

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

**October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

Joni Kamfonik	Val Berg
Mike Mueller	Tina Powers
Donna Leverage Campbell	Ed Powers
Lorna Schilling	Valerie Petersen
Caren Brewster	Lynn Jackson
Harold Wilson	Claudia Turner
Gail Cassidy	Mary Ann Babb
Mary Dixon	Kathy Creason
Laurie Wartnik	Barbara Negherbon
Billie Reeves	Cathe Barter
Mary Jo Audette	Dottie Tucker
Imogene McDonald	

**ADDITIONS:** Tina Powers brought Jimmy Nardello seeds and sour dough starter to share.

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

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Cartha Haworth, friend of Mary Jo Audette, from Spring Branch Texas

**MINUTES:** Move to accept minutes. Val Berg with Billie Reeves 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Mary Ann Babb:

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	<b>\$15,223.98</b>
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	
<i>Interest</i>	<b>0</b>
<i>Expenses CD back to the CD</i>	
<b><i>Ending balance September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023</i></b>	<b>\$15223.98</b>

***Current Savings CD balance Last Statement \$8,549.87  
interest rate is 3.75%***

**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 – 10/23***

*The garden is winding down, but some tomatoes, squash and beans are still going and there are beds with fall plants, radishes of different sizes, turnips, beets, carrots, broccoli, cabbages and more. Some gardeners have cleaned up their beds already. The rain has been a welcome relief and allowed us to do more clean up in the demo areas instead of just trying to keep things watered. We have appreciated*

*the few who have helped volunteer this season. We harvested 291 pounds of produce this last month for the Food Bank; cucumbers, kale, collards, onions, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, lettuce, zucchini and cabbages.*

*All gardeners have until Dec 1 to garden and then there will be a work party on December 2 to close the garden up for the season, it has been an excellent garden year. Applications for 2024 will be available Jan 3, 2024 on a first come, first serve basis. We are measuring beds right now to order lumber to redo the lower boxes where boards have been rotting, and will plan a couple of work parties starting in January for anyone interested in helping.*

*Happy Fall Everyone*

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

*October Garden report for Harvest Moon Garden in Coquille*

*Well fall is upon us. Most of the tomatoes are finishing up or are gone. Squash plants are gasping their last efforts.*

*Some Gardeners are closing down their beds for the year and we will plant a cool weather cover crop on as many as we can. I have 5 lbs. specifically for this but I have never done this so I don't know how far the seeds will go.*

*Some of us have put in fall crops. We have cabbage, spinach, swill chard, kale, lettuce, arugula, radishes and we put in green beans. They were put in places where we had peas, carrots and beets. We have gotten our first batch of beans to take to the food bank. Speaking of the food bank we have now donated 195 lbs. to the food bank. With more to come.*

*We are working up the cost to recreate three garden beds on the side by the church in hopes of getting a grant to help pay for it. We plan to use cement blocks to make the walls. They would be 16" high this year with hope to raise the walls another eight inches next year. We have had an increased interest in renting the beds this year. Especially after the Garden Tour put on by the Coquille Garden Club.*

*I am in the process of building a seed box that will be thermally protective. The shed is actually too hot for the best storage for them. We have felt that the heat has shortened the sprouting life in them.*

*Keep gardening.*

*Val Berg*

**Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> Ct., Bandon**

*All is growing well at the Bandon Garden, and we have some fabulous artwork happening. We had over 30 HS students working in the garden on September 29th! Well, half of them were weeding and trimming, and the rest were working on a mural for the garden. The art students have primed and are beginning to add color! Judy has posted a few pictures on FB for your viewing pleasure.*

*We are beginning to plan for 2024 and adding additional educational classes and events for our wonderful community. We will continue to work on the garden beautification projects and hope the HS artist will come back next year!*

*Cheers,*

*Susie Zohreh*

*Garden Manager and MG Cheerleader!*

**Harmony Garden, Lakeside Community Garden: Michael Mueller**

*Here is my compact garden report for. From the mature apple tree on the premises I have picked and donated 180 pounds of red apples to the Lakeside Food Bank. Also picked and bagged 8 quart bags of red cherry tomatoes for them too. Ten of the garden beds have been put to rest for the season, with 10 more to go.*

*Thanks again for all your help.*

*Mike Mueller*

*Harmony Garden Manager*

**Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason:**

*All times are 9 to Noon. Email me at [kfcreason@charter.net](mailto:kfcreason@charter.net) and I will put you on the schedule. Thanks for people that signed in October. Still have a few openings. Looking good for this month.*

