

## COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA), 2024

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

**March 11, 2025**

### Master Gardeners

Val Berg, Gretchen Blanchard (T), Jodi Bouska (T), Caren Brewster, Jennifer Brongil, Gail Cassidy, Lynda Cole, Mary Dixon, Norma Ferre, Michael Hughes (T), Tamra Hunt, Jeff Jones and Muddy, Janet Jones, Imogene McDonald, Lynn Menashian (T), Jessie Milligan, Mike Mueller, Barbara Negerbon, Ed Powers, Tina Powers, Lorna Schilling, Claudia Turner, Laurie Wartnik, Howard Wilson and Valerie Verkerke (T).

### Zoom

Mary Jo Audette, Donna Leveridge-Campbell, Jeff Medlin (T) (joined @ 10:45am), Jessica Pancoast (T), Robbie Palzer, Billie Reeves, Fran Smith (T), Susan Zohreh, Linda Graves.

**ADDITIONS:** Discussion of getting stickers with our logo. For now, we will just get stickers for Master Gardeners. Jeff Medlin volunteered to donate \$150 for their purchase.

Meeting called to order by Lorna Schilling

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Everyone introduced themselves.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** This Saturday the North Bend Library will host a grand reopening. It contains a seed library and many other new features.

**MINUTES:** Mary Dixon approved, Howard Wilson seconded.

### TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryJo Audette

<i>Prior balance (Opening balance: First Community Credit Union)</i>	\$9081.59
<i>Income (Members' Dues, Fundraisers, Grants, and donations)</i>	\$345.00
<i>Expense</i>	-\$430.42
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$8996.17

CD balance: \$10,377.77

### Bandon Good Earth Community Garden

The garden is getting ready to open on March 15th! The garden is looking great, we had the fence replaced, as well as the stairs to the greenhouse and the ramp to the shed. We implemented our new amendment process, so all plots will have well-balanced soil. At this point, we only have about 10 plots left, and hoping to be full by the end of the month! We are having the youth center visit the

garden on March 25th, and several gardeners will be teaching the children about different aspects of gardening. Many of our gardeners are enthusiastic about being a part of this beautiful community garden. Thank you all for your support!

Cheers, Susie Zohreh, Garden Manager and MG cheerleader

### **Lady Bug Landing (Coos Bay) Garden Report 3/25:**

Applications have been moving along we still have 5 out of 60 plots that have not been filled as of yet, but the sun is now shining, so I would imagine they will fill soon. Some gardeners have cloches up to dry out their soil, some have been able to turn their beds this last week and some have planted lettuce, peas and spinach. Also onion plants are now available to plant. Starting in April, Renee will be at the garden every Saturday and Wednesday from 9:30-12. MG's are welcome to come at those times to volunteer and get hours, for planting, weeding, watering and harvesting in the demo area. Our website is up and running for applications, just still working out the PayPal kinks. There are payments set up for SCCGA donations, just need to iron out how it will work for the individual gardens. In the meantime, applications can be printed out for Lady Bug Landing, Bandon & Coquille, Lakeside decided not to do that this year.

[socoastcommunitygardens.org](http://socoastcommunitygardens.org) For other gardeners interesting in attending SCCGA meetings, they are the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30 via Zoom, you can contact Renee, at [back40four@gmail.com](mailto:back40four@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending and we can send you a zoom link.

### **Coquille Community Garden:**

Had another work party. Six people were there including Eric who did most of the heavy work.

### **Harmony Gardens (Lakeside):**

Applied for a grant with the Cow Creek tribe. Will take 6 to 8 weeks

**Plant Clinic:** The plant clinic is up and running and instead of being slow, we already had two visitors the first day with some different questions. Linda Graves and Val Berg may address these issues. Thanks to all for volunteering. March is full, but April will be here before we know it. Kathy

**Fair Report:** No report.

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

**School Garden Grants:** Myrtle Point's Maple Middle School received a grant of \$821.30 for a school garden. They made planter boxes and benches. 8 students and 2 teachers were involved.

Myrtle Crest Elementary received a grant of \$1,300 to clear up walking path around the greenhouse. They replaced the old landscape cloth and put down new bark chips.

Powers received a grant of \$959.

**Coos Bay Farmers Market:** No report.

**Bandon Farmers Market:** No report

**Oregon Master Gardeners Association-Mary Dixon:** Dr. Madsen talked about volunteer hours reported for the year statewide. The numbers are good. OMGA reps sent to a recent senate meeting and spoke with senators about the value of our program. Senate bill 2027 is a budgetary one that has implications for a variety of things including Extension and the MG program.

Joy of Gardening is July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Can go online to see what classes are available. Registration opens the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April. There are grants available to send a friend to Joy of Gardening. There is up to \$1,000 available. This for classes only. Dorm rooms are available at \$40 a night. Each unit contains 3 bedrooms, a kitchen and 2 bathrooms.

Seed to Supper discussion. The curriculum is not complete. There is problem of how to reach out. Considering making the yearly Master Gardener of the year award into one award instead of 3 separate awards.

There are 20 longevity awards for 20 years of volunteer service. The average span is 2- 3 years in various areas of volunteerism.

Other awards-the Carl Carlson grant for urban horticulture has increased from \$250 to \$1,000. Mary Luce-Search of excellence is just an award. Not monetary.

There was also much discussion about the criteria need to evict contentious, aggressive or otherwise disruptive members that won't play nice. CCMGA does have a code of conduct in place.

### **Sam's February Coordinators Report:**

We will have an intern, Zaidee Quinn who is attending SWOCC and enrolled in the new Agroecology program. She needs 99 hours of volunteer work during the term.

We will no longer turn off the computer in the Plant Clinic as it takes too long to boot up. The password has been updated. If you are working the Plant Clinic, be sure to check voice mail, email and also the open cases book for anything that needs completing.

Fertilize Your Mind- All classes are set. Currently 35 people are registered. Hoping for 100. Received a \$1,500 grant from Coos Rotary. Nurseries that will be present are Sea Coast, Coos Garden Supply and Thyme Garden. All 15 tables are full. They will include Beekeepers Association, Native Plant Society, Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:58 am. Respectfully submitted Gail Cassidy

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