

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA), 2024
OSU Extension Services
Myrtle Point, Oregon
August 20, 2024

Master Gardeners Present:

Mary Jo Audette, MG, Mary Ann Babb, MG, Jennifer Brongil, T, Gail Cassidy, MG, Kathy Creason, MG, Mary Dixon, MG, Jeff Jones and Muddy, T, Janet Jones, T, Valerie Peterson, MG, Lorna Schilling, MG, Eric Sydnes, T, Claudia Turner, MG
Online: Caren Brewster, MG, Tamra Hunt-Ferre, MG, Donna Leveridge- Campbell, MG, Charmane Mitchell, MG, Barbara Negherbon, T, Gail Peck, MG, Sheila Pointer, MG, Ed Powers, MG, Tina Powers, MG, Laurie Wartnik, MG

ADDITIONS: None

Meeting called to order by Lorna Schilling.

INTRODUCTIONS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trainees need to pay \$5 dues if you want to stay in CCMGA.

Mary Jo will not be here in September.

MINUTES: Motion to approve and seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryJo Audette

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	\$10,019.85
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fundraisers, Grants, and donations)</i>	\$843.52
<i>Expenses</i>	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$10863.37
	.

CD balance \$10,110.64

COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Lady Bug Landing: Lady Bug Landing is looking fabulous, amazing at how much produce is happening right now. Some things are finishing up and some people are replanting for fall; beets, radishes, turnips, lettuce, brassicas, carrots, bok choy, arugula, kohlrabi.... There is some powdery mildew happening on the squashes and cucumbers, and some cabbage caterpillars, Bt will help with those. Tomatoes are coming on slowly, and the raspberries on the outside of the garden are really starting to ripen, it is fun to see people walking by nibbling on the berries. The demo beds have been pumping out the produce, been picking lots of summer squash, cucumbers, beans, potatoes, onions, lettuce, broccoli, cabbage and some tomatoes for the Food Bank. We have taken 260.5 pounds of produce to the Food Bank the last month for a total so far of 402.5 pounds for 2024. We have planted the last of the brassicas and lettuce this last week and will start planting a cover crop of buckwheat as the other areas empty for the season. Trying to keep up with the bindweed in the raspberries so people can pick and in the front flower beds, always a challenge. It has been a great garden season again and you can start to smell fall in the air.

Good Earth Community Garden: We had a fabulous July at the garden! We have completed our wellbeing & educational courses. We are busy harvesting, and sowing new seeds for a second harvest. We had a classroom of children visit the garden and learn about gardening, insects, and they left us some magical chalk art! Finally, we had another wonderful garden party for our community! We collaborated with our community to offer food, music, and a silent auction! Thank you all for your support! Cheers, Susie Zohreh

Coquille Harvest Moon Garden: Harvest Moon Community Garden Update- Aug 2024
The garden is in full swing. We harvested 45 lbs of food for our local food bank this past July. Currently squash, beans, tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers are in full production. If any of the gardeners have too much produce to process, they are donating to the local food bank. Val and I are at the garden every Monday between 12 and 2 collecting for our weekly delivery. This is also a great time to have any questions you have about the garden answered. We have been having increased pest pressure and continue to develop sustainable practices for control, including weekly treatment of plants for powdery mildew control and placement of rodent traps. We are planning another garden party for Aug. 31. This event will focus on organizing the garden, removing weeds, and spreading wood chips to ensure our garden is in prime condition. We are currently planning and pricing to refacing and/or replacing our garden beds which are in disrepair. We wish to thank Mike Mueller for sharing his information on cost and materials used on the Lakeside community garden.

We have added a small area for gardeners to visit and take a needed break from the sun, with an umbrella and small cafe table with chairs in front of the garden shed. Thank you, gardeners, for a great 2024 season so far and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Kelley Quinn

Harmony Garden, Lakeside Community Garden

No report.

Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason: Okay to tell people that we need to wait until something flowers or metamorphosizes before we can get an answer. A plant was identified as Yellow Rattle which apparently parasitizes the roots of other plants. So before recommending a natural alternative to grass be sure to check the OSU website to make sure the plant is not an invasive species. September is wide open. No one has signed up.

Fair Report: The floral display in with us worked very well as well as land products and MFP. We saw 588 people thru our Master Garden booth.

Plant Sale Committee 2024: We have soil for people to beginning planting now. Will have pots available including 1 gallon. Feedback from fair manager that there was no problem within our building.

School Garden Grants: No report

Coos Bay Farmers Market: One month left. Two openings for tomorrow's market.

Bandon Farmers Market: Two months left.

Think of Farmers Market as information gathering and promoting Master Gardeners. Try and get an email or phone number to follow up. Also giving people a book mark gives them the information needed to contact the plant clinic if they refuse to share email or phone number.

Oregon Master Gardeners Association-Mary Dixon

Mary gave a report on the Joy of Gardening seminar. Trying to revive the Seed to Supper Plan. Looking into other ways to get people to volunteer. Looking for ways to educate people. Spoke about pollinators that are single species as opposed to honey bees. James Cassidy's soil seminar was very interesting. Clay soil is very mineral rich. Climate change was another module. Attended another one on underused ornamental landscape plants. Many of these plants require no care. After hours discussion. Every county runs their plant clinic differently. ZeroTol is a new Bio Safe product that ODA approves. It apparently works on Phytopthera and other soil born organisms. This is a soil drench. It's a combination of vinegar and hydrogen peroxide. Sam will be checking with Leslie to verify this is legitimate.

SPP, Solve Pest Problems is a new site on the OSU website that will be highly accessible. Next session was Best Practices for Plant Sales. Everybody does it differently. Too much information to discuss it. Last class was starting tomatoes and peppers. 75% of peppers cross pollinate. Tomatoes on the other hand pollinate before the flowers open. Website, Gravens Gardens in Sutherland. Saving seed from peppers isn't viable since they cross. Tomato seed can be saved.

Sam's July Coordinators Report

Josephine County is losing their extension service because of the county commissioners declining to use tax district service funds for Extension.

Discussed making training more accessible to more people.

Mike Mueller is Coos County Master Gardener of the year. Dottie Tucker is the Coos County Behind the Scenes awardee this year. Donna Leveridge-Campbell is the Coos County Growing and Belonging awardee this year.

ADJOURMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:15. Respectfully submitted Gail Cassidy

Next meeting September 10, 2024. Social time starts at 9:30, actual meeting starts at 10am.