

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA)

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

May 13, 2025

Attendance

In Person: Mary Jo Audette, Mary Ann Babb, Cathe Barter, Val Berg, Jennifer Brongil, Gail Cassidy, Kathy Creason, Mary Dixon, Norma Ferre, Linda Graves, Imogene McDonald, Ron Metzger, Barbara Negherbon, Robbie Palzer, Ed Powers, Tina Powers, Lorna Schilling, Eric Sydnese, Dottie Tucker, Claudia Turner.

Zoom: Gretchen Blanchard (T), Caren Brewster, Donna Leveridge-Campbell, Gayle Holmlund (T), Tamra Hunt, Lynn Menashian (T), Mike Mueller, Jessica Pancoast (T), Valerie Verkerke (T), Susan Zohreh

ADDITIONS: Linda Graves will give a presentation about a bug she found on sale plant.

INTRODUCTIONS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Minutes: Val Berg motioned, Ed Powers seconded, minutes approved by vote.

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

A new 12 month CD was obtained 4/18/25 at First Community Credit Union at an interest rate of 4% APY. They matched the CD rate offered Northwest Community Credit Union.

There are still some trainee dues unpaid at \$5 each.

The proceeds from the plant sale were \$5,805.00 gross. Net proceeds should be available at next meeting. There were also 6 \$1 coupons from FYM.

Reminder there are still T-shirts available.

Bandon Good Earth Community Garden

The garden is looking fabulous, and most plots have been planted. We just finished creating an herb garden for gardeners and donations!! We will be wrapping up installing sustainable edging stones in the front flower beds, as soon as Hennick's gets more in stock. Our second work party is coming up on May 10th, which will give us the opportunity to weed and put down bark throughout the garden. On another note, drumroll please, after 2 years of hard work and dedication, we (the HS students, gardeners, and neighbors) finished the nature artwork on the fence! This project demanded us to build not only a partnership, but a community. As we all know, it takes a village to make dreams and visions come into reality, and in this case, that is exactly what happened. We couldn't be prouder of playing a small role in a sustainable project that will bring so many people joy. Just a simple smile, means the world. Finally, we continue to appreciate our long-term gardeners sponsoring the gardening classes that are offered at the library the first Saturday of the month. Whew, again I will say, the best year ever, and we haven't even had our first harvest!

Thank you all for your support!

Cheers,

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 at 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 left-over plants from the Tomato-Rama plant sale. So appreciated by the gardeners. Happy Gardening

Coquille Community Garden:

They are still working the 2 end beds. Then they will work on the front of the garden. There will be a work party at the end of the month. Half of the gravel has been put in. All beds are full. There will be a Plant Sale and the community building in Coquille on Saturday 5-17 from 9 to 3.

Harmony Gardens (Lakeside):

Most of the beds have been planted. There have been complaints about slugs and snails. Mike hasn't seen any. All beds are rented.

Plant Clinic: The Plant Clinic is doing well. May is full. Everything looks good.

Fair Report: The Fair this year will be July 22-26. Sam isn't sure we will get entry tickets this year. We will still be located in the Oaks Pavilion with MFP and possibly beekeepers. The theme this year is Boots, Bulls and Bands.

Plant Sale Committee 2025: Tina will buy a pallet of potting soil in July for cuttings. Mary felt that the second Saturday in May was good timing for the plant sale. Herb sales were great. Lots of berries were sold. Tina thought all the plants were healthy. There was discussion about different venues for the plant sale as well as perhaps starting at 9 next year.

School Garden Grants: Three school garden grants were awarded. There were 4 applications but one wasn't granted because it wasn't located on school grounds. Of the grants awarded there was Myrtle Crest which received \$186.10 to establish an herb and salad garden for the cafeteria. Hillcrest received \$451.62 and Winter Lakes HS \$793 for 5 planter boxes.

Coos Bay Farmers Market: We were located on the main drag but this may change.

Bandon Farmers Market: Started Friday. We will be located outside next to produce growers. Jessica Pancoast, who lives in Bandon, has the FM supplies and is scheduled to work all the morning shifts so she will bring and set up. She will come back at 3 to pick up and store for next month. This will relieve Sam of having to go to Bandon if she doesn't have another reason to go.

Oregon Master Gardeners Association-Mary Dixon: The OMGA newsletter was just released. Sam will forward to the MGs. Joy of Gardening information is in the current issue. Please read who will be there. The dates are July 11 and 12. Dorm rooms are \$40 a night for Thursday and Friday. Donations are being asked for the silent auction. Can consider giving items from home that you no longer have use for but someone else might welcome. Registration is now open @OMGA.org. To apply for the send a friend grant that OMGA offers, it needs to be done by tomorrow May15.

Sam's May Coordinators Report: Sam announced she will be applying to a grant to get a new microscope with a camera for the plant clinic. Yippy! That's so awesome! Sam went to the National Extension Conference on Volunteerism in Maine recently. One of the ideas she came away with was the idea of telling our story of how the MG program impacts us as volunteers. Statistics don't say it all. This will be a project for Zaidee intern from SWOCC. She will be reaching out to us to interview and collect our responses. Those responses will be used for the annual impact statement Sam puts together at the end of the year. This should be not only interesting but will help her to get the 99 hours she needs as a requirement for her program. Reminder of nominations for MG of the year and Behind the Scenes MG of the year.. Also we are reminded about code conduct(Sam will send out a copy for everyone's review). Remember no politics, no harassment, no discrimination. You can feel free to talk to Sam if you feel there is a problem. Sam will be out next week Monday through Thursday for a FCH conference in Bend.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:00 noon. Respectfully submitted Gail Cassidy

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