

# COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA), 2025

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

**August 12, 2025**

**Master Gardeners** Mary Jo Audette, Jennifer Brongil, Gail Cassidy, Kathy Creason, Mary Dixon, Imogene McDonald, Barbara Negherbon, Ed Powers, Tina Powers, Lorna Schilling, Eric Sydnese, Claudia Turner, Howard Wilson, Lynn Menashian

## Zoom

Cathe Barter, Caren Brewster, Gayle Holmlund (T), Janet Jones, Jeff Jones, Donna Leveridge-Campbell, Mike Mueller, Jessica Pancoast (T), Robbie Palzer, Laurie Wartnik

**Introductions:** None

**Announcements:** 1-Re-roofing is going on for the next 2 or 3 weeks. During that time the basement won't be available. 2-Jennifer brought up at the last meeting that Darcy Grahek is looking for donations to fund her Stillwater Nursery Internship program. Jennifer announced at this meeting that they are fully funded for 25/26 school year. This matter will be put on next year's budget agenda. 3.We got three truckloads of tools and equipment from Wal Mart. 4. Howard has set up the new microscope, any questions should be directed to him. 5. Tina got a pallet of soil at 30% off and could be used for perennial starts.

**Approval of July 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes:** Mary Dixon motioned, and Lorna Schilling seconded. Motion carried.

## Treasurer's Report-Mary Jo Audette

### June 2025

Beginning balance \$14,252.22

Deposits \$ 20.00

Withdrawals \$ -1,430.72

End Balance \$12,841.50

CD end balance \$10,477.99

Mary Jo would also like to report the following unofficial income & expense recaps for both 2025 Fertilize Your Mind and TomatoRama Plant Sale.

#### 2025 Fertilize Your Mind:

\$130.00 Total Income

\$880.38 Total Expenses

\$750.00 Net Loss

### July 2025

Beginning balance \$12,841.50

Deposits \$ 840.00

Withdrawals \$ -425.00

End Balance \$13,255.64

CD \$10,512.95

#### 2025 TomatoRama Plant Sale

\$5825.00 Total Income

\$263.33 Total Expenses (Additional expenses may be incurred before end of fiscal year 10/31/25)

\$5561.67 Net Gain

### **Bandon Community Garden**

All is well at the Bandon garden, we provided our first monthly donation to Bandon Good Neighbors on August 4th, and we continue our weekly donations to Everyone Around the Table (EAT) at the Senior Center. We had our annual garden party on July 26th, and what perfect weather, beautiful music, healthy snacks from the garden, and such a wonderful community event to bond with our neighbors. We would like to thank our outstanding gardeners, neighbors, friends, and business sponsors for helping us make this the best ever garden party! We raised over a \$1k on our silent auction (Christmas in July), with merchandise provided by our local business partners. Also, many of our gardeners were available to share gardening knowledge and Master Gardener information to our community. Finally, since we live in a retirement community, we have decided to raise two beds a year, so bending over will be minimized during gardening. Bandon Rotary Club provided us money to raise two more beds with cinder-blocks, and part of the soil we will need.

Susie Zohreh

### **Lady Bug Landing Garden Report 8/25**

Lady Bug Landing is beautiful right now, but we did have late tomato blight start in the garden this week, tomatoes are folding quickly which is sad as they were all just starting to ripen. Gardeners are trying to figure out what to plant now in their empty places but there is still time for several fall plants. We had a class visit from the SWOCC Agroecology program with 5 students last week. They loved the garden and were full of questions. On August 16, from 10:30-noon we have The Beet Food Systems is doing another program at the garden, the first program was very successful. This workshop will be two programs again, 1. Incorporating Mushrooms into your Garden, 2. Cover Crops and Winter Protection. The program is free you just need to register for them at [thebeetfsc.org](http://thebeetfsc.org). The program is set up so everyone will be able to attend both classes. If you do attend, you need to bring a chair and a hat is suggested. We have been harvesting lots of food in our demo beds, this last week was zucchinis cucumbers, beans, onions, potatoes, leeks, and lettuce. The donated food is very appreciated at the Food Bank, 67 pounds this last week for a total for the year so far of 270 pounds. More to come.

Renee Blom

### **Lakeside Community Garden**

All beds are doing well. Mike is a bit worried about tomato blight. Three sisters are doing well. The beans are flowering, and the corn is doing well. There is some blue corn mixed in with yellow corn. Zucchini is stalling.

Mike Mueller

### **Coquille Community Garden**

No report.

**Plant Clinic**-has been quiet. There are openings in August. For inquiries via email, be sure to fill out an information sheet. Also be sure to file closed cases by the date closed.

**Fair Report**- The beekeepers weren't next to us as had been plan. There were some communication issues between beekeepers and Lisa of the Fair office. For the Master Gardeners it went very well. We saw 855 people.

**Coos Bay/Bandon Farmers Market**-The Coos Bay Farmers Market is going well. Sam may ask to move us to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday instead of the 1<sup>st</sup> since the Chamber of Commerce staff has its' meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in the morning and we can't get out stuff till they get back and after market has already started. We are now inside for the Bandon market and hardly having any foot traffic.

**Fertilize Your Mind**-No report.

**OMGA Representative Report**-Mary Dixon. Mary, Lorna and Eric all attended Joy of Gardening and basically took the same classes. They had fun. One class had to do with Seed to Supper. Various counties presented how they had adapted the program to suit their county. All did it differently and were successful.

**Comments from Sam**-The new microscope is next to the computer so that they are accessible to one another. Print in black and white as much as possible if you're working in the plant clinic.

Master Gardener of the Year Awards were presented to Howard and Eric. Behind the Scenes award was presented to Ed Powers and Lorna Schilling was presented the award for Growing and Belonging. Congratulations to all of you.

Coos Bay library has food preserving equipment to check out to the public in their Library of Things (LOT) collection.

Linda Brewer will teach soils at the next training session to begin in January 2026.

Sam has two talks about becoming a Master Gardener volunteer coming up. One is for the Coos Head Garden Club at Charleston Fire Department at noon on October 9. The second is for the Coos Bay Garden Club at 1pm on November 5 at United Harmony Methodist Church.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am. Respectfully submitted, Gail Cassidy

Next meeting: Tuesday Sept 9 at 10:00am. Social time starts at 9:30am.