing. Hope we all have a glorious May.

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

Hi Karen and Tina,

The Bandon Good Earth Community Garden had two orientations in March for gardeners new to the garden. We are so exciting to have many new gardeners this year and the plot rentals confirm that.....Drum roll please..... we only have two plots left as of today!! By the time you read this, we may have a waiting list!! We are planning a Garden Open House for the community in July which will continue informing and educating the community on organic gardening.

On another note, we are having our first work party on Saturday to remove those winter weeds. The temperatures are slowly improving so gardeners will begin planting soon. We are a few weeks behind due to the weather, so we will need to work hard to match or exceed last years donations. We are ready and excited to begin another productive year!

Go Team Go!!! 🎉🎉🎉

Susie Zohreh

Garden Manager and MG Cheerleader (;

Lakeside Community Garden: Michael Mueller

11 of our 20 beds are rented out. Mike is getting beds to wrap all of the beds with metal. Grant money is available to get them reclad. Lot of clean up going on and we are looking for a self propelled lawn mower as it is a large space.

Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason:

Veterans are behind the trainees and trainees have the calendar filled thru July. Veterans need to step up and do some volunteering for May, June and July. Check out the calendar and please volunteer. It is nice to see the calendar fill up with volunteers for our plant clinic.

Plant Sale Committee | 2022 Tomato-Rama

Things are coming along. I have received lists from several growers and there should be a nice variety of plants along with some exciting tomato varieties as well as some old favorites. Berries, herbs, and flowering plants will also be offered. I am working on the labels and will get the final count hopefully before April 25. Now if the weather cooperates, we should have a fantastic sale.

WE have 13 committed growers that have sent me their initial lists and I am building the label sheets. When I have the solid amount, I will print these and have them ready along with the plant sticks to attach them to. Will let all know when to pick them up. We need more flyers.

Scholarship Committee: Closed this year.

School Garden Grants: Thank Billie for getting the applications out to previous schools. Deadline is April 14th and one application has already been sent in, so hopefully we should have at least 2 for grant applications this year. We will have a committee for approval once the all the application come in.

Coos Bay Farmers Market: We were approved for the dates submitted, and it starts May 3rd. We are looking for storage for our gear as the Chamber rented out space this year. Still working a few details out.

Bandon Farmers Market:

Still have not heard from them for a booth. Bandon Farm and Sea has taken over this facility.

Statewide "Growing and Belonging Committee"

Donna Leveridge-Campbell

Report for April 11, 2023 CCMGA meeting

Donna Leveridge-Campbell

Our March Growing and Belonging Committee and Curriculum Workgroup meetings were the last of these meetings for Cohort 2, though our Curriculum Workgroup has had some additional finishing up to do on our projects.

During the final large group committee meeting, we had a training on supporting our LGBTQ and transgender community in our work, with the understanding that, as in our gardens, diversity makes our Master Gardener programs stronger and healthier. We discussed ways to help people feel that they belong by creating a much-needed safe space, in the current context of increased violence and discriminatory bills.

This training included discussions around the use of pronouns: "the why, what, and how". It was suggested that we use pronouns in our meetings, emails, etc., leading by example. We were cautioned not to make assumptions about who people are, and that it's OK to ask, "What are your pronouns?". And it's OK to make mistakes, and then just

fix it. You could say, "I'm sorry, I meant to say...". And it can help to use inclusive language, such as "spouse" vs "husband" or "wife", or to say "everyone" or "y'all" vs "ladies", etc.

Also, Gail gave us an update on the plan to replace her position when she transitions from the MG program. There will be a "meet and greet" for the finalists including on Zoom. Chris Rausch will notify MG Presidents and ask them to notify the rest of their members about when it is scheduled so those who are interested can join in. We ended our meeting with everyone sharing on how they plan on "carrying our work forward".

Oregon Master Gardeners Association Lorna Schilling.

Started to advertise Gayle's position nationwide. It closes May 15th to start June. Mini college promises to be good. Lorna Schilling will be going on a trip to Egypt and Madagascar so will be out of town.

Tonight Multnomah MG has a talk on Introduction to dry farming with Mat Davis

In May 9, Lynn Andresen will be talking about vertical and container gardening in the city. 7 pm for both talks on line. Multnomahmastergardeners@org

Oregon State Advocacy Group

Letter was sent out to all MG members the Oregon State Advocacy Group

Many members responded along with all the other statewide advocates, and it has left committee. Hopefully news to follow soon.

Samantha's Comments: Fertilize your mind was a huge success. 89 paid attendees, 5 vendors, 5 attended for keynote speakers, and additional lunches for helpers. Average score was 4.57 out of 5. Excellent scores. 4.85, 4.75, 4.62, and 4.50. Way above average.

Overall speakers: 1 to 3. All met and exceeded expectations. Lots of great comments. Information appreciated by our guests. List of class times for in their bag next time. James Cassidy was great overall. All were thorough. More time for OSU speakers. Lots of great comments and critiques. Well received by our community. Handouts were adequate. Samantha did great as well. We ended in the black for the first time in 8 years. The attendees loved it and we had great feedback. We will work to have a shuttle for next year. Capacity of keynote speaker room would be 130. Rooms are all breakout rooms to spread out if needed. Rooms hold 44 to 60. No one got turned away from their classes. It was a great success. Volunteers fabulous and everyone had a great time. Nine classes available.

Ask from LeAnn Locher-state wide outreach person." Grow this Challenge" for families to grow together. Project of "Food Heroes" Master Gardeners grow along with a Master Gardener demo garden. Grow one or more of the selected class of veg, and share via e-mail photos, information and open your local community garden to visitors as good examples of what Master Gardeners grow. Lakeside and Coquille community garden has volunteered.

Oak St. Park next Tuesday 4/18/2023, Gardening with your Child, a table with the seed bomb kits, we have all the supplies, from 4 to 5 pm. Looking for volunteers for one hour.

Master Gardener Statewide position has been posted. Requires a Masters in Horticulture. Hopefully people apply. Closes May 15th. Job to start June 1st,

Samantha will be out of the office on May 2 and 4, and out of office ,May 7th thur 12th

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned 11:32 a.m.

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC: Tuesday, May 16th at 10 AM at OSU Extension

Respectfully submitted by: Tina Powers

