

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

September 12th, 2023
OSU Extension Services
Myrtle Point, Oregon

Joni Kamfonik	Val Berg
Mike Mueller	Tina Powers
Donna Leverage Campbell	Ed Powers
Charmane Mitchell	Lorna Schilling
Caren Brewster	Lynda Cole
Harold Wilson	Claudia Turner
Gail Peck	Mary Ann Babb
Mary Dixon	Kathy Creason
Laurie Wartnik	Barbara Negherbon
Sheila Pointer	Billie Reeves
Mary Jo Audette	Jessie Milligan
Imogene McDonald	Dottie Tucker
Cathe Barter	

ADDITIONS::

Mary Dixon has geraniums to give away and Claudia has wasabi radish seeds to give away. Great harvests this year.

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

INTRODUCTIONS: none

MINUTES: Mary Dixon motioned to accept minutes from June Meeting. Val Berg made the 2nd and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mary Ann Babb:

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	15,079.90
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	205.50 8438.58
<i>Interest</i>	0
<i>Expenses CD back to the CD</i>	8500.00
<i>Ending balance August 31, 2023</i>	<i>\$15,223.98</i>

Current Savings CD balance Last Statement \$8,524.04
interest rate is 3.75%

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

Lady Bug Landing Garden Report – 9/23

The garden is still doing great. The gardeners have had a great garden season this year, powdery mildew is just starting to raise its head on squash plants after the much-needed rain we had. Some gardeners have put in more fall-oriented plants to extend their season. The onions and potatoes were harvested from the demo beds and a Buckwheat summer cover crop was put in to help the soil for the last couple months. The annual cut flower bed has been enjoyed by all. Bindweed is of course trying to take over the raspberries and front perennial bed and will now be the focus for the volunteers as we start to do some fall clean up. Check out the SCCGA Facebook page and see what is going on in some of the gardens. The demo gardens have provided quite a bit of food to the Food bank this month, 287 pounds; tomatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, cabbage, broccoli, zucchini & cauliflower, have been donated. Everyone enjoy the Fall that is right around the corner.

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

<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org>

Coquille Harvest Moon Garden Report September 2023

Submitted by Val Berg

Well as Fall is pretty much here, we have been sequential planting in our gardens. As the peas finished, we have planted pole beans to use the same trellises. Our gardener that was doing a square foot garden plan, replaced several squares of spring plants with bush beans. We planted lettuce, endive and radishes where the beets were growing. Cabbages were planted where broccoli was before. Although the days are a bit shorter and cooler, we are still getting tomatoes, squash and broccolini. The Tomatillos are ripening. Our potato crop was very poor so researching 153 lbs. of produce donated to the food bank. More before growing season. Adding beds, possibly concrete blocks.

Ray

President, Coquille Harvest Moon Garden

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

*The garden is going well even though it's clear we are moving towards the end of the season. We donated for the first time this year to Bandon Good Neighbors on September 4th. YTD we have donated 397lbs, with special thanks to a local farmer that is helping us to meet last year's numbers with her beautiful, **heavy** tomatoes, cucumbers, and apples. 😊*

On September 29th, we will welcome 15 HS students to the garden to complete their community service hours. We will ensure they learn, work, and most importantly enjoy the experience! These students are the future gardeners, so we have an obligation to inspire them to experience the joy of gardening.

We continue to work with the community/sponsors to enhance the look and feel of the garden, while optimizing it's usage. We all feel blessed to play a small part of this incredible community.

Cheers, Susie Zohreh

Lakeside Community Garden: Michael Mueller

The garden is doing well. The city came and cleaned up the picket fence in the front of the garden and now we can see the garden from the street. Giving away sun golds to the senior citizens for their

lunches, and giving cucumbers to the library give away. The Apples will be going to the food bank tomorrow.

Thanks,

Mike Mueller

President

Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason:

All times are 9 to Noon. Email me at kfcreason@charter.net and I will put you on the schedule. Thanks to all for all the volunteers. There are openings in October so sign up. Also check out the how to's when in public for the farmers market. It is a great training information for how we are preserved in the public. It educates the does and don'ts at the market and such. Dressing appropriately is key and we always have to look our best.

Sale Committee / 2022 Tomato-Rama

No new news to report this month.

Scholarship Committee: *Closed this year.*

School Garden Grants: *No report*

Coos Bay Farmers Market: We had an issue a couple of weeks back to please follow the instructions for when you work at the farmers market. Please follow the list of how-to information for you in the binder. Sam did not update for this year, but it is now updated. Only one left for this year-October. 9 to 2 pm. ***Please try to get the most information, especially the phone numbers and e-mail so we can contact the client.*** The markets went very well this year. We had an excellent response but again, we need those phone numbers and e-mails, addresses so the paperwork is complete. *The plant clinic has had a few interesting problems and a couple donations of insects and spiders.*

In the last half of May it was very cold in our area, but summer arrived and it has been a very productive season at the community

Bandon Farmers Market: *Only one left for the Bandon Farmers market and only a couple of spots left so sign up. 10 to 3 pm*

Coos County Fair: Fair went well this year. *We have staffed a booth at the Coos Bay Farmer's Market weekly and the Bandon Farmer's Market monthly. There was initial trouble getting volunteers for Bandon, but the slots were filled, people came and were given gardening advice. gardens and in our area. This year is an extremely good year for apples, pears and peaches in our area. We had a very busy table at the Coos County Fair.*

Oregon Master Gardeners Association *Lorna Schilling Meeting was on Friday. Coos County Master Douglas County has fall classes instead of January, and that way they can get in more hands on training. We were told about the open position and statewide position. Two people applied and oit closes on the 12th. Metro will be offering someone a position. Two out of the three were very good. Lynn Benton has 3 interview coming up as well. Talk about the insurance for the organizations. Looking at Umbrella insurance and would be a partner in the general association. As a county chapter we would pay into that to save up some money thru the OMG. Sounds good.*

Respectfully Submitted Lorna Schilling



OSU Advocacy Task Force Final Report.

