

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

March 14, 2023

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

IN HOUSE AND ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:

Bob German	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	Sheila Pointer
Kathy Creason	Lynn Jackson	Grace Horning
Laurie Wartnik	Mike Mueller	Alan Po
Lorna Shilling	Mary Dixon	Barbara Negherbon
Suzie Vadney	Donna Leveridge-Campbell	Imogene McDonald
Tina Powers	Claudia Turner	Gail Peck
Billie Reeves		

ADDITIONS: Mary Jo will be adding a report on vendors. Soil testing at Coquille Garden supply on Wednesday, March 15th.

Thank you to Norma and Charmaine for the presentation on native trees. Reported from Billie.

Donna: If anybody is near her, 101 had a Eucalyptus fell down and there are leaves and branches available.

Mary Dixon: Geraniums available for take home.

Meeting called to order by Claudia Turner at 10 am

INTRODUCTIONS: None

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Ann Babb:

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	\$14,681.21
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	
<i>Interest</i>	
<i>Expenses (insurance)Fertilize your Mind</i>	OMGA dues-160.00
<i>Ending balance February 28th, 2023</i>	14,522.21

Current Savings CD is \$ 8,438.51 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 3/23

The garden is full for the season and there is just one person on the wait list. Everyone has finally had their orientation so gardeners can come and go and work their plots when it finally gets a little warmer. The garden is ready to go, it is limed and has chicken manure on it, down. to Earth-All Purpose fertilizer is ready to apply, and there have been lots of seeds donated for gardeners to plant, all we need is warm weather and sun. Looking forward to another great garden season. Renee will be at the garden every Wednesday 7 am; Saturday from 9:30-12 starting in April-October to work the Demo areas, weeding prepping soil and planting, if anyone is looking for hours. If you have questions, you can contact her at back40four@gmail.com. The MG's just need to submit a \$10 membership for CCMGA, to cover people working at the garden.

Think Spring!!

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

Val Berg

The Harvest Moon Garden Report

Soil samples made in all 18 beds. Tested all very similar. pH. Richard at Coquille Supply. 6 beds left to be rented. Cleaning out these beds and weeding the bind weed out. Getting ready to make it happen.

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

The Bandon Good Earth Community Garden will be opening on March 15th, and we are ready and excited to begin another productive year! We have 24 of the 39 plots already rented.... YEAH. We will save at least two plots so we are able to grow donations to give back to our beautiful community. We are planning on intensifying our educational and enjoyable activities throughout the year to involve the Bandon community. We will continue to build our relationships with the Bandon schools and businesses. We will look to enhance the gardens presentation and feel so gardeners experience comfort, relaxation, and happiness during their time in the garden!

✻ Happy Saint Patrick's Day, ✻

Best,

Susie Zohreh

Lakeside Community Garden: Michael Mueller

12-year-old garden is now re-opened. 10 beds rented and 10 more to rent out. Pecky cedar bed sides are rotting, and so we will be getting metal tin to re-side all the beds eventually. Looking into SCCGA for a grant to help getting the sides replaced. Mike found a treasure in another person to help with the board duties. Mike Mueller is now the chair so it should be a great addition to the community. It is located right behind city hall and near the library. Fenced area.

Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason: *Plant clinic calendar is available for volunteers. March is full, April is full and we need a few veterans for mentorship. May is filling up and its working out very well with lots of volunteers. Thank you.*

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. Left over plants can be given away at the Farmers markets to generate interest.

Scholarship Committee: Closed this year.

School Garden Grants: Sam revamped the application and Billie Reeve is taking charge to get those Grant applications out this week and the deadline is due April 14th. We contacted Allie Richards in MP to get them. Coos Bay school district has requested an application with the Art project group-unhoused school kids. Head Start is also getting an application. Ron Metzger has a question. What is the age group for the School Garden Grant systems? K- through 12 or older (college?) Also if there is left over plants from the plant sale can some be donated to the Art Project? Lots of discussion. Kids need to participate. ORCAS is a starting point for the Head Start program.

Coos Bay Farmers Market: Finished for the season. Sam has a report. Trying to apply to the Coos Bay Farmers Market but they keep changing the application dates so Sam will be persistent and get this done. Every other week. Starting May 3rd?

Bandon Farmers Market: Finished for season. Reached out to the Bandon Farmers Market at the Port, but it has been taken over by the Farm and Sea business.

Statewide “Growing and Belonging Committee”

Formerly the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force

Donna Leveridge-Campbell

Report for March 14, 2023 CCMGA meeting

At our February Growing and Belonging Committee meeting, the various Workgroups shared what they have been working on, what has been accomplished, and what is still to be done.

