

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

**June 11, 2024**

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

Audette, Mary Jo

Barker, Cathe

Brongil, Jennifer

Dixon, Mary

Graves, Linda

Jones, Janet

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Mueller, Mike

Peck, Gail

Powers, Edward

Reeves, Billie

Tucker, Dottie

Wartnik, Laurie

Babb, Mary Ann

Berg, Val

Creason, Kathy

Ferre, Norma

Jones, Jeff/Muddy

Kamfonik, Joni

Long, Pam

Metzger, Ron

Negherbon, Barbara

Pointer, Sheila

Powers, Tina

Schilling, Lorna

Turner, Claudia

Wilson, Howard

**ADDITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Meeting called to order by Lorna Schillings. Mini college is July 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. Mary Dixon, Lorna Schillings, Robbie is going, and we will let you know about it and if you are interested contact Lorna, Poster is available. They only have a 130 people registered and this seems light. Joy of Gardening Poster is viewable online. They have good speakers, and it is in Corvallis at OSU. Mary will be taking the plant sale seminar. She will be taking good notes. They have tours and good speakers.

Lorna Schilling has also been appointed a judge for the Rose Society competition on June 22 from 1 TO 3 PM, at the Oaks Pavilion at the CC Fairgrounds.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** None

**MINUTES:** Val Berg moved to accept minutes with Claudia Turner and Mary Jo Audette tied for seconded.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** MaryJo Audette

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	<b>\$7,603.29</b>
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fund raisers, grants, and donations.)</i>	<b>4,620.00</b>
<i>Interest</i>	
<i>Expenses</i>	<b>577.19</b>
<b><i>Ending balance May 31, 2024</i></b>	<b><i>\$11,286.10</i></b>

***Current Savings CD balance Last Statement***  
***\$10,046.22***

Treasurers report approved unanimously.

*Expenses plant sale \$775.25 For plant stakes, labels, soil, misc. No containers, so next year Plant sale profit of \$2941.*

*In the past, it used to be a 3-day sale circus. Many quit due to the amount of work, and the amount of unhappy gardeners. We lost our focus as to why folks left. Prices will go up next year and have a bigger variety so it should be a much more meaningful plant sale.*

#### **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 06/24***

*The garden is growing rapidly, with a good long drink of rain, then sun, the plants leaped out of the ground. We did have a run of flea beetles, but the plants won that battle, luckily the insects are short lived, just causing minor little holes in leaves of tomatoes, potatoes, arugula, eggplants and more. Lady Bug Landing is off to a great garden start.*

*So far, we have donated 41 pounds of lettuce to the Food Bank from the demo beds, which are all planted for now. Beans, both pole and bush, lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, potatoes, onions, shallots, summer squash, tomatoes, pepper and eggplant and cucumbers. We are trying some climbing zucchini that is sold from Renee's Garden Seeds, that a gardener grew last year, and they did very well. There are sweet peas & annual flowers for gardeners to pick to take home small bouquets.*

*Cindy, a gardener and a couple gardener/teachers from Blossom Gulch came for an hour one day to learn about worm compost. The kids had a fabulous time.*

*Looking forward to another great garden season. We have appreciated MG's Jodi and Eric coming to help at the garden sometimes too.*

*Enjoy summer is right around the corner!*

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

**<http://www.coquillecommunitygarden.org> 02/24**

*Things are looking up for us. All the beds are planted except for one, and she has been out of town for several weeks. She will be getting her garden is soon as she returned yesterday. The garbage company has decided to pick up the garbage dumpster as needed for free, and has done so two times now. We have new neighbors next door, as the house has been sold. Very nice people. The father is having the tree that shadows the garden taken out. The feel it is a danger to the house also. They will be putting up a retaining wall at the back of their property once they have removed the blackberries. This will help us to keep that fence clear of weeds.*

*We are putting up a suggestion, complaint and wild ideas box in the garden shed. We still have some tomato plants after the gardeners took what they wanted and we are placing them for free to good homes at the library.*

