

## COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

June 10, 2025

### Master Gardeners

**In Person:** Mary Jo Audette, Mary Ann Babb, Cathe Barter, Gretchen Blanchard (T), Caren Brewster, Jennifer Brongil, Gail Cassidy, Kathy Creason, Mary Dixon, Janet Jones, Imogene McDonald, Jessie Milligan, Ed Powers, Tina Powers, Lorna Schilling, Fran Smith (T), Eric Sydnese, Claudia Turner, Howard Wilson, Billie Reeves **Zoom:** Val Berg, Mike Mueller, Robbie Palzer, Norma Ferre, Jessica Pancoast (T), Valerie Verkerke (T)

### Introductions: None

**Announcements:** Mary Jo brought seeds donated by Walmart that they were planning to get rid of. The seeds are for 2025.

June 21<sup>st</sup> will be the SWO Rose Society Show at the Oaks Pavilion.

**Approval of May 13 Meeting Minutes:** Howard Wilson made a motion to accept, and Tina Powers seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

### TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryJo Audette

<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:** The garden is thriving, and the weekly donations are now in full swing. The donations include lettuce, chard, kale, sugar peas, and strawberries, wow, what a fabulous salad! On another note, we finished the installation of the edging stones in the front flower beds, Lynn Jackson taught a garden class for new gardeners in our community, and we are now wrapping up a tree removal project to provide more sun to the compost. Then it's time for the Community Garden Party, July 26th, from 2-5pm. We will offer healthy snacks from the garden, music, silent auction, and gardening knowledge. We would love for all of you to come to enjoy the beauty, peace, and sense of community that the garden provides. Finally, we continue to appreciate our gardeners sponsoring the gardening classes that are offered at the library on the first Saturday of

the month. p.s. Thank you for sharing the leftover veggie starts from the MG plant sale, they were sincerely appreciated by many. Thank you all for your support! Susie Zohreh, Garden manager and MG cheerleader

**Lady Bug Landing (Coos Bay) Garden Report:** Lady Bug Landing is starting to take off, most of the plots have been worked and planted with something. We have had pea leaf weevils this year which chew around the edges of seedlings. A little diatomaceous earth has helped with this, also we are starting to see flea beetles on potatoes and some tomatoes, which usually show up after a wet winter and dry spring, but fortunately they are short lived too and most plants recover. The demo beds have been planted so far with beautiful mixed lettuce, seed shallots, onions, leeks, potatoes, cauliflower, broccoli, and cabbage. We will be planting tomatoes and a few peppers this week. There is a new strawberry bed, and sweet peas and an annual flower bed for gardeners to be able to cut bouquets to take home. We will take the first heads of lettuce this week to the Food Bank and so the season begins. There is a great group of gardeners once again. In July and August, The Beet are going to provide classes in the garden. We got some much-needed rain last night, so we do get a couple days break from hand watering. We want to thank the Master Gardeners for donating leftover plants from the Tomato-Rama plant sale. So appreciated by the gardeners.

Happy Gardening

**Coquille Community Garden:** The garden is doing fine. The wood is falling apart so they're redoing with bricks. The neighbor took out trees and is putting a brick fence. The plant sale went well. It was steady all day. There is a work party on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am. Zaidee made signage and worded it so that kids can understand.

**Harmony Gardens (Lakeside):** The garden is doing well. All beds are planted. The issue with slugs is being dealt with using Sluggo. A \$2,100 grant was received from the Cow Creek Tribe. Eric started a 3-sister garden and includes educational signage.

**Plant Clinic:** June calendar is full. Things are going well. Please don't attach a copy of the publication that was sent, just note what was sent on form.

**Fair Report:** Everything will be the same as last year. We will be located again in the Oaks Pavilion. Beekeepers will again be next to us. Fair passes should be available at the next meeting. Friday night is the only day for the rodeo.

**Plant Sale Committee 2025:** No report.

**Coos Bay Farmers Market:** We need more veterans. If you are working the first shift, be sure to be there 8:30 to 8:45. The second shift starts at 11:30. Be sure to wear layers and bring hats/ visors/ sunglasses in case it is too windy for the umbrella.

**Bandon Farmers Market:** Going well. The first Friday was inside. From now on it will be located outside so again wear layers and be prepared for potential wind. The last market will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in October.

**Oregon Master Gardeners Association-Mary Dixon:** The question was brought up do we report quarterly financials? We report annually. State treasure wants treasurers to use the same format in reporting. OMGA pays a fee for Quickbooks but we use different software. Joy of Gardening update. There is still "Send a friend" scholarships available. Workshops are business related. The website is being updated. Dismissal policy by counties was discussed. Coos County has a dismal policy, not all counties do. This is only for certified master gardeners. Douglas Co. has lots of volunteers but only a small percentage are certified. Policy got put on hold. OSU vs OMGA.

**Sam's February Coordinators Report:** We got a grant for a new microscope for the plant clinic. Shore acres. First one was Saturday. There will be three more. Sign up at back of room. Four volunteers are needed. This is one 4 hour shift. The North Bend Library will have 5 classes with Lynn Menashian and Mary Jo Audette leading the project. Extra master gardeners will be needed. The classes will be 90 minutes each. Home schoolers can apply for school garden grants. They could have a bed at Coquille Community Garden. Sam will be leaving for a birthday trip to France. She will be gone June 12<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:45. Respectfully submitted Gail Cassidy

Next meeting is July 8th. Social time starts at 9:30, the actual meeting starts at 10am.