**Sale Committee | 2024 Tomato-Rama**

*No new news to report this month.*

**Scholarship Committee:** *Closed this year.*

**School Garden Grants:** *No report*

**Coos Bay Farmers Market:** *Farmers markets are done. Last Coos Bay was on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Over all went very well. We had good flows of people through our booth, expressing interest for the training.*

**Bandon Farmers Market:** *October 6<sup>th</sup>, we had on average about 24 people which was better than last year. It was a good success. Lori Osborn did not get upset because of us missing September. Both markets went very well this year. Having the seeds and plants helped bring interest with the visitors.*

*People loved the plants from the Tomato Rama. We will donate any leftovers for next year.*

*WE will need to come up with a new place to store our equipment and tables. We need to brainstorm on this.*

**Coos County Fair:** *Nothing to report.*

**Oregon Master Gardeners Association** Lorna Schilling

*Next meeting is coming up November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pounds of produce and hours of plant clinic along with pictures will be presented to the OMGA in November.*

*The report is on the web site as it was rather lengthy.*

**Samantha's Comments:**

*Things for next year. Fertilize your mind on March 30<sup>th</sup>2024 as the April date was taken. Set up the night before and Mary Jo Audette will be our vendor contact person. We need keynote speaker and 8 more speakers. MFP have a class or two in the works. Any suggestions would be welcome.*

*Anthony M from OSU the bee guy would be a good speaker. Also the guy from Xerxes organization-pollinator guy. Also the Thyme Garden sisters? How about David from Seacoast Compost. Also perhaps a seed saving class, seeds and propagation. Lorna has an idea as well, Dr. Ross Batten, how plants produce color? Any other ideas are welcomed.*

*The tribe has Grants again and we will be going after another grant. Grant will be applied for AV equipment and other needs for us. Sam and Kathy will be putting together the grant. The tribe has a soft spot for the Master Gardeners group. The Mill Casino has helped us out with lower costs. Contracts have to go through PACS and then it goes back to the Tribe.*

*Pruning workshop February 17<sup>th</sup> at Kathy Creason's house. 10 am to 2 pm. Required for the trainees. Veterans can get Continuing Education hours.*

*January 11 starts and ends February 15<sup>th</sup> for classes. Green house at Dottie Tuckers in March. Trainees mandatory. Modules with hands on. 6 classes in building. Curry County lost their coordinator and asked Samantha to help their trainees. They are trying to get perhaps some MGs to cover the coordinator hours.*

*Branding for Master Gardeners. Newsletters discussed as monthly newsletter produced. Changes coming. Just a suggestions but perhaps we go to the monthly newsletter starting in January. Analytics would be shared to Samantha and can track them to see if we are being efficient at getting the information out there. Salesforce is the system and our 13 page newsletter does not fit. Some changes ahead. Mini newsletter benefits are many. It highlights what all that we do in Coos County. It extends the mission of the extension, so we can try this mini newsletter next year.*

*Samantha has verified all hours that have been recorded so far, so get your hours in by November 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have yet to do this.*

*Samantha has nine trainees that have tracked and logged in their hours. Much improved. WE started with 19 and hoping to certify 10 so over 50%.*

*School garden grants: New buddy bench success. Myrtle Crest Elementary School Students. Chelsey Mitchell 6<sup>th</sup> grade and her group.*

*SWOCC and North Bay have also grants and needs. WE need to touch base with them to see where they are going with their grants. If you work with them you will need a back ground check due to working with school aged kids. We will be checking to see how they are doing North Bay Elementary School located in Huerfano.*

*Logo debate continued: Blue shirt is not mandatory, and logo is still being debated. Lorna showed us theirs up in Multnomah. The logo is nice as a starting point. If we make a patch, we can sew them on shirts, windbreakers, and hats-Idea from Mike. Donna suggested we have the parameters on size and shape for our logo. Maybe have a local school design a logo. Much discussion on the logo.*

*5 days to get suggestions in for logo to Claudia Turner. [Rivertonblondie66@gmail.com](mailto:Rivertonblondie66@gmail.com). Three week window. Then we can vote on this in November..*

*Lyons Club demo was cancelled due to covid.*

### ***Election time: Nominations are open***

#### ***Nominees as follows.***

*President: Lorna Schilling*

*VP: Tina Powers*

*Treasurer: Mary Jo Audette*

*Secretary: Val Petersen*

*Poly tunnel Greenhouse at next meeting. High growing tunnels. Look on the internet for education.*

*ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned 11: 46 am*

*NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 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*