*We are having real problems with the sparrow. They think we planted them a lunch bar. As the seeds sprout, they swoop in and pull them up and eat them. We are netting our gardens until the plants are big enough to hold their own. Thursday, we hope to install a new President. We will also discuss the building of the three beds on the side.*

*Respectfully, Val Berg, Treasurer*

**Good Earth Community Garden | at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> Ct., Bandon  
6/24 Garden Report**

*Here you go: Let the sun shine! The garden is doing well and looking loved! We have been busy little bees, we removed 7 trees that were blocking sunshine from the plots, removed old dangerous railroad ties that were used as parking stops and replaced with safe, long lasting professional parking stops, we have learned how to optimize our composting (special thanks to Tina and Renee) and getting ready for our fourth gardening well-being class on June 15, with the final class of the series in July. To continue to add to the garden presentation, The Rotary Club will be painting the shed in June, and we are thrilled to have a community that collaborates with the garden. We are truly a Community Garden, a Garden for the Community! We will continue to enhance our community building mission with individuals, schools, and local businesses. 🌻*

*We are excited for a successful year of garden beautification, education, community work, and of course, an abundant harvest!*

*p.s. Mom is doing good, and turning 89 on Flag day! 🥰🎆*

*p.s.s. Here is my grandson Zain and his new Oregon friend to bring a smile to your day! 😊*

*Happy June!*

*Cheers,*

*Susie Zohreh*

*MG Cheerleader and Bandon Good Earth Manager*

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

*Greetings to All,*

*We have received our shipment of corrugated metal panels and other inventory for the raised bed repairs. Will start on this project very soon. The garden beds are filled with lots of vegetables. There is an occasional snail but we have most of that problem under control. We also get an occasional Crow visiting, but there is really nothing for them to eat yet. (Hopefully Never). The massive growth of grass & weeds is winding down now, since the dry rain cycle has started. Our MG Trainee Eric is working on making a couple of Laser engraved signs on wood. And I have ordered two signs to replace the worn out/damaged signs that mention to the non-members about picking produce that does not belong to them. Should have them by Thursday.*

**Plant Clinic:** *Kathy Creason: It is going smoothly spots filled with few left in July. August is open. Voice mail glitch so Sam explained how to get the messages. Play the actual voice mail., don't read the transcription as they are glitchy.*

*Agi questions go to Cassie. When in doubt refer to Samantha.*

### **Sale Committee | 2024 Tomato-Rama**

*WE made about \$1000 more than last year. It was a successful sale and we look forward to expanding on our selections of plants to include a more diverse selection of vegetables (too many tomatoes) With that said, we are here for the community, and we are deliberately keeping it the size, so that we address the needs of the community.*

*We are supposed to have the room remodeled by end of June 2024. This will give us a little more room. Barbara requested that we plant different plants-dahlias by seed, house plants, berries, etc.*

*Soil is available now for those of you that want to start earlier cuttings and long growing plants. We also have the 3 ¾ inch pots (only a few right now) and 4 packs for your use available. We will be purchasing 10 by 20s as we get closer to next year, along with 10 cases of the 3 ¾ inch square cell pots. About 4,500 of these. We have 48 bags of Rexius product so that should put us ahead for next year.*

*WE would request that you send what you would like to plant to Tina Powers or Samantha Clayborn as she will be handling the spread sheet, so we have an idea what is being grown. The information is on*

*the blog, so check it out. Way less tomatoes and more other plants please. Try to be specific what you plan on growing, type, variety, etc. example pink hydrangea 12 plants. Prices will be going up. \$3.00 for veg/tomatoes, 4 and 5 for house plants, multiple cell plants, etc.*

