

**COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)**

**July 11th, 2023**

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

Joni Kamfonik  
Mike Mueller  
Donna Leverage Campbell  
Charmane Mitchell  
Judy Jackson  
Sheila Pointer  
Harold Wilson  
Gail Peck  
Suzie Lloy  
Gail Cassidy  
Kathy Creason  
Laurie Wartnik  
Dottie Tucker

Val Berg  
Tina Powers  
Ed Powers  
Billie Reeves  
Greg Reynolds  
Lynda Cole  
Claudia Turner  
Mary Jo Audette  
Cathe Barter  
Mary Dixon  
Mary Ann Babb  
Valerie Petersen

**ADDITIONS:** Garlic discussion after meeting.

Meeting called to order by Claudia Turner at 10:00 am

**INTRODUCTIONS:** 3 trainees today

**MINUTES:** Billie Reeves motioned to accept minutes from June Meeting. Val Berg made the 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Mary Ann Babb:

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	<b>\$13,878.81</b>
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	<b>\$11.00</b>
<i>Interest</i>	<b>0</b>
<i>Expenses (insurance)Fertilize your Mind</i>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ending balance June 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$13,890.81</b>

***Current Savings CD is \$8,441.97 Banner Bank***

***Some discussion of moving the CD eventually.***

**COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay (Renee Blom)**

***Lady Bug Landing Garden Report – 7/10***

Wow once the weather turned into summer the garden has grown by leaps and bounds and looks gorgeous. Lots of harvesting is going on in different beds, and tomatoes are setting. The zucchinis are starting in the demo bed and we have been harvesting them along with cabbages, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, lettuce, ramp; chard for the Food Bank so far, a total of 40 pounds this past month. We just harvested some fall planted shallots that are hanging to dry. A wonderful group of gardeners this year, and seeing more people interacting with each other, especially the past gardeners. If you are on Facebook check out the South Coast Community Garden Association and 'like us'. There have been some lovely photos of three of the gardens so far, so check it out. Gardeners at Lady Bug Landing are starting to enjoy being able to take home small bouquets of mixed annuals and sweet peas. Hope it continues to be a good season and that the winds start to subside. We have one bed that has been given up and if it does not get taken by the end of July we will plant it with fall crops for the Food bank. The raspberries are just starting to set fruit and the strawberries pumped out lots of berries in June with more to come. Renee continues to be at the garden on Wednesday and Saturday mornings working the demo area and helping gardeners.

Happy Gardening

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

Coquille Harvest Moon Garden Report July 2023

The garden season is in full swing in Coquille!

Lush growth is bringing beautiful harvests for our gardeners and our "Giving Garden" team.

Twice weekly, harvested food for the local food bank is delivered from the two dedicated raised beds managed by Val Berg and Ray Bartolic. The produce is beautiful and nutritious, and although the volume is modest, it is a rewarding program we hope to expand for next season.

We hosted the Coquille Garden Club's Tour July 8<sup>th</sup>, which was a big success, with Imogene McDonald & Val Berg staffing the welcome station at the gate. Our board was excited to show the garden improvements to the community, and received lots of positive feedback & encouragement for all the hard work we have put in this year.

One of the exciting additions to our garden this year is garden art – our talented board member & local artist Ronita Yvarra has contributed generously to various projects to beautify the space and add an extra touch of cheerfulness and whimsy.

We have got our new enclosed composters up and running, and Ray Bartolic has installed a vermicompost bin, which we are very excited about. We hope to create much more of our own soil amendments, as well as reduce waste, through this enclosed system, which will also greatly reduce problems with noxious weeds and rats.

It's a great garden year in Coquille!

Traci Waring

President, Coquille Harvest Moon Garden

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### **Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> Ct., Bandon**

Hi Karen and Tina,

The Bandon Good Earth Community Board members are getting ready for the July 29<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5 pm Garden Party! 🎉 The Flyer is attached. We would love for all Master Gardeners and their families to visit the Bandon Garden. Planning such an event is challenging, and we thankfully have Sheila Howe leading the charge! Hugs to Sheila.

*The garden is doing well and the lettuce and kale are going crazy and growing daily, I believe kale pesto will be a staple for the Bandon gardeners!😂 Overall, we are trying to keep up with the weeds and ensure the garden is lovely for all to enjoy. We all feel blessed to be part of such a caring and beautiful community.*

*Please join us in July and walk through our beautiful garden.*

*Cheers,*

*Susie Zohreh*

*Garden Manager and MG Cheerleader ( ;*

***Lakeside Community Garden: Michael Mueller***

*Harmony garden is growing well. Garden growing with few pests. Apples need to be thinned out if any one needs volunteer hours.*

***Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason:*** *Plant clinic is going well. Trainees have been showing up to volunteer. Yay. One message about some weird stuff that was happening to her maple trees. Bacterium wet wood or slime flux. Birds and animals cause holes in the trees and the bacteria grows in the trees and can damage these trees. Trees were on Lake Lane. Got some cool pictures to share near yhe animal shelter. Openings for August are needed. July is covered.*

