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FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS – Kelly and Debbie

Hard to believe we are truly at the half way through 2023! The very successful Plant Sale is behind us along and regardless if you have a vegetable/fruit garden or have a flower garden, we're sure you have already put in lots of hours.

Over half of the work in which we listed in the Upcoming Education, Opportunities and Events has passed. Our Association is involved in so many projects and programs, and we are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers to have these happen. **CONGRATULATIONS for what you've accomplished so far!**

Part of doing a great job has to do with us informing OSU on the number of volunteers, hours and contacts. That is, recording the work you do. This information is compiled into a yearly County Impact statement that is used for both grant applications as well as when presented to the county for financial Extension Program support. Every hour is important to record including meetings. Please ensure you enter your volunteer hours into the OSU Volunteer Reporting System (VRS) at least each month. October entries need to be made before November 1st, but please don't wait until the end of the MG year! Laurie Lee has to review and verify each entry by this same deadline. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Lee or another for help on entering hours.

We have several great opportunities coming up, all which are listed on the Upcoming Education, Opportunities and Events, which is updated monthly. Just a few of them include:

- Plant Clinics, both in-office and at-home. This is a great chance to gain more knowledge for yourself as well. Plant Clinics are the backbone of Master Gardeners.
- Curry County school gardens are always needing help, and you can volunteer with or without interacting with children.
- Yes, the Plant Sale is over, but propagation continues for next year's sale every Tuesday.
- The County Fair is coming up July 26-29, and volunteers are needed.
- Party in the Park is being planned, and this year's theme is "Pirates and Mermaids". We will be manning a table with Curry Watershed Partners.
- You can even get credit for writing an article for the Brambles or Facebook.
- Dragonfly Nursery summer booth opportunities at fun events
- Ritchey Garden maintenance at the Extension Office
- Teaching a class to volunteers or the public
- CCMGA monthly meetings (except Aug and Dec) are held at Extension, third Tuesday of each month. You can join us in person or Zoom. It's a great way to know what is going on.

More info on the above events and opportunities can be found on the Upcoming Education, Opportunities and Events sheet distributed via email with our monthly membership meeting agenda and in our TeamUp calendar. Don't forget to sign up on TeamUp.

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<https://omga.org/mini-college-2023/>
REGISTRATION OPENS ON MAY 15

Questions? Contact us at 2023joyofgardening@gmail.com

OMGA's biggest activity of the year especially tailored for serious MGs is their annual Mini-college entitled "Joy of Gardening". For details see: https://omga.org/class_descriptions-2023/

If you are interested in joining a CCMGA road trip to this special event, please let Jeff Richter know and I'll put everybody in touch. Anybody game? Jeff Richter, CCMGA Representative to OMGA

Curry County Master Gardeners Association
Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 10am, Membership Meeting Minutes

Attendees (in person): Kelly Jacobsen, Michelle Arnold, Lori Phelan, Laurie Lee Bartlett, Ginny Knox, Julia Bott, Jeffrie Hall, Ruth Patton, John Albi, David Denny, Jerry Herbage, Cindy Meyers, Steve Meyers, Debbie Carroll, Ali Van Otterloo, Marna Williams, Annika Bratton

Attendees (via Zoom): Linnie O'Flanagan-Gorre, Sarah Mocas

1. Board meeting called to order
 - Minutes approved for May 2023 meeting.
2. Business Items
 - Co-Presidents' Reports - Kelly Jacobsen
 - Next meeting location will be at Riley Creek Garden.
 - Richie Memorial Garden
 - Pre-County Fair clean-up will be July 9, 9am-3pm. Volunteers needed to weed and prune. Time spent tending this garden count as *education* hours. Sign-up on Teamwork.
 - OMGA Mini College: Joy of Gardening is July 7-8. Jeff Richter is coordinating carpools.
 - OMGA Website
 - <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/curry>
 - Look under Events for educational opportunities, and under Projects for approved volunteer projects.
 - The future of Brambles Newsletter was discussed
 - Treasurer's Report – Julia Bott
 - Transition to online QuickBooks is complete.
 - Some of the old reports are no longer available in this version, and some adjustments have been made to the income and expense categories, and the balance sheet.
 - Income for Greenhouse is now under MGA Contributions, and Expenses for the Greenhouse (i.e. printing) are now under Contract Services.
 - There is a plan for revamping next year.
 - Membership Report – Michelle Arnold
 - We need to encourage new members to get involved.
 - Growing and Belonging video date was discussed. Possibly late September.
3. OSU Master Gardener Program Assistant Update – Laurie Lee Bartlett
 - MOU's are complete
 - Reminder to report ALL volunteer hours to show strong value.
 - Remote clinic in Port Orford garnered 6 people interested in the MG program.
 - Reminder to sign up to staff the booth at Dragonfly.
 - Facebook page – Kelly Jacobsen is new admin, and it is now strictly MGA.
 - The CurryMGG email address is ONLY for plant clinic questions. Please do not use it for other MG communications.
4. Unfinished Business/follow-Up of Previous Assignments
 - CCMGA Banner, Horizontal and vertical designs were approved for purchase.
5. Committee Reports & Community Project Updates
 - Future Demonstration Greenhouse
 - Engineered Plans have been ordered
 - Orange marks show the footprint
 - Goal to start construction after the fair.
 - Lease for land is in process.
 - Fundraising

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- Discussed starting to ask for donations from local community, starting with membership.
 - \$68,500 has been raised, and there is a grant potential of \$30k.
 - Online donation capability by fair time.
 - Discussed how to acknowledge donations from the community.
 - There is a naming opportunity for someone donating at least 50% of the cost.
 - Plant Sale/Greenhouse
 - Propagation
 - Gardens are needed for cuttings.
 - Rhododendron and azalea cuttings should be taken after blooming
 - Procedures to prevent the spread of Sudden Oak Death are needed.
 - No native soil should be used.
 - Keep a record of the flower color.
 - Public School Education Gardens
 - Riley Creek Garden (Gold Beach), Will be open to the community on Fridays 9am-12pm, starting July 14th: 9-10 Open, 10-11 Structured lesson, 11-12 Garden stewardship
 - Little Bear Patch Garden (Kalmiopsis Elementary, Brookings), Thursdays 10am-12pm garden maintenance (No need for a background check.)
 - Party in the Park, July 15th
 - Theme is “Message in a bottle.” Messages are needed.
 - Volunteer hours will be *educational*.
 - 250 jars with lids (glass, 4-12oz), and 2 kiddie pools are needed.
 - Soil pH testing
 - Training will be in August
 - Discussed making a sign to inform people we test soil pH. (Sampler needs access to intake forms first.)
 - John will be making an educational video.
 - Curry County Fair Booth
 - Marna Williams volunteered to coordinate fair event.
 - We will give away succulents to draw people to the booth.
 - Discussed a “Future Home of Greenhouse” banner for the Fair.
6. Adjourned 12:00pm

Submitted by: Linnie O’Flanagan-Gorre, Secretary

**2022 Curry County
Master Gardener of the Year Award
Recipient, Ali Van Otterloo
and
2022 Curry County Behind the Scenes
Award Recipient Ginny Knox were
announced at the June meeting**





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After school, the festival reopened for families, community members, and students of other grade levels to join in the fun. Overall the festival was a great success, and a wonderful collaboration between Master Gardeners, SNAP Ed, Curry Watersheds, and Riley Creek. The school is excited for future garden festivals and collaboration.

This summer, the garden will be open beginning July 14th to students, families, and the community on Fridays from 9-12 noon for lessons and activities. If you are interested in teaching a lesson or activity, please reach out to Annika! Past examples include pollinator lessons, painting activities, pottery, and cooking.

A big thank you to the Tuesday garden crew that has been keeping the space beautiful and well-maintained every week!

If you are interested in volunteering in the Riley Creek Garden or the for educational activities, please contact Annika Bratton (541-373-3050) annika.bratton@currywatersheds.org.

Brambles Swap Meet

JULY SPECIAL! FREE. See photo below:

Pull weeds in style. Garden Scooter in good condition. Comfy bucket seat fits all sizes. Includes six-pack and tool holder. Contact Jeff Richter at 775-815-4969. {Bonny, the dog not included.}

Got something you want to donate to a school garden, giveaway, swap, buy or sell? List here any tools or materials still in good condition that might be useful around the garden, orchard, yard or lawn. Send your info and pictures to Jeff Richter at tahoejeff@sbcglobal.net.



HOW TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON

Contact office Laurie Lee Bartlett, find us on Facebook: Curry County Master Gardeners -OSU Extension, or visit web page <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/curry>

THE BRAMBLES NEWSLETTER

Emailed to active members and on
www: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/curry>
Editor, Cathe Barter at umpqua.bart@gmail.com

BOARD MEETINGS are monthly 3rd Tuesday from 10 am to noon

OSU Extension (Gold Beach)

2930 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, meeting room
{No Meetings in August or December}

Visit these sites to volunteer:

GOLD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL GREENHOUSE

29316 Ellensburg (at the rear of school)
Contacts: Deb