

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA), 2024

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

October 8, 2024

Master Gardeners

Veterans: Mary Jo Audette, Mary Ann Babb (O), Cathe Barter, Val Berg, Caren Brewster, Gail Cassidy, Kathy Creason, Mary Dixon, Donna Leveridge-Campbell (O), Jessie Milligan, Mike Mueller, Ed Powers, Tina Powers, Billie Reeves, Lorna Schilling, Dottie Tucker, Claudia Turner, Howard Wilson, Susan Zohreh (O) Trainees: Norma Ferre, Barbara Negerbon (O), Robbie Palzer, Eric Sydnese

ADDITIONS: None

Meeting called to order by Lorna Schilling.

INTRODUCTIONS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MINUTES:

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>	\$0.00
<i>Expenses</i>	-1215.90
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$9009.47

CD balance: \$10,175.48

Mary Jo presented the Coos County Master Gardener Assoc 2024 Adopted Budget and the proposed 2025 budget. Suggestions were made for the 2025 budget. Mary Jo will send out another proposed budget before next month's meeting. Funds comparison over past 4 years. Mary Jo brought up concern for our funds are going down. We have been using our reserves. Increase in prices and more diversity in plants that are available for sale should help.

2025 dues will be due in November, they are \$15.

Lady Bug Landing Garden Report 10/24

The garden is starting to wind down at Lady Bug Landing. We had Tomato Blight go through the garden the end of last week and so all the gardeners are removing their plants, it is always sad to see all those dead tomato plants. There are still gardens that have some fall veggies but with the tomatoes being removed a lot of beds are done for the season. The garden closes on December 1 for the year and we will do a work party the first Saturday in December, we clean up and put lime on all the beds. Gardeners are responsible for cleaning their own plots and putting a light dressing of straw on. Lady Bug Landing will start taking applications again January 3. The demo beds have produced a lot of food to the Food Bank, 890 pounds so far this season. The demo beds that have finished have had a cover crop of Buckwheat put on them with helps bring phosphorous into the soil, we will be turning some of that in this week as it starts to flower. It has been another good garden year. Happy Fall

Good Earth Community Garden

The garden is beginning to wind down with the exception of squashes, lettuces, and onions that are still flourishing. We had so much fun in the Cranberry Parade, and earned 2nd place!! We were fluttering around as butterflies and bees with the float! 🦋🐝 The HS students did their community service at the garden in September, which was lots of fun and allowed us to cancel our October work party since the kids did such a great job!! We will be replacing our fence soon at the garden, and will continue caring for the garden in a sustainable manner. As 2025 is right around the corner, the Board is beginning to plan and update our 2025 season, which will be the best year yet! Hope everyone has a fabulous Halloween! Thank you all for your support! Cheers, Susie Zohreh

Coquille Harvest Moon Garden

The garden is winding down. Taking out plants. Most everyone has been doing a good job of taking care of their beds. Received a grant for \$901. Ordered through Lowe's. Used the grant to replace beds. Got brick for front bed that will be used for an herb and pollinator bed. Now have more beds for the food bank and more beds to rent. So far this year, the garden has donated 310 pounds of food. Put in more beets, lettuce and green beans. Putting in buckwheat for cover crop. Went up to see Mike's bed. Getting a new dumpster provided by the refuse company. Val Berg

Harmony Garden Report

The production of vegetables from all of the beds is definitely winding down. Half of the garden beds have already been put to rest for the season. We have had Carl, an MG with Douglas County living in Reedsport and needing volunteer hours for the year. He has visited the garden twice now and helping with jobs that been put on a waiting list He has done excellent work for us and we hope to have him back again. We had a massive attack of "Late Blight". The Blight was able to sneak in undiscovered and spread very fast. The Blight managed to destroy tomato plant in 10 of the raised garden beds. The affected gardeners lost lots of tomatoes. Something to keep and eye on next year. The garden has been donating tomatoes and cucumbers to the Lakeside Library and north Bend Senior Center. Mike Mueller

Plant Clinic: Kathy Creason: Volunteers are still needed for the plant clinic in October. The last day is October 31st

Fair Report: No report.

Plant Sale Committee 2024: For those that are planning to start early propagating in the near future there is dirt downstairs. Tina has ordered 8 cases of 3 1/2" pots and 100 or 120 trays. Think about starting early and consider starting a variety of plants.

School Garden Grants: No report

Coos Bay Farmers Market: Sam has requested we be located in the same side street so people know where we're located. Still having good visitation. May need to find a new space for our stuff. Will see next year.

Bandon Farmers Market: Bandon farmers market is finished for the year. Having some problems with not having a spot for the last two markets so Sam will need to revisit this with Lori who is in charge of the Bandon Farmers Market.

Oregon Master Gardeners Association-Mary Dixon

She does not know who read the OMGA monthly newsletter. It would be good for the Plant Sale Committee to read it because that is what the newsletter is about. There is much difference between counties as to pricing and who actually starts the plants. Some commercial growers start the plants.

Sam's September Coordinators Report

Need to get hours online by November 15th. Sam passed out two forms that need to be filled out for all volunteers. The conditions of volunteer service form is a form that needs to be filled out annually. The criminal history check is for volunteers that may come into contact with youth while volunteering so new this year, all volunteers will need to fill one out. They are good for two years.

ADJOURNMENT: Respectfully submitted Gail Cassidy

Next meeting November 12, 2024. Social time starts at 9:30, actual meeting starts at 10am.