***Plant Sale Committee | 2022 Tomato-Rama***

*No new news to report this month. Resting up for the start of Fall and planning.*

***Scholarship Committee:*** *Closed this year.*

***School Garden Grants:*** *No report*

***Coos Bay Farmers Market:***

*Going well. Mike Mueller took a spill but is doing well now. Coos Bay downtown has some serious sidewalk hazards. Be aware. Bring a hat and we do deal with the wind. Umbrellas work better than pop up tents. Still takes 2 to 3 to bring gear back to the chamber office. Some challenges: if the chamber folks come late. Then we drag getting out gear out to the booth area. Greg has packets to refill the booth.*

***Bandon Farmers Market:***

*Only one person has signed up. We fought to have it and now we need volunteers to keep it going. We are right between Lehne Farms and Jake. If we don't get volunteers or we will have to pull out of it. We had a lot of interests. It was a sunny windless day. First Friday from 12 to 3 pm. Sam sets it up. Now we need folks to volunteer or we will have to cancel.*

***County Fair passes not printed as yet.*** *Sam will get them printed so make arrangements to pick up tickets and passes. Candy Baumer will need a couple of land judges to judge aggie products. Jean Game, and a succulent bed for a raffle item. All booth stuff is ready for the fair. Tuesday the fair starts. Booth spaces are filled. In Oaks pavilion. Things are done differently this year due to internal stress due to the on line. Some challenges. Parking was a challenge last year so we will see how it works. Samantha will be there at the fair to judge and help others judge. Raffle item will be a succulent wagon. Looking great.*

*Charmaine commented on how much fun judging and participating in the fair is. Great experience for trainees as well as veteran MGs.*

**Oregon Master Gardeners Association** Lorna Schilling. No report.

**Oregon State Advocacy Group**

**State Legislators Passed OSU Budget for 2023-2025 Biennium**

*The Oregon Legislature appropriated \$180,611,441 for Oregon State University's Statewide Public Services. This funding will support Extension, Agricultural Experiment Stations, and Forest Research Lab for the 2023-2025 biennium beginning July 1, 2023.*

*OSU leaders expressed relief after the level of appropriation increased significantly from a draft budget. According to Dr. Ivory Lyles, head of the OSU Extension Services, the bill, as amended, will provide for full continued service level funding and additional funding dedicated to Extension to support and expand organic agriculture sectors. Lyles added, "Strong and consistent advocacy has helped make this outcome possible," as he thanked the members of the OMGA Advocacy Task Force and Master Gardeners who contacted their legislators on behalf of OSU funding.*

*In recognition of the need for filling multiple vacancies in Master Gardener Program positions, "Filling at least 4 community horticulture/Master Gardener coordinator positions." Is among Lyles' top priorities. Dr. Sam Angima, Associate Dean - Extension, OSU College of Agricultural Sciences, has been tasked to lead the search effort. He said, in a June 28<sup>th</sup> memo, "We got enough funding to fill current vacancies in Tillamook, Clatsop, Linn, Benton, and Douglas counties Master Gardener coordinator positions. Getting four vacant Master Gardener positions filled is a thrill and I will start right away as soon as I am authorized to start the search in July ..... I am very pleased about the future of the Master Gardener program in Oregon."*

*What a turnaround from last July when I first heard about all these vacancies at the 2022 Mini-College (Joy of Gardening Conference) and resolved to form the OMGA Advocacy Task Force. We have come a long way! Thank you for your active participation in legislative advocacy. Together, we have achieved much! I look forward to great things in our continued service to home gardeners across Oregon.*

*If you attend this year's Joy of Gardening Conference (7/7-8), please stop by and introduce yourself. I would love an opportunity to converse face-to-face.*

*With gratitude, Sherry Sheng, OMGA Advocacy Task ForcCa*

**Samantha's Comments:** *Thank you for your support of my family/mother. Cancer is a treatable type. Sam will be taking care of her mom. Lots of challenges ahead so thanks for all the prayers. Card to send to Sam's mother. Trying to focus forward. Sending prayers to Samantha and her family.*

**Extensions send out updates.** *One that came out was understanding soil health...lynn brewer wrote it. Will be available at the fair. "Grow your own" will be available in Spanish and in English.*

**Insurance for the association:** *terminating Enumclaw, Juuls came up with a quote thru Liberty Mutual and 200 less. Same coverage.. If there is an accident, make sure to let Sam know immediately. If booth at farmers market windy, take down the umbrella.*

*Speakers for presentations in August or September.*

*Mike has garden tip. Empty tomato or tuna cans. Sluggo in can and slugs climb in and get dessert and die.*

*ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned 11:09 a.m.*

NEXT MEETING: Moved to Tuesday, August 15th AM at OSU Extension 9:30 social half an hour and 10 am to 11 am meeting, then after meeting half hour to an hour July will be Garlic.

Respectfully submitted by: Tina Powers