*WE are requesting that you not only plant tomatoes, but for 2025 to branch out into other vegetables, greens such as lettuces, kale, cabbage be started in the 4 packs, and cuttings in the ½ gal. or 1 gal. round pots. We would like a selection of house plants from those that grow these and would like to see them presented as there was a request for these. Some favorites, dahlias propagated with seed, African Violets, Aloe vera, cacti, perennial flowers that bloom in the spring and summer such as echinacea, annuals such as calendula, Oregon natives such as checker mallow and Oregon grape. Berries went fast so cuttings of these are popular. Remember, nothing dug up will be acceptable due to the possibility of pest contaminated soil so use the bagged soil provide. Check the invasive list to make sure we don't plant an invasive type of plant.*

*Remember, whatever you take, put your name on the sign-out sheet in the basement next to the soil bags.*

*There will be a mini class within the veg class or at a meeting for new trainees. Time will be set aside for all new students.*

**School Garden Grants Committee:** *Schools received scholarships this year. Powers school district received \$959.92, Myrtle Crest got \$1360.17 and Maple School got \$820. went over 147.41. Robbie got the "send a friend" Scholarship as well.*

**Coos County Fair:** *All is good to go. July 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> 2024. Samantha will be out of the office all of August. Passes to get in. Free parking up hill. 4 H scholarship for the fair. Voted on and unanimous.*

**Coos Bay Farmers Market:** Same spot as last year. Going well. Full swing, Booth set up is smooth after a rocky start due to chamber folks did not unlock the door. Got set up and it was windy but worked well. Thank you to Mike Mueller for the set up. We need newcomers' packets. Mike gave out the last of the tomatoes. It was noticed that there were a couple of folks selling plants and perhaps need to let the Market manager knows that they need a temporary nursery license so that invasive plants or contaminated plants are not sold.

We might get a key to open the chamber office to get our equipment out.

**Bandon Farmers Market:** Started this Friday. Samantha will be there to help set up the booth. We will see how it goes this year. We will be outside.

**Oregon Master Gardeners Association** No meeting so far, so meeting is next Friday and Will report back next meeting. Hit or miss from OSU. They are revisiting seed to supper and revising it. 19 are involved in it. Looking for ways to get into the communities. Talk does not transfer into action so far. University is not doing anything at this point. They were involved before. OSU is in charge, but not seen. Seed to supper was supposed to be for the blue-collar communities. The MG's were taking the program. Should be serving the community, but so far not doing what was envisioned. Food banks gave up the seed to supper program. They dropped the program. Some people want to participate. We shall see. OSU decided that they have a new volunteer system, to background on Every volunteer. Sam mentioned that if you hear this, come to her. Sam will let us know what's what is. Pilot programs being discussed. We have to do a background check for when we go to school. The rest is in discussion. Nothing definitive at this time. Growing and Belonging Task force is going nowhere either. WE should be reaching out but so far no direction. Coos County 's logo is not on the OMGA website, so we should put ours up there.

The volunteer website will be encompassing every thing volunteer. MG, MFP etc, will all be in this program. Changes are coming but not in play as yet. OMGA newsletter is out on line.

Josephine Extension has been de-funded. Commissioners decided to defund them, all of the programs- Grants Pass. Due to 4 H becoming "Woke" OSU "woke". OSU is in talks with them so we shall see. Its sad as they have had a lot of positive things-green house, gardens. Etc.

Check our by laws to avoid this.

OMG website revamped to make it easier to use and read.

### ***Samantha's Comments***

*School Garden Grants is not the Scholarship committee. School Garden Grants monies will be going to Maple which is turning into Junior High. They will be making benches and flower beds to beautify the area.*

*Powers remodeled their school, and they have an area so they are building corrugated beds like at the extension and building them at the school.*

*Myrtle Crest has a greenhouse and Chelsea Marshall showed the committee what they will be doing with the money. Sam had pictures to show.*

*Sam's schedule is crowded so there will be some meeting movement.*

*July will be action packed. Fair week is from July 23 to 27. See the blog calendar.*

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

**NEXT MEETING:** July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at OSU Extension at the training session. Respectfully submitted by:  
Tina Powers