

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA), 2024

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

May 12, 2024

Master Gardeners

Audette, Mary Jo
Barter, Cathe
Cassidy, Gail
Dixon, Mary
Mitchell, Charmane (online)
Leveridge-Campbell, Donna (online)
Peck, Gail (online)
Powers, Tina
Reynolds, Greg (online)
Schilling, Lorna (online)
Wartnik, Laurie (online @ 10:20)

Babb, Mary Ann
Berg, Val
Creason, Kathy
Kamfonik, Joni (online)
Pointer, Sheila
Mueller, Mike (online)
Powers, Ed
Reeves, Billie (online @ 10:25)
Tucker, Dottie
Turner, Claudia
Wilson, Howard

Trainees

Ferre, Norma
Palzer, Robbie
Jones, Jeff and Janet (online)

Graves, Linda
Negherbon, Barbara (online)

ADDITIONS: None

Meeting called to order by Tina Powers (subbed for Lorna)

INTRODUCTIONS: Every one introduced themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mary Dixon brought in Kniphofia. Sam has 10 baby aloe plants. All these are for the taking.

Glide Wildflower Show was discussed. It was very good. A lot of work went into putting this all together. It was worth attending.

MINUTES: Motion to approved and seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryJo Audette

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	\$12,332.92
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fundraisers, Grants and donations)</i>	\$307.50
<i>Expenses</i>	\$-5037.13
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$7,603.29

CD balance - got 12 Month CD @ 3.9 %. Start \$10,000

May be moving some money from checking to savings account so we have a little interest as we don't use everything in checking. Will be doing this as soon as we get money from OSU for Fertilize Your Mind.

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Lady Bug Landing

The weather has finally leveled out and most of the garden beds are getting planted. The MG's donated some tomatoes, flowers and herbs and the plants were very appreciated. The demo bed area has been planted with potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, lettuce, cauliflower, cabbage and broccoli, for the Food Bank. The lettuce is almost ready to harvest. We are hoping to get cucumbers, squash, beans and onions planted this week or next. Annual flowers were planted for cutting for bouquets for the gardeners. In addition, there is a sweet pea patch and multi-headed sunflowers. Before we know it there will be strawberries and raspberries. Renee is at the garden every Wednesday and Saturday from 9:30-12 for anyone interested in volunteer hours. Eric and Jodi had been volunteering sometimes, they have been a big help. Hope the sun is here to stay!

Coquille Harvest Moon Garden

The Harvest Moon Garden is full. All beds are rented. We have several new gardeners so it will be a new adventure this year. Our plant sale was the best one since I have been in the garden. It probably would have been better if we had any peppers that was what Ray was to be growing. He couldn't do that because he was without for his surgery.

We have planted the black growing bags. The ones on the back fence are squash and the front ones are tomatoes. These are for our donations to the food bank. Our sad news is that Ray and his wife are moving to Arizona to be closer to his son and her aging parents. We will miss him terribly. This leaves us without a president. I have been acting president pro-tem but we will have to discuss getting a new president. I have a good idea who it probably will be. We still don't know if garbage is going to be picked up.

Good Earth Community Garden

We began processing applications on February 1st, and the garden is now full!! Yeah! 🌈 This week's warm weather may motivate all of us to get our gardens planted. A big thanks to all the Master Gardeners for working so hard getting plants ready for the plant sale. The Bandon garden was able to care for many of the starts that were not sold, so again thank you for your generosity. We will continue working on enhancing the community garden this year, by removing trees that shade plots, paint the shed, and replace parking stoppers. We also continue to learn the best ways to compost in Bandon to optimize yield. Finally, we continue to develop curriculum for our five-part series of educational classes, we have two courses left. We are excited for a successful year of garden beautification, education, community work, and of course, an abundant harvest!

Harmony Garden, Lakeside Community Garden

All garden beds have been rented. Received funds from Coos County Community Garden Association for funds to repair some of the raised beds. Mike has done one, 6 more to go. Current planting is getting off to very a slow start. In process of making signs for the garden. Left over plants from the plant sale are going to garden members, Lakeside Library visitors, North Bend Senior Center guests.

Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason: Things still pretty. Still openings in June. So check your calendars. Open dates are June 3, 6, 17 and 20th.

Fair Report: "Country Fans and Rodeo Stands" is the theme of this year's fair.

Plant Sale Committee Report for 2024 Tomato-Rama

Mike will co-chair next plant sale. We discussed different ways of making the plants less lopsided on the tomato side and providing more plants that people wanted but we didn't have. The total sales at the plant sale were \$3,665.00, expenses -\$775.25, the preliminary net was \$2,889.75. We may have some income and expenses that haven't been accounted for. 21 volunteers the first day. 30+ the second day. Dottie did an excellent job on labels. Thanks to Dottie and her husband. Tina will order 3 1/2" pots now for next year. We have some multi packs downstairs. We will be using for lettuce, kale, cabbage. They will be sold as a unit. Starting early comes in when we produce cuttings since we can no longer do divisions. We will be using clean soil and therefore following ODA rules. ODA is very particular about soil born organisms. Total plants grown 3093, plants donated 1091, plants sold 2002. Tomatoes grown 2033, 851 donated. Peppers 233 grown, 31 donated. 354 flowers grown, 82 donated. 92 squash grown, 23 donated. 123 herbs grown, 11 donated. We will be getting soil early. We will have soil available for starting cutting this fall. Discussed best soils to use. What we had this year was not good. Presale was suggested rather doing 2 days of sale.

Scholarship Committee: Closed this year.

School Garden Grants: No rep

Coos Bay Farmers Market: Got started May 1st. Farmers market this Wednesday. Saw over 100 people the first day. Booth moves every time to a different location. Everything is at the Chamber Office. Still have volunteer spots for farmers market booth.

Bandon Farmers Market: Starts 2nd Friday in June.

Oregon Master Gardeners Association-Mary Dixon Applications for grants are due. Due date is tomorrow. Joy of Gardening garden seminar is July 12 and 13. omga.org/joy-of-gardening-2024/. Can rent a dorm room for \$40 a day. Can go to website to get costs. \$80 if you get tickets before June 15th. After that it's \$100. Interesting article shared about killing slugs and improving soil <https://today.oregonstate.edu/news/used-appropriately-coffee-grounds-improve-soil-and-kill-slugs>

Sam's May Coordinator Report

Due to tomorrow are nominations for MG of the year and behind the scenes MG of the year. Fertilize Your Mind recap: Speaker/instructors fees \$1321.88, rental \$625, catering \$2500, audio visual \$700, gift bags \$285, Speaker gifts one as gifts to non profits. This donation of \$250 to Xerxes Society. Total expenses \$5670.68. Got grant from Coos Bay/North Bend Rotary that covers the cost of the rooms and audio visual. \$450 from registration fees. 94 attendees. Total reimbursements \$6875. We were in the black for the second year in a row.

ADJOURMENT: Respectfully submitted Gail Cassidy

Next meeting June 11th, 2024. Social time starts at 9:30, actual meeting starts at 10am.