“Seed to Supper” Workgroup – Seed to Supper is a beginning garden course focused on reducing food insecurity in Oregon. OSU Extension has pledged to Oregon Food Bank to maintain a focus on communities who have historically experienced disproportionate rates of hunger. There will be a training for facilitators in Fall of 2023. Previously trained facilitators may start the course this Spring. OSU Extension’s Seed to Supper website is now live, <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/seed-supper>. According to the website:

“We encourage organizations to become an official Seed to Supper provider. However, if you’d like to access the digital curriculum, please register your interest via our [online request form](#). You will automatically receive a link to access the curriculum.”

Curriculum Workgroup – This is the group I have been working with. Our group decided that the best way to start in providing access to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion curriculum resources for Master Gardeners would be to find out what has already been done by MG programs around the state. We sent out a Survey and received 90+ responses. We asked what resources they have and if they may be shared. And we asked what they feel is missing. We’ve written up a Summary of what we learned from

the Survey about the various resources and suggestions. This will be shared with all of our MG associations. We also are developing an online searchable database which will make the resources accessible to all MG's. There are about 50 entries with lots of keywords.

Our other project was to develop a "toolkit" for promoting the new Spanish translation of OSU's *Grow Your Own* guide, *Su Propio Cultivo*. A corporate donor has offered to print the publication at no cost. We developed a flyer and business card and some recommendations for how to use and promote the publication. And we provided suggestions to OSU Extension for improving the catalog descriptions and ordering information on the webpage. Our suggested changes were implemented.

Communications and Events Workgroup – This group showed the documentary, *Dirt! The Movie*, online and reported that 79 people attended and stayed for the whole event. They also reported that the new OSU Culture of Gardening website so far has two people to be interviewed and photographed. And LeAnn is sending out quarterly updates.

Oregon Master Gardeners Association Lorna Schilling.

Next years dues are going up. They will be having mini college July 8th about climate. They are asking for 250.00 merchandise for the State auction. WE gave gift certificates last year. Auction went well last year. Mini college coming up.

Oregon State Advocacy Group

Letter was sent out to all MG members the Oregon State Advocacy Group. *I am presenting the letter that I also sent to our members for their help in the matter of asking for the funds from our legislators this year.*

*My Fellow Coos County Master Gardener
Voice Critical Support for OSU Budget Now!*

*Here are all of the tools needed to add your support to the passage of SB458.
A few minutes of your time will make a difference....Please Call/Write These Legislators*

Legislators are making budget decisions. Contact these Coos, Curry and other coastal and agricultural County legislators and tell them to support OSU Extension budget (SB 458). Act NOW when our voices still have an impact!

☞ Senate President Rob Wagner, Sen.RobWagner@oregonlegislature.gov 503-986-1600

☞ Rep Court Boice Rep.courtboice@oregonlegislature.gov 503-986-140

*☞ Senator David Brock Smith Sen.DavidBrockSmith@oregonlegislature.gov 503-986-1701 Port Orford,
Senator Dick Anderson Sen.DickAnderson@oregonlegislature.gov 503-986-1705 Lincoln City proper.*

*☞ House Majority Leader Julie Fahey Rep.JulieFahey@oregonlegislature.gov 503-986-1414 West Eugene,
Veneta, Lane Co.*

☞ House Minority Leader Vikki Breese-Iverson rep.vikkibreeseiverson@oregonlegislature.gov 503-986-1459

☞ Senate Minority Leader Tim Knopp Sen.TimKnopp@oregonlegislature.gov (503) 986-1727☞

Rep Boomer Wright Rep.BoomerWright@oregonlegislature.gov 503-986-1409 Florence, Coos County

IF YOU CALL

Leave a message on the machine or with a staffer – these are a few talking points. ☞ Ask them to support SB 458. ☞ The bill funds OSU Statewide Public Service Programs.☞ This includes Extension, home

of the Master Gardener Program. ☑ You have been a Master Gardener for XX years. You know how much good the program does in your community.

IF YOU WRITE

☑ Send a letter via email – you may copy and paste the message below into an email and send it to the addresses above.

☑ Be sure to add your name, city and county where you live at the end of the message.

Re: Support SB 458 Oregon Statewide Public Service Programs

I am an Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener™ who strongly support the request for OSU Statewide Public Service Programs funding (SB 458). As you know, the OSU Extension Service is one of three statewide public service programs. It engages people, families, and businesses to help solve problems, manage resources, and develop leadership in rural and urban areas. I believe that investing in OSU Extension Service provides immediate benefit for both rural and urban Oregonians. As an active OSU Extension volunteer, I see, firsthand, how Extension programs engage people and families to better their lives. Each year, Extension Master Gardeners teach thousands of local gardeners how to grow their own food and how to garden using practices that build soil, conserve water, and help wildlife. Through my volunteer work, I know the strong need for and interest in home-grown, quality food. I also know the urgent need for information about gardening during this time of rapidly changing climate. That's why I am pleased to see the proposed new initiative to address increasing resiliency of our food system, communities, and the natural resources. In summary, please support Oregon State University Extension by funding OSU Statewide Public Service Programs as requested: a total of \$206 M which includes the \$50 million package to restore Continuing Service Level and initiatives to build resiliency. At this level, Extension will continue current services and expand into new, critical areas to build resilient communities, food systems, and natural resources. Please support expanding opportunities for Oregonians by fully funding SB 458 OSU Statewide Public Service Programs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(add your name, city, county of residence)

TO LEARN MORE

Visit the OMGA website to learn more about advocacy QUESTIONS or comments just give me a call or an email. Contact Tina Powers chefpowpow@gmail.com 971-998-5450

SB 458 is now out of Ways and Means and making progress.

