

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

**June 13th, 2023**

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, OR

**IN HOUSE AND ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANTS:**

Laurie Wartnick, Val Berg, Cathe Barter, Mary Jo Audette, Howard Wilson, Claudia Turner, Valerie Peterson, Caren Brewster, Imogene McDonald, Mary Ann Babb, Kathy Creason and a guest from Texas Kim Chatman. On line: Billie Reeves, Dottie Tucker, Mike Mueller, Donna Leveridge-Campbell, Barbara Negherbon, Susan Zohreh and Charmane Mitchell.

**ADDITIONS:** There will be a Zoom level up Series at Noon today “ Bees Needs”

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

**INTRODUCTIONS:** A visiting Master Gardener from Texas, Kim Chapman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTES:** Val Berg moved to accept minutes from May Meeting. Cathe Barter 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** Mary Ann Babb:

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	<b>\$12,911.89</b>
<i>Income (Members’ Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	<b>\$4068.00</b>
<i>Interest</i>	<b>0</b>
<i>Expenses (insurance)Fertilize your Mind</i>	<b>\$3101.08</b>
<b>Ending balance May 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$13878.81</b>

**Current Savings CD is \$8,440.56 Banner Bank**

**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 – 6/12***

*So finally, the weather has turned, even though somewhat windy, and gardens are being planted. Had a couple beds given up due to personal reasons, but most have been filled again. I always love to see how different people have set up their beds, but Lady Bug Landing is finally looking like a thriving garden. The demo beds are in great shape, and we have already donated the first planting of lettuce to the food bank this last month, a total of 40 pounds. We will be replanting lettuce soon and brassicas are coming on. We did an annual flower bed inside this year with a mix of flowers so gardeners can take small bouquets home. Another great group of*

gardeners. Renee has had a few consistent gardeners who help maintain the demo areas, helping with weeding, watering and harvesting. It takes a village to keep Lady Bug looking great. And on a personal note, FYI I had an influx of striped cucumber beetles, some last night, be on the lookout, they are sure destructive, squishing lots of them and have yellow sticky cards up and diatomaceous earth on the ground around the plants.  
Happy Gardening Everyone, looks like another good season is happening!

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

Coquille Harvest Moon Garden Report June 2023

The growing season is finally starting to ramp up at Harvest Moon. Transplants are taking off beautifully, seeds seem to be off to a much slower start – but we are hopeful they will step up their pace soon.

Our annual plant sale was a success, with \$657 raised for the garden!

We hosted 50 kindergarten children for a garden tour Friday 6/9, and several members of our garden were present as volunteers, plus many parents and teachers. It was a successful and enjoyable day, with the children making “seed bombs” to take home with them.

We had our first occurrence of powdery mildew in the garden last week – and we are working hard to minimize its spread. The affected bed is currently being treated with milk spray as a first step, and we will regroup in a week or so to determine if different treatments may be called for. Our first harvest from our “Giving Garden” beds was delivered to a local food bank last week – one pound of radishes, and we hope to be able to provide deliveries twice weekly for the rest of the growing season.

We continue to hold work parties most weekends, and have obtained more wood chips for the paths from the city of Coquille – we were delighted to receive fresh cedar this time, and the fragrance in the garden is a treat!

We are excited to report that we have offers of help from people in the community who do not have a garden plot with us. Our first volunteer received orientation this week and helped at the kindergarten tour two days later! We are hopeful that our community relationships will continue to grow in a positive direction, and will bring many good things to the future of the garden.

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 Garden is looking warm and welcoming. We had a work party last Saturday and everyone worked hard to get those pesky weeds, then we mowed and trimmed. We also have been staining over the past month giving the garden a fresh glow!

We will be offering the first donation of the year next week which is mainly lettuce and kale but hey, it's a start!

Planning continues for the Garden Open House on July 29th. At this point, we will have snacks, music, and a few educational activities.

