

COOS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION (CCMGA), 2025

OSU Extension Services

Myrtle Point, Oregon

October 14, 2025

Master Gardeners: Mary Jo Audette, Mary Ann Babb, Val Berg, Caren Brewster, Jennifer Brongil, Gail Cassidy, Kathy Creason, Mary Dixon, Norma Ferre, Janet Jones, Jeff Jones, Robbie Palzer, Ed Powers, Tina Powers, Lorna Schilling, Fran Smith (T), Dottie Tucker, Claudia Turner.

Zoom: Cathe Barter, Gayle Holmlund (T), Donna Leveridge-Campbell, Lynn Menashian, Jessica Pancoast (T), Billie Reeves, Howard Wilson, Gail Peck, Laurie Wartnik.

Introductions: None

Announcements: Mealybug infested orchids are available if anyone is interested from a lady in Coquille. Discussion was held about this is a perfect example of why we shouldn't dig and divide.

Mary Jo has not heard back from David Bower about a tour of his composting facility. There will be a canned food drive at McKay's Market in Coquille to benefit the Coquille Food Bank. Commercially canned food only.

Approval of September 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes: Val made a motion, Mary seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report-Mary Jo Audette

September 2025

Checking beginning balance: \$11,861.04

Checking ending balance: \$11,861.04

CD beginning balance: \$10,548.02

Interest: +34.05

Ending balance: \$10,582.07

Income and Expense Report 9-1-25 to 9-0-25

Income

Interest Income \$34.05

Total \$34.05

Bandon Community Garden: Fall is in the air, and I'm sure most of us hear the geese flying south and the gardens are getting ready for their winter rest in only 7 weeks. The garden has been extremely successful this year, it had its largest produce donation ever in September, 71lbs! Lots of heavy produce: cabbage, tomatoes, cucumbers, and especially zucchini. We will continue to donate through November. We are beginning to plan for updates and improvements for 2026 season. It's so important to continue enhancing the gardens year after year, it's never hard to find projects! Thank you all for your support and congratulations to all for another successful gardening year. Susie Zohreh - Garden Manager and MG cheerleader

Lady Bug Landing (Coos Bay): The rainy weather has been a welcome at Lady Bug Landing, allowing us to get more work done on the demo areas instead of just watering & harvesting. The bindweed in the outside flower and herb beds is getting weeded and pulled back and plants are also being cut back, the area is starting to look like it is loved again. Slowly the demo beds inside are finishing up and being cleaned up also, mainly cucumbers and zucchini are still producing for the food bank, 567 pounds of produce for the year so far, but that is coming to an end soon. The buckwheat cover crop has started to flower and has been turned over after 6 weeks of growth. The espalier Fuji apple tree will get picked this week, it is loaded!!! and the poor branches are dragging on the ground. This will get dispersed to people who have volunteered this year. Gardeners still have their fall crops growing, and some beds are slowly getting cleaned up, a notice went out this weekend, a reminder to gardeners that they have until December 1, before their beds need to be cleaned up, well weeded and a light topping of straw put on. There will be a work party on Saturday December 6th at 9:30 to clean up and put the garden to bed for the winter. We will apply lime to all the garden beds. The SCCGA website socoastcommunitygardens.org is getting updated with applications for next season. You will be able to print out the apps or fill them out online and then print, pay and mail to the different gardens. Applications will also be available at the gardens. Lady Bug Landing starts taking their apps on January 3 on a first come, first serve basis, the other gardens are available on February 1. If you are interesting on being on the SCCGA board and supporting the gardens our meetings are the 3rd Tuesday at 5:30pm via zoom, and usually last 30-40 minutes. Always love having new faces join. You can email Renee at back40four@gmail.com

Lakeside Community Garden- No report

Coquille Harvest Moon Garden: The garden is winding down. The squash and tomatoes are no longer productive and have been pulled out. Gardeners have until December 1st to get their crops out. They have donated 195 lbs. of produce to the food bank this year.

Plant Clinic- There is one opening on October 23rd. All other openings have been filled. The plant clinic has been quieter this year. There was much discussion about the farmers markets and questions getting back to the Plant Clinic. There have been more conversations than actual questions. Someone suggested that with the rise of technology people may be getting their questions answered online.

Plant Sale- Tina reminded everyone that if you're growing, be sure to get your soil and pots.

Fair Report- The 2026 fair will be July 21st through July 25th.

Farmers Market- Sam reported that farmers market season is over for 2025. We won't be at Bandon Farmer's Market in 2026 due to poor attendance and very few questions being asked.

Sam is looking into alternative locations in Bandon and doing more of a pop-up clinic like we started at Shore Acres. Pop-up suggestions: Farrs, Dragonfly Nursery and possibly at Good Earth Community Garden. We received a thank you from Park Ranger Jess at Shore Acres and plan to hold more plant clinics there next summer.

Fertilize Your Mind Garden Seminar- Plans are coming along for 2026. Lunch will be the same as last year, but we'll start with a lower number of lunches needed, around 60. The number can be added to if needed but can't be reduced. Rotary will be contacted for a grant. Kathy will contact Ford Family Foundation for a grant.

OMGA Report- Mary Dixon – no report.

2026 Draft Budget Review: Mary Jo presented the draft budget for first review by the association. Key points included that we had a great 2025 and took in more than expected while also keeping our expenses lower than budgeted so no reserves had to be used in 2025. Mary Jo cleaned up some of the confusing line items and simplified the expense categories, so they are easier to understand. There were no changes to the budget so next month the final budget will be presented to the association, and it will be voted on.

Comments from Sam- Make sure you have completed your hours in by October 31st. Also be sure to input your hours in the online volunteer reporting system by November 15. Growing and Belonging hour requirement this year is part of your recertification. The video was shared on January 30th during the MG training and those that were not in attendance got a link to watch it at home. Please make sure you record this training under Continuing Education-growing and belonging (there are two options under CE regular CE and CE growing and belonging).

There is a New Volunteer Hub online system being rolled out for all volunteer groups. It will keep track of all required checks and forms needed for certification as a volunteer. Sam will send a link when ready.

Meeting ended at 12:00

Next meeting is Tuesday November 11, 10am (social time starts at 9:30)

Respectfully submitted, Gail Cassidy