

Sept. Executive meeting 2024

Welcome

Secretary's report

Please see attached minutes

Treasurer's Report

Please see attached minutes

Coordinator's report

MG Coordinator report

Date: September 2024

Summary of recent accomplishments and current activities:

*Front Yard Garden Tour success!

Eleven gardens, 90-130 visitors in each garden

Positive feedback from community on QR code signs, garden variety, community connections, MG presence and information

Plan for 2025 tour

*Complete revision/updates to Hood River Extension MG website.

Check it out:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/hoodriver>

*Santa Fe conference-many ideas from MG coordinators across the country. I will meet with individual project leaders and teams to discuss potential ideas for updating our programs.

List of activities in progress and upcoming events:

*WSU Clark County Master Gardeners visit Ext office on 9/26 @ 9am. Discuss gardening in microclimates, tour Learning Garden. Would be great to have a few CGMGs attend

*Two visits left to WyEast Vista garden, 9/16 and 10/21.

*2025 MG program applications open November 1-30.

Recommendations to the executive board:

*Looking for a dynamic presenter for our 2025 MG Intro class. Last year's focus on cultural gardening was overwhelmingly well-received and I'd like to expand on that theme next year if possible.

*Garage-as other Extension programs are beginning to use their space in the garage, we need to clean up our side and find a new home for any extra wooden signs, the broken canopy, etc. Also need to label our chairs, wagons, and canopies.

OMGA report

CGMGA Master Gardener(s) of the year Tracy Willett and Margo Damier received their award certificates from Oregon Master Gardener Program Manager Leslie Madsen at the OMGA annual educational event "*Joy of Gardening*" (formerly Mini College) held July 12th and 13th at the OSU campus in Corvallis.

The Oregon Master Gardener Association is an umbrella 501(c)3 for the individual Oregon Counties Master Gardener Chapters. OMGA is currently reviewing their Mission, Vision, and MOA as part of planning for 2025. Drafts of these documents will be available for Chapter Reps to present to their respective Associations ahead of the 4th quarter Board meeting. The 4th quarter Board meeting also includes election of officers and OMGA is actively seeking individuals interested in participating in the Master Gardener Program on the state level.

Information, calendars, and OMGA documents and program descriptions are all available at the website <https://omga.org/>. If you have any questions or suggestions please reach out to CGMGA's Chapter Rep Eric Bosler or our Alt Rep Mary Corl.

Respectfully submitted

Eric Bosler, Chapter Representative

Central Gorge Master Gardener Association

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

Marcus Tullius Cicero

Reports of Committees

Fish Garden

FISH has received a grant from the National Association of Conservation Districts. Kris Schaedel led the application for a number of Hood River County projects related to food security. We will receive \$6200.00 total. \$3200 will be spent on design and installation of irrigation in the east field of the garden. \$3000 will be spent for development of youth education, including building of projects and purchase of materials which facilitate this. Funds are to be spent by November 2025.

Ed Outreach

The Ed outreach committee meets on Wed Sept. 11th at 1:00pm

The Sept. Seed saving workshop is this coming weekend the 14th and next Tuesday the 17th at the WS library.

The October workshop will be held at the Fish Garden on Oct. 12th at 10:00am
CGMGA members will also host a tableing event at El Grito this weekend in white Salmon. We will give out seeds, info on MG's in both Spanish and English and provide kids activities.

The new website is up and running. Please refer to the new website for finding past minutes, bylaws, past educational articles, references for various garden related sites, Plant clinic online form etc. Comments welcome.