By the way, we have rented all plots and believe 'waiting lists' will be the new norm. 🍀🎉👉

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

**Cheers,**

Susan

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

*Most of the garden beds are occupied now. With the mixture of sunshine, longer daytime & enthusiasm, everybody's plants are looking hearty. There are still lots of "honeydews" to get accomplished, with plenty of time left to take care of those tasks.*

*Two Rhododendron bushes were donated to the garden to "jazz" up the entryway leading into garden. And so, they are in the ground, adapting to their new home. My daughter just donated her large wheelbarrow to us, and we are still looking for a fixer-up lawn mower (self propelled would be nice) to tackle the grass.*

*Mike*

***Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason:*** *Trainees are signing up filling the calendars. There was one opening in June, however it was filled. The July calendar needs Veterans to sign up. Kathy will email a list of openings for July toward the end of this month.*

***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:*** School Garden Grants as follows: North Bay Elementary 613.38 and SWOCC 1,000.00 and Myrtle Crest School 987.70.

***Coos Bay Farmers Market:*** Master Gardeners started manning the booth in May and will continue every other week unless otherwise posted. We were located on 2<sup>nd</sup> street and there is a good chance that could be our permanent location. The wind was very strong and caused a lot of issues. Don't use the umbrella if the wind is up and dress warm. Left over Tomato flats have been given to anyone who wants them.

***Bandon Farmers Market:*** Started in May and will continue the first Friday of each month located outside the craft building. The hours are 9:45 to 3:15. Sam will bring materials needed before opening.

***Statewide "Growing and Belonging Committee"***

***Donna Leveridge-Campbell-Last month was her last official meeting.***

***Oregon Master Gardeners Association Lorna Schilling.***

*OMGA 2nd Quarter Meeting Notes*

*Gail's last meeting. She said that advocacy is becoming increasingly important.*

*Linn/Benton Counties are essentially vacant*

*Wasco has 1 year position*

*Josephine County Commissioners voted to not fund extension because they were upset with 4H being "woke". They did it the wrong way and will be voting again. They have a service district and are still able to not fund the program.*

*We passed a motion to change our savings vehicle from eTrade stocks to ladder CD's.*

*I voted yes to this because I have felt that the stocks are too volatile for us and would prefer something guaranteed. Janet Magadenz (OMGA Treasurer) says she will recommend options to the Executive Board and anticipates a rate of 5%.*

*The dues are to be \$7 for 2024. We voted on this since they had be lowered to \$5 due to the pandemic. Cleaning up Bylaws.*

*The word Scholarship was replaced with the word Award in a number of places since they are grants, not based on academic merit.*

*There is now a Conflict-of-Interest clause that the Board Members will fill out a form.*

*There will be a whistleblower policy.*

*There are Send a Friend Scholarships to Mini College for \$100 each. There are 10 and as of the meeting date only one had been claimed. I heartily recommend Mini College as it is a truly worthwhile learning experience.*

### **Oregon State Advocacy Group**

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

*Still in a holding pattern.*

**Samantha's Comments:** Discussion was held re: Josephine County's issue with extension funding. This Thursday at North Bay Elementary school will hold an "End of School" program with several events. Master Gardeners will do Seed Bombs with the kids and Sam asked for 3 volunteers to work from 8:30 To 11:20. Mike Mueller and Val Berg volunteered. The Fair Theme this year is "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams" to be held July 25 thru 29<sup>th</sup>. Sam needs old jeans for the MG Booth and there will be a Toddler jean Garden doll bed with succulents. Tickets to get in will be given out at the July meeting. There are 5 current applicants interviewed on Zoom for the Statewide Coordinator position and 3 have Been chosen to interview in person on campus.

An email will be sent out with dates and times and if anyone is interested in attending, please RSVP. A reminder for Trainees their dues are 5.00 until they become a full master gardener volunteer And the dues will be 17.00 as noted in the OMGA second quarter meeting in Lorna's report. Our current Insurance carrier will cancel our policy effective July 23 and we are currently waiting for a quote from Juul Insurance in Coquille.

**Good of the Order:** When giving out the tomato flats at Farmer's Mkt. a 7 year old girl donated \$1.00 To the Master Gardeners for the tomatoes plants.

Laurie Warnick noted that when working at the Farmer's Market, some people are very reticent to give Their name, phone number and address: be patient and do your best.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *The meeting was adjourned 11:15 a.m.*

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, July 11th at 10 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.

Kathy Creason, Secretary pro tem

Following the meeting, Mary Jo gave a short dissertation on growing potatoes with everyone present participating and sharing information.