Samantha's Comments

the spirit of funding for our programs, we are able to participate in the OSU DAM Proud day; 24 hour period on April 26, OSU master garden programs will be highlighted. Money generated will be given specifically to the Master gardener programs. Questionnaire will be sent out so that you can tell the master gardener program as how it applies to you

On April 26, 2023, Master Gardeners and supporters will come together to show our belief in the Master Gardener program and Oregon State University's Dam Proud Day. This 24-hour period is dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of the Oregon State community, including supporting Master Gardeners, and stretching ourselves toward our aspirations.

On one day, can you imagine what we could do together?

Here's how you can help NOW.

1. Help us tell the Master Gardener story. Share YOUR story by participating in our storytelling campaign. Reach out to LeAnn at leann.locher@oregonstate.edu to receive 3 simple questions for you to answer, and then send in a photo. We'll be sharing these over the coming weeks to highlight all that Master Gardeners do. Your stories tell the story of the Master Gardener program!
2. Follow OSU Extension Master Gardener on social media. www.facebook.com/OSUMG on Facebook and [@mastergardenersOSU](https://www.instagram.com/mastergardenersOSU) on Instagram. Share our stories and posts about Dam Proud Day with your friends and followers.
3. SHOW UP on April 26th and make a donation online signaling your support for the Master Gardener program. It's all online, all on one day.

On one day, we can show up for gardening and Master Gardeners in Oregon!

Thank you card from Ocean Crest School for their health fair for the great seed bomb program that CCMG presented by Bob and Mary German, and Leslie Wirt, and Samantha Clayborn. It was a wild and fun event. At least 130 seed bombs went out. It made the World newspaper. 40 copies were made and 130 kids/seed bombs with over 300 people there happy chaos! Wendy Dorsey reached out Oregon Coast Community Action at Oak St. Park on April 18th. They would like to have a table with our info and garden info at this function Tuesday night on the 18th of April. Another volunteer opportunity. Tote will be packed and ready for a volunteer or two. Great way to interact with families. Just for one hour.

Samantha is on the Search committee for the Statewide commissioner position. Position has been renewed, application will go through vetting with HR and then sent out nationwide for this position. Timeline – on board by beginning of June. So, this is a quick turnaround. Multnomah county search finished so job is offered, and we shall see. Some other positions also being searched for hire. No set timeline, but sooner rather than later. Master Gardener of the Year and Behind the scenes (someone that does a lot behind the scene) as well as Diversity person, again so get your votes for your favorite choice. We need these in by April meeting so we can get that in by May 1 at state. Plaques are in the lobby so you can see who has won before. Samantha will send out criteria. We try not to re-nominate the same people so nominate. Samantha May 3, 4 out, Family and Community conference in Eugene, and representing 65% Master Gardeners and 35 % of Sam's task is with MFP. Sam will be here for plant sale. The week after plant sale Samantha will be heading to Kentucky for weeklong conference. So on May 16th meeting for Master Gardening as needed to move the date to the 3rd week. April 1st, Fertilize Your Mind 46 people registered for the day. 19 for first session 12 month vegetable growing, 15 for 2nd. Session on container growing, and for the 3rd session, 24 for food security. Donna vermiculture class 12, advertisement, on Leader boards this week, signs of another 20 to pass out. Southcoast shopper, the herald. 17 would like registration on Sam's email. Spread the word. Our guest presenter is James Cassidy and is quite the rock star in the growing world. Donated worm bin from Judy Jackson and will be raffled in that particular class to be offered. Advertisement out to all Coos Bay media. Flyers available for distribution. Ask around to business to advertise. Mary Jo has 15 tables available for vendors and we already have 13 so we are filling up yay! We have Xerxes Society supporter of all pollinators, Native Plant Society, Stillwater nursery, Seacoast, TLC Nursery, Myrtle Glen Farms, Wild Coast Brews- Tea vendor and many others, will be coming as well. There will be a catalog table this time with sample catalogs and a handout with a list of nurseries and plant/seed companies-specialty, etc. maryjoaudette-email her.

Many come to the Fertilize your Mind are newly moved to Coos Bay from out of the area so it is a useful source of information. Mary Jo is listing local businesses, not the big box stores. From Roseburg and Eugene as well as our area. Send her any suggestions not listed on the sheet. The list of places is not an endorsement. This list will be very helpful, Mary Jo.

Thank you to Dottie Tucker for again hosting the seed starting and it went well. We had enough show up.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned 11:38 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Tina Powers