

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

December 12th 2023

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

Agaba, Willson

Audette, Mary Jo

Cassidy, Gail

Lloy, Suzy

Powers, Edward

Turner, Claudia

Negherbon, Barbara

Pointer, Sheila

Reeves, Billie

Wartnik, Laurie

McDonald, Imogene

Schilling, Lorna

Dixon, Mary

Kamfonik, Joni

Babb, Mary Ann

Brewster, Caren

Charmaine Mitchell

Powers, Tina

Metzger, Ron

Reynolds, Greg

Creason, Kathy

Wilson, Howard

Leveridge-Campbell, Donna

Milligan, Jessie

Brongil, Jennifer

Tucker, Dottie

Petersen, Valerie

Peck, Gail

ADDITIONS: None

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

INTRODUCTIONS: Allen Poynter, JD Loi, Muriel Reynolds, Jo, Terry lots of family members.

Lyons club has asked members to do a presentation and on February 23rd CCMG will be giving a talk to them.

MINUTES: Billie Reeves moved to accept minutes with Mary Ann Babb seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Ann Babb:

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	\$15,228.98
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	\$60.00
<i>Interest</i>	
<i>Expenses CD back to the CD</i>	
<i>Ending balance November 30th, 2023</i>	<i>\$15288.98</i>

***Current Savings CD balance Last Statement \$8,602.63
interest rate is 3.75%***

Proposed budget presented. Budget adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Lady Bug Landing | corner of 8th and Anderson Ave., Coos Bay (Renee Blom)

Lady Bug Landing Garden Report 12/23

Lady Bug Landing is closed for the season. The beds have been weeded and dressed with light

straw and leaves to protect the soil and have had lime applied. Due to the boards rotting after 12 years on the lower beds, we will be removing all the wood and putting new boards up in January, before the garden year starts in February. Applications for Lady Bug Landing will be available starting January 3, on a first come, first serve basis, in a box at the gardens Anderson Street entrance, Coos Bay McKay's Market and online on the SCCGA website socoastcommunitygardens.org

Orientations will be given starting the first part of February when the garden opens for the year. 2023 was a great garden season, and we look forward to another wonderful year. Hope everyone has a lovely winter and holiday season and enjoy perusing all those seed catalogs. Think Spring!

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

No report from Val. Garden is closed and cleaned out with three beds being cover cropped.

Val Berg

Treasurer

Coquille Harvest Moon Community Garden

Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8th Ct., Bandon 12/23

Oh my, the garden was full of weeds after all the rain and warm days! Weeds, weeds, and more weeds! The final work party for 2023 was on December 2nd, and the garden is now resting for a few months.

🧑🌾 We will have 2024 applications available in February, and reopen the garden in March. The Board continues to wrap up 2023 pending items, and planning for the best year yet, 2024! We would like to thank Donna Leveridge-Campbell for her service to the Bandon garden and wish her the best of luck in her new adventures.

Happy Holidays to all, and to all a goodnight! 🎅🧑🌾

Cheers,

Susie Zohreh

Garden Manager and MG Cheerleader!

Harmony Garden, Lakeside Community Garden: Michael Mueller

None presented.

Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason: Closed for the season. Phone message to inform the public that the plant clinic is closed.

Sale Committee | 2024 Tomato-Rama

No new news to report this month. First meeting January. Plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 4th. More information to follow in January.

Scholarship Committee: Closed this year.

School Garden Grants: No report

Coos Bay Farmers Market:

Bandon Farmers Market:

Coos County Fair: Nothing to report. July 23rd through the 27th 2024. Samantha will be out of the office all of August.

Oregon Master Gardeners Association

Lorna reported: Mini college was not as good as past. 130 plus M's out of 18000 MG. July 10th thru the 13th 2024 in Corvallis Oregon.

Tours were great but they had not been doing them for the last few years. Hopefully they do this again. Hotels have been very pricy. Suggestion for an on line auction as a more viable way to get out the auction for generating more funds.

Insurance was not talked about so no word on this. Hopefully this will happen in the future but there have been mixed messages.

Regional conferences was also a suggestion as an example for a one day function for several counties.

And here is the letter from the OMGA board.

Hi everyone,

We held our annual OMGA Board retreat this past Friday, December 1, via Zoom. Our objective was to review the 2023 goals and formulate our 2024 OMGA Goals. 38 people were in attendance! An amazing group of volunteers. Here are some highlights:

Chris welcomed two new members to our executive board, Laura Strom from Lincoln County, who will head up our advocacy committee and Missy Bright from Clackamas County, who will be our data base manager. We are grateful for the amazing work of Sherry Sheng who led us in our advocacy campaign. She is moving on to advocate for the new Garden Ecology League. Also, a big thank you to Seamus Rameriz for his long-time service on our board as our database manager. And thank you to Sharon Bordeaux for her time as secretary.

