

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA), 2025

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

April 8, 2025

Master Gardeners

Mary Jo Audette, Mary Ann Babb, Kathe Barter, Val Berg, Gretchen Blanchard (T) , Caren Brewster, Jennifer Brongil, Gail Cassidy, Kathy Creason, Mary Dixon, Linda Graves, Jeff Jones and Muddy, Janet Jones, Imogene Mc Donald, Jessie Milligan, Robbie Palzer, Jessica Pancoast (T), Ed Powers, Tina Powers, Billie Reeves, Fran Smith (T), Eric Sydnes, Dottie Tucker, Claudia Turner, Valeries Verkerke (T), Laurie Wartnik, Howard Wilson

Zoom

Donna Leveridge-Campbell, Norma Ferre, Gayle Holmlund(T), Jeff Medlin (T), Lynn Menashian (T), Ron Metzger, Mike Mueller, Gail Peck, Susan Zohreh

Meeting called to order by Tina Powers

ADDITIONS: None

INTRODUCTIONS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There are 4 tee shirts left. One size XL and three size L. David Boyer of SeaCoast Compost has offered to give a tour. No date is set yet. OMGA cards are available.

MINUTES: Val Berg motioned, Ed Powers seconded, minutes are approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Jo Audette

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	8996.17
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fundraisers, Grants, and donations)</i>	\$286.00
<i>Expense</i>	-\$200.00
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$9082.17

CD balance: \$10,371.41

Our CD is due for renewal on April 18th. Looking for better fee rates. Some suggestions were given.

Bandon Good Earth Community Garden: The garden is looking great, and drumroll please, we are full already!!! I believe this is the first year since the garden has been open (2010) that it is full in March. Our gardeners are enthusiastic and ready to start being a part of the community garden. One of our new gardeners worked with the community and bought the garden a bunch of new tools! We will be having our first 2025 work party on Saturday, so it will be fun for the new gardeners to begin bonding with our tenured gardeners. On another note, the youth center visited in March and helped us plant our donation plots. The children had a tour of the garden, learned about how to plant a garden, how to collect slugs (this was the most popular activity), and how to clean the tools. We had three gardeners help teach and encourage the children to enjoy and have fun gardening. We have lots of children at the garden this year, the youth center, home school program, and young families with children! Finally, thanks to a long-term gardener sponsoring, we have gardening classes that we are offering at the library the first Saturday of the month. Whew, already the best year ever, and we haven't even had a harvest yet. Thank you all for your support. Cheers,
Susie Zohreh Garden Manager and MG cheerleader

Coos Bay Lady Bug Landing Garden Report: Lady Bug Landing still has a few garden plots left, we just need more consistent sunshine, the ground for the most part has been wet, a few people have gotten their beds turned and starting to plant, but it is still early. We are mainly seeing spinach, carrots, greens, lettuce, some broccoli and onions planted. The demo beds so far have a new bed of strawberries planted, a bed of lettuce for the Food Bank and have prepped soil to get sweet peas in for gardeners to pick during the summer. We just need more sunny days! The shallots that were planted in the fall look great. Most of our time is keeping up with the weeds; lots of bindweed in our front raspberry and flower beds. Looking forward to a good garden season. We are also looking to work with The Beet to do a couple classes the 2nd week of July and August. Maybe even bringing back our Lady Bug release that was always so popular. Starting in April through October, Renee is at the garden from 9:30-noon if anyone is interested in hours. A reminder if you are interested in supporting the Community Gardens, the SCCGA board meetings are the 3rd Tuesday evening at 5:30 via ZOOM, the meetings usually last about 30 minutes. If anyone is interested in attending contact Renee

Coquille Community Garden:

The garden is looking good. We had a work party on March 28th. Five people were there plus two Master Gardeners. One of whom was Eric. He fixed the fence and did many other very helpful things. There are five new gardeners. Two beds are still open. The next work party is this Friday at 9:00 am.

Harmony Gardens (Lakeside):

The garden has 20 beds with 5 still available. A woman from the Cow Creek Indian Tribe came to see the garden and Mike gave her a tour. She took pictures. Will know by the end of June if they get a grant. Nothing is planted yet except for the experimental garlic that Eric planted last fall.

Plant Clinic: The Plant Clinic is doing great. Lots of volunteers for the month of April. It has been somewhat busy. Zaidee, the intern from SWOCC, will be there on Mondays.

Fair Report: No report.

Plant Sale Committee 2025: There was a separate meeting after the CCMGA meeting.

School Garden Grants: We received the first garden application from Myrtle Crest School to establish a salad and herb garden. They were awarded \$186.10. We have \$3,200 to give out this year so hopefully more applications come in before the deadline. Submission of applications closes April 30th.

Coos Bay Farmers Market: Application submitted. Submitted for every other week. Fee this year will be \$20. Up from \$15. Sam has asked that we have the same spot each week. Waiting for approval. Starts on 5-7, 5-21, 6-4, 6-18, 7-2, 7-16, 7-30, 8-6, 8-20, 9-3, 9-17 and maybe 10-1.

Bandon Farmers Market: We are going to have a booth. Hoping for an inside spot. Our booth will be the second Friday of each month starting in May.

Oregon Master Gardeners Association-Mary Dixon: Joy of Gardening starts July 11. For more information go to the OMGA website <https://omga.org>

Sam's February Coordinators Report: Fertilize Your Mind had 65 participants. This is the least ever. There were a number of late registrations which added to the revenue. Rooms have been booked for next year. It's scheduled for April 11th. There will be four mobile gardening events at Shore Acres this year: 6-7, 7-11, 8-15 and 9-13. They will provide tables and chairs. Four volunteers are needed for each day.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:25 am. Respectfully submitted Gail Cassidy

Next meeting is May 13th. Social time starts at 9:30, actual meeting starts at 10am.