

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

January 9th, 2024

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

Babb, Mary Ann
Audette, Mary Jo
Cassidy, Gail
Lloy, Suzy
Powers, Edward
Turner, Claudia
Creason, Kathy
Reeves, Billie
Wartnik, Laurie
Brongil, Jennifer
Schilling, Lorna

Berg, Val
Brewster, Caren
Barker, Cathe
Powers, Tina
Metzger, Ron
Mueller, Mike
Wilson, Howard
Leveridge-Campbell, Donna
McDonald, Imogene
Dixon, Mary
Tucker, Dottie

ADDITIONS: Tina Powers brought seeds to share.

Meeting called to order by Claudia Turner

INTRODUCTIONS: None

MINUTES: Val Berg moved to accept minutes with Ed Powers seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT MaryJo Audette

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	\$15,228.98
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	\$330.00
<i>Interest</i>	
<i>Expenses CD back to the CD</i>	\$1,025.00
<i>Ending balance December 31, 2023</i>	\$14,593.98

***Current Savings CD balance Last Statement \$8,629.57
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 01/24

Applications to garden are now available, starting January 3, on a first come, first serve basis, at the garden Anderson entrance gate, CB McKay's Market and online at: socoastcommunitygardens.org

As of Saturday we have filled almost half of the 60 beds have been taken.

Starting next week we are going to be replacing all the boards on the lower beds, as the old ones have been rotting. We have a small volunteer group to help.

Gardeners will get orientations in February and then let the planting begin with the help of a cloche maybe early on. SCCGA got lots of generous seed donations of 2023 seeds for the different gardens and will be passing some extras on to Tina for the Tomato-Rama. We are looking forward to another great garden season. Think Spring!

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

We had a great year in the garden. Everyone's beds produced quite well. We donated 245 lbs. of produce to our local food bank. Which they were very thankful for. We are looking forward to beating that number this year.

The garden is sleeping right now. The cover crop we planted in several beds is growing well. There wasn't enough seed for all the beds unfortunately and the birds thought we were putting the seeds out for them. We will be turning the crop in soon. We have received some seed donations for this year and I have finished the "seed box" for them. Basically, it is a homemade cooler to protect the seeds from the heat this summer. Ronita will be painting it to make it pretty. We purchased new nozzles for the hoses as the old ones got us as wet as the plants. We have also ordered snail traps for each bed and will be resetting our rat traps. We did not have the rat problem we had the previous year.

The new applications will be available February 1 at the garden and the public library. Looking forward to the new year.

Val Berg

Treasurer

Coquille Harvest Moon Community Garden

Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8th Ct., Bandon 01/24

Here you go:

Applications for the new year are ready, and will be available on February 1st. Hopefully by March all plots are rented so we can focus on the new educational courses we're offering in 2024.

We are planning on continuing and possibly wrapping up the current garden beautification projects.

We hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Cheers,

Susie Zohreh

Garden Manager and MG cheerleader

Harmony Garden, Lakeside Community Garden: Michael Mueller 01/24

We have applications for the beds going out in February. They will be available again at Lakeside City Hall. Because of the warmer Fall & Winter the grass & weeds did not go dormant enough and are now in need of mowing. Because of the extra moisture that is happening, routine maintenance on the garden has been happening, slowly.

Mike Mueller

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

Sale Committee | 2024 Tomato-Rama

Meeting to follow today's meeting.

Scholarship Committee: Closed this year.

School Garden Grants: No report

Plant Sale for 2024: Mini meeting after today's meeting.

Coos Bay Farmers Market: None to report

Bandon Farmers Market: None to report

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 No meeting so far, so meeting is next Friday and Will report back next meeting.

New logo and shirt: Motioned and seconded. Short sleeve unisex. Will be ordering 40 shirts to start. Plus 10 of each logo, large and small decals.

New Board CCMG

President: Lorna Schilling

VP: Tina Powers

Treasurer: Mary Jo Audette

Secretary: Gail Cassady

OMGA representative: Mary Dixon

Samantha's Comments

Last meeting Samantha was quite ill so she apologized. (No need Sam)

Badges ordered and received; badges have a slight color difference. Shape is similar. They cost 8.00 each. Action trophy has blanks if we need to replace lost one.

Grant was not submitted from the Coquille Tribe, so it was lost in the shuffle. Samantha did not let us down as she does a great job. Allison mentioned that she got a grant from the Rotary so Samantha applied and we will see if we can get one from them.

Fertilize your Mind. Dave Kollen from Brookings, the Xerxes Society will be the guest keynote speaker. Ecological Seeing and unseeing in the Garden. Emily Stimick will be teaching two classes on Cooking with Herbs. Pressure Canning 101. Donna -vermiculture. Miranda Grey, controlling runoff in your landscape. We have 6 speakers so far.

We also have next year's potential speakers, so we are in good shape.

Samantha will get the final 3 classes set so once its set, plug the program. March 30th, 2024

For "Fertilize your Mind" at the Mill Casino.

Training starts next week with 14 trainees. Mentees and Mentors are scattered. We will be having a service dog and policy has been sent out. Do not interact with Muddy as he is a service dog ONLY. Respect the owner and his dog. Thank you. Sandwiches are ordered for the class; Sides need to be brought in by the mentors. Four weeks of snacks last week is potluck. Sam covers the first week of sandwiches.

IT should be a very good class. We need to be at the classes at 8:30 am. Encourage trainees to arrive around 8:45 am. Norma for the Native Trees. Lots of live instructors as well as on line.

Our building is owned by Umpqua Neighbor works. Was originally built for extension. City donated (100 year lease) Umpqua wants to put the building for sale. Lease is for the next 10 years but could be broken. The extension is trying to buy the building-tax service for county. Meeting was held with

commissioners. We need to get letters of support, grants, volunteer groups, etc. letter or donation if you so choose. Would the association like to donate to the process. If the tax service goes with the purchase the escrow in May. Motion on floor to donate 1000. Motion passed to help support the building purchase.

Gail Cassidy has graciously volunteered to be the secretary.

Please send articles for the monthly newsletter. Thank You.

School Garden grant reports are starting to come in and applications will be going out-Billie has been doing this for our group.

Bristol Underwood from North Bend Highschool is looking for a speaker for their Garden Club. Mike Mueller and perhaps Howard, has graciously volunteered to help them for a class or two.

ADJOURNMENT: *The meeting was adjourned 11:36 am*

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 8th at noon, at OSU Extension at the training session. Respectfully submitted by: Tina Powers