Chris reviewed some accomplishments for OMGA in 2023 including: the successful campaign of our Advocacy committee to lobby the Oregon Legislature for full funding for Extension; revision of our bylaws, policies and procedures; awarding over \$4000 in grants to support Chapter educational projects and demonstration gardens; supported a fund raising campaign for Dam Proud Day raising funds for revisions to our Sustainable Gardening and Seed to Supper manuals; issued a quarterly newsletter; compiled quarterly reports documenting the great work happening in our Chapters; updated the historical data for our organization on our website; maintained a huge data base of Chapter contact information; had a successful summer Joy of Gardening Conference; awarded the first "Growing and Belonging" award; assisted chapters in filing IRS forms; and so much more. We could not have achieved these successes without the support of our MGs! Thank you everyone.

Next followed a spirited discussion about our Goals for 2024:

First, we discussed the Joy of Gardening Conference for 2024. Overall, there were many suggested changes to the Joy of Gardening education event. Comments included that it may be more efficient use of our time and finances to have a virtual conference event. However, it was pointed out the many benefits of attending a live conference that includes networking with peers, building relationships, strengthening our MG community, sharing knowledge, and interacting with specialists on a variety of home gardening topics. It also provides us an opportunity to fundraise. It was agreed that a working group will be established to investigate an alternative to our Joy of Gardening Conference for 2025. This will allow for time and attention to encourage discussion around the issue.

All are invited to join our July 12-13, 2024, conference planning committee. Send me an email.

The group discussed the lack of technology in some chapters. It was suggested that we investigate developing training on Zoom meetings, Facebook, and improving websites. Use OMGA Website to post articles and training information for use by all county chapters.

We also covered the need for OMGA to improve communications. Exposure and awareness are important towards achieving our goals, such as increasing attendance at our 2024 conference and recruiting new volunteers. We discussed ways to improve our communications with chapters.

Other suggestions included: surveying chapters to determine needs; continuing the focus on diversity, equity, and inclusivity; and continuing advocacy for the Master Garden programs statewide.

After 2 hours of lively and thoughtful conversation, I attempted to create a draft of our Goals for 2024 for your review. The document is attached. Please send me your additions, comments, and edits by December 22.

Also, Brooke Edmunds announced that Dr. Leslie Madsen has been selected as the new Statewide Master Gardener Coordinator. Dr. Madsen is currently the Associate Director for Educational Development in the Center for Teaching and Learning at Boise State University. She is an expert in evidence-based teaching practices that are informed by emerging technologies including different learning styles in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI), as they apply to formal and informal learning platforms. She is equipped to support our coordinators and volunteers, support both face-to-face and distant learning, support DEI efforts across programs, conduct educational assessment, evaluation, and implementation, and support various digital accessibility technologies. Dr. Madsen will begin her position December 29.

That's all I have. Thank you everyone for your patience and support. Take care of each other. Happy Holidays!

Chris Rusch
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New Board CCMG

President: Lorna Schilling

VP: Tina Powers

Treasurer: Mary Jo Audette

Secretary: Val Petersen

OMGA representative: Mary Dixon

Samantha's Comments: *Logo has been chosen. Logo should be submitted to B and T. Get cost. Pre sell to the group. Leslie Maden is our new master gardener leader. She is coming from Idaho. This person has more program leader experience than ag business. Leslie has done some great things in Idaho. She will be coming in the end of December so we shall be seeing her sometime next year. Curry County has a master gardener in as a temporary coordinator until they can hire a new position. It is going to be a full time position instead of half time. Funding shared halvesies with Snap Ed and MG. Sam is still working with end of year report. 3046 hours total volunteer hours, Direct was 1130 hours. 1019 Support hours. Sam made a new roster.*

New badges enroute and will be handed out to our new finishers. Yay!

If you did not fill out your CVA form please fill out today before you leave.

Fertilize your Mind keynote speaker cancelled so we are looking at others. March 30th at the Mill Casino.

Mary Jo Audette. Plant Sale committee for January meeting.

We got more funding for hiring positions across the state. Horticulture publications need to be reviewed and archived over the next year. Committees will archive what is historically relevant.

ADJOURNMENT: *The meeting was adjourned am*

NEXT MEETING: *Tuesday, January 9th at OSU Extension 9:30 social half an hour and 10 am to 11 am meeting, then after meeting half hour to an hour of education's.*

Respectfully submitted by: Tina Powers