

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

OSU Extension Service Office
Myrtle Point, Oregon

April 9, 2024

MGs in attendance:

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| Astier, Marcia | Powers, Ed |
| Audette, Mary Jo | Powers, Tina |
| Barter, Cathe | Reeves, Billie |
| Berg, Val | Schilling, Lorna |
| Brewster, Caren | Tucker, Dottie |
| Cassidy, Gail | Turner, Claudia |
| Creason, Kathy | Wilson, Howard |
| Dixon, Mary | TRAINEES: |
| Lloy, Susan | Brongil, Jennifer |
| McDonald, Imogene | Ferre, Norma |
| Metzger, Ron | Palzer, Robbie |
| Milligan, Jessie | Sydnese, Eric |
| Mitchell, Charmane | Vallerga, Jodi |
| Mueller, Mike | |

Meeting called to order by Lorna Schilling.

ADDITIONS: None

INTRODUCTIONS: None

MINUTES: Moved to approve March minutes and was seconded. Minutes are approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Jo Audette

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| <i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i> | \$12,553.98 |
| <i>Income (Members' Dues, Fundraisers, Grants and Donations)</i> | \$243.00 |
| <i>Expenses</i> | -\$464.00 |
| <i>Ending Balance</i> | \$12,332.92 |

CD balance \$8,685. Dropped interest rate a couple of days after approving increase to \$10,000. Looking for better interest rate. First Community CU said they will match interest rate of other banks or credit unions.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORTS:**Lady Bug Landing** Lady Bug Landing gardeners are slowly getting soil prepped and some have planted greens and peas. We are hoping to get some lettuce and sweet peas planted in the demo beds this week and prep more of the soil for future plantings of brassicas, potatoes, and onions soon. We have a good group of gardeners, and we are all awaiting more sunny days. The garden is looking great with the new beds and fresh chips. Hopefully more to report next month. Renee will be at the garden with a more regular schedule starting in April, Wednesdays, and Saturday mornings from 9:30-12, to oversee the garden, and do planting and weeding in the demo beds. Looking forward to another great garden year. Yeah, for Sun!

Coquille Harvest Moon Garden They have only 2 beds left. Will be getting compost from Pozzi dairy.

Good Earth Community Garden We began processing applications on February 1st, and we currently have 2 plots remaining. The garden officially opened on March 15th. Some of our awesome gardeners distributed bark to minimize weeds on the pathways. Also, a garden neighbor installed a Mason bee home and is caring for the family of bees in the garden! We continue to develop curriculum for our five-part series of educational classes, which will be focused on the art of organic gardening, self-care, and community building. We had our first class on March 30th, and received positive feedback from the participants. We have two classes scheduled in April. The class on April 20th will be planting the two donation plots, so if anyone has extra starts, we would love to have them. We are excited for a successful year of education, community work, and of course, an abundant harvest!

Harmony Garden, Lakeside Community Garden Eric has been real helpful getting rid of branches at one end of the garden. Mike has repaired one of the beds. Hoping to get a grant from South Coast Community Gardens to repair the rest. Has 5 beds left.

Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason

Sale Committee | 2024 Tomato-Rama Set will be Friday May 3rd from 9 to 3. The is May 4th from 10-4. There will be a meeting after our general meeting for the plant sale.

Scholarship Committee: Closed this year.

School Garden Grants: Applications were sent out to schools by Billie Reeves.

Coos Bay Farmers Market: First Wednesday in May 9-2

Bandon Farmers Market: Switched back to second Friday in May. 10-

Oregon Master Gardeners Association-Mary Dixon

The Joy of Gardening was discussed which is July 12-13. Also, the need to get the gift certificate bags together from Coos County for the silent auction at the seminar.

Announcements:

Glide Wildflower Show will be April 27th and 28th. Glide High School greenhouse will have a plant sale those same days.

Mary Dixon brought information on ridding your beds of slugs by using brewed coffee with water. The coffee poisons them and has no effect on soil ph.

<https://today.oregonstate.edu/news/used-appropriately-coffee-grounds-improve-soil-and-kill-slugs>

Sam's April Coordinator Report

- Fertilize Your Mind was a success! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out and attended. We had 94 registered attendees and the eval recap was overall very positive. I reserved the space for next year already so save the date for April 5, 2025!
- I am still waiting on approval from Coos Bay and Bandon's Farmer Market coordinators but we should be good to go at both. I did request to move back to the 2nd Friday in Bandon and stay outside where we were last year.
- We received our seed allotment from the Grow This! Challenge so we will have free seeds to give away at Farmers Markets, the fair booth and other events throughout the summer.
- Next month we will return to having the Level Up series continuing ed Zoom right after the monthly meeting at Noon. The topic is "Nowhere to Grow but Up: Gardening without Land"

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. Respectfully submitted by Gail Cassidy