This report summarizes the work of the Advocacy Task Force during the past 12 months (August 2022 – August 2023)

The Problem – 4 Vacant MG Program Positions in 5 Counties

☞ August 2022 -- Concern for unfilled vacancies in Benton/Linn, Clatsop, Tillamook, and Douglas counties prompted the formation of the OMGA Advocacy Task Force

What We Did

☞ August/September 2022 - We met with Dr. Lyles and he promised to add 3 MG Program positions IF Extension gets a good level of State of Oregon funding, OMGA mobilized to provide advocacy during the 2023 legislative session.

☞ October/November/December – We got organized and got trained from OSU Government Relations and OSU Extension Administration

☞ We developed advocacy tools and shared them with OMGA members through several means including content on the OMGA Website <https://omga.org/advocacy/>

☞ Task Force members engaged chapter leadership and membership in advocacy.

What We Gained

☞ Our advocacy led to Benton/Linn, Clatsop, Tillamook, and Douglas counties receiving temporary measures ranging from limited time positions to augmented Extension staff positions to support MG training and other activities.

☞ Filling MG positions became among Dr. Lyles' top priorities. See his comments from May 2023, referenced in the second quarterly report.

☞ OSU Statewide Public Service Programs were funded by the Oregon Legislature above the Continuing Service Level for 2023-2025.

☞ Four MG Program positions will be filled with hiring processes underway, per Dr. Sam Angima's email of June 2023.

☞ Sherry Sheng emailed request for MG representatives involvement in the hiring process for these positions. Dr. Sam Angima and Brooke Edmunds both agreed.

☞ MGs proved we can be a strong, formidable force in advocacy. See comments from Senator Sarah Gelser in 2 nd quarter report.

Thank You to Task Force Members Representing 23 Counties

Brenda Bye, Judith Kenner (Benton), Barbara Epidendio, Laura Eyer, Sherry Sheng (Clackamas), Len Sherp (Clatsop), Tina Powers (Coos), Chris Miao, Pat Kolling, Shirley Jaynes (Deschutes, Crook), Linnie O'Flanagan-Gore (Curry), Toni Rudolph (Douglas), Beth Flake (Hood River), Sherill Morgan (Jackson), Georgia Moulton (Josephine), Pat Kolbet, Sarah Malaby (Klamath), Leigh Reider, Sharon Roberts (Lane), Laura Strom, Stormi Dykes (Lincoln), Karin Magnuson (Linn), Dale Marande (Marion), Rich Becker, Jack Lazareck (Multnomah), Becky Jay (Polk), Neal Lemery (Tillamook), Cary Wasem-Varela (Umatilla), Marilyn Richardson (Wasco), Karen Graham, Leslie Ray (Washington)

Samantha's Comments: I have a thank you note from North Bay elementary. Seed bomb booth was a hit for the students and the community. Want you to come back so keep that in mind. Note was from a third-grade student. Another letter from Edward. Would like two visits for information on winter vegetable production. An opportunity for volunteer hours. 15 students. A chance to go out and inspire with our garden expertise. Let Samantha know. Tuesdays in October.

Question about drip systems. We would like someone to give a class on drip systems.

Long overdue but we have some logo's for all of you to look at for our logo. Please pass around and look at them, mark your three favorites with a tally mark.

End of reporting period. If you need help, reset it on line and update. Remember the e-mail that you used. Ending date October 31st. 2023. Deadline to submit by November 14.

"Fertilize your mind" at the Casino hopefully April 6th, 2024. First Saturday. They have not gotten back to Sam, so she will follow up.

Curry county is soon to be without a master gardener coordinator again so Sam will be covering for them until a new coordinator is hired.

The statewide person for statewide coordinator will be hired for 100% extension, and not a teaching position. There is now a second search due to the last search failing.

Sam will be taking some personal time over the next few weeks.

Claudia Turner was out at Dragonfly Farms. They tried to give a class on vermiculture and only had a couple of students. They will be taking the next year off and regroup. Perhaps we could collaborate with them to do a plant clinic in the summer to help them. Curry has done this in the past. But most people came from Coos County. WE have talked to them in the past but need to see if we are interested and able.

Question: Do we have any restrictions, only if it is an exclusive program. Must be open to all. If event it opens to public and master gardeners are not paid so should be ok.

Continuing education should be OSU Edu. not joe blow on the YouTube. Make sure its relevant and actual educational not commercial or rebel..yada yada.

If you have a question about hours, run it by Samantha first.

We will need new officers for November's meeting. We need to get a new executive board. So think of becoming an officer. It is a nice way to get your volunteer hours and it contributes so much.

WE are there to empower our constituents to learn to do their own yards and work, as master gardeners we are not there to do their yardwork.

How do we transmit best practices for things such as how to handle samples of SOD or other transmittable plant diseases. We need to tell people to bring samples in plastic bags, keep cool so that the samples are fresher, and safer for our volunteers.

Next month should be how to handle your garden tools for the winter.

Question: Does OSU or ODA have a way to waver the fee if a plant was viewed as a potential damaging plant to impact the county or state such as SOD.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned 11:20 am

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 10th, 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

