

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

July 9, 2025

Master Gardeners

Mary Ann Babb, Cathe Barter, Val Berg, Jennifer Brongil, Gail Cassidy, Kathy Creason, Mary Dixon, Janet Jones, Imogene McDonald, Jessie Milligan, Ed Powers, Tina Powers, Eric Sydnes, Claudia Turner, Howard Wilson

Zoom

Caren Brewster, Norma Ferre, Gayle Holmlund (T), Donna Leveridge-Campbell, Jeff Medlin (T), Mike Mueller, Ed Powers, Tina Powers, Gail Peck, Billie Reeves, Valerie Verkerke (T), Laurie Wartnik

Introductions: None

Announcements:

Approval of May 13 Meeting Minutes:

TREASURERS REPORT: MaryJo Audette No report. These are May's figures.

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	\$7906.24
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fundraisers, Grants, and donations)</i>	\$6,655.80
<i>Expenses</i>	-\$309.79
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$14252.22.

CD balance: \$10,444.27

Bandon Good Earth Community Garden: It is time for the Bandon Good Earth Community Garden Party, and all of our focus is on making this traditional party the best ever! On July 26th, from 2-5, we will offer healthy snacks from the garden, live music, silent auction, and gardening knowledge to our community. You are all invited. Also, New artwork is being created on the back gate thanks to one of our talented artist! Cheers Susie Zohreh, Garden Manager and MG cheerleader

Lady Bug Landing (Coos Bay) Garden Report

The garden is growing well, we still have 1 plot available, but someone called on it Friday, so we might be full now. At the end of June if it is not filled, we will plant it for the Food Bank. We have harvested 137 pounds of lettuce, cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower donated for the Food Bank so far this season, more variety of veggies will be ripening soon. Beans, cucumbers, squash and potatoes will be coming soon. Tomatoes are growing rapidly, and the garden is beautiful. We have had some of our new gardeners helping with weeding and watering, this garden does take a village for it to work. The sweet pea, sunflower and annual beds that gardeners are welcome to cut bouquets are a wonderful addition to the demo area. July 12, from 10:30-noon The Beet Food Systems is doing a program at Lady Bug Landing, there is no charge, but you need to register, they are offering two different workshops, you will be able to attend both. One is Pest Management & Succession Planting, 2nd one is Maximizing Your Garden's Soil Health. You should be able to register at thebeetfsc.org

Coquille Community Garden:

With the warmer weather, especially at nights, the garden is taking off. We had one of our replacement gardeners change her mind so we have two "community beds" planted with tomatoes, squash, onions and other goodies. What the gardeners don't take will be added to the food bank donations. We will be making our first food bank donation later this month. Gardeners are starting to harvest some of the fruits of their labor. The conversion of the squash giving bed into a Hugelkultur style bed has been completed thanks to the efforts of 4 of our hard-working gardeners. They also planted the bed, and the squash are taking hold nicely. We had 1 work party this month and are busy getting the garden ready for the Coquille Valley Garden Tour this month. We also had a small celebration to thank Joe Holbrook who rebuilt one of the giving beds (4 by 36ft) with concrete block walls last spring. There was even a cake with a sugar cube raised bed on the top. Educational laminated signs are being installed on the fences above the giving beds to provide information about what is growing in the beds. More big projects are ahead, but for now we are enjoying tending our beds and the community of the garden.

Harmony Gardens (Lakeside):

The garden is very robust with vegetables & flowers of several different varieties. Eric Sydnes "Three Sisters Garden" is performing incredibly well. Even with unwanted shade after 2pm in the afternoon, the corn is growing well. I did not know corn would even grow at Lakeside. We have so far donated 20 pounds of different varieties of lettuce to the food bank at Lakeside.

Thanks,
Mike Mueller
Harmony Garden Manager

Plant Clinic: Going well.

Fair Report: Day passes are now \$15. Sam is still waiting for volunteer passes. Because of parking issues school buses will be shuttling people from the boat ramp near Spruce St bridge. We will have a backdrop again for photo ops. We will have knowledge games again with small prizes. The rodeo "may" be both Friday and Saturday. No chicken at fair this year but will be available in parking lot at Carquest on 42 and Ash St.

Plant Sale Committee 2025: No report.

Coos Bay Farmers Market: Seeing lots of people at Coos Bay Farmers Market. Our location has been moved to a side street. Sam has asked that we be given the same spot during the of the market.

Bandon Farmers Market: Has been slow.

Oregon Master Gardeners Association-Mary Dixon: 210 are signed up for Joy of Gardening. This has increased since last year.

Sam's June Coordinators Report: Got check for microscope for Plant Clinic. Received thank you from Hillcrest school for garden grant. Because of a school change for Zaidee, she will not be at the plant clinic on Mondays. She will be sending out a questionnaire via e-mail.

SNAP educational funding has been cut. This affects the OSU extension office. Stephanie's Family and Community Health position is cut as of September 30th and Nicole Wells SNAP-ed position as well. Sam's position is not affected.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:30. Respectfully submitted Gail Cassidy

Next meeting is August 12th. Social time starts at 9:30, the actual meeting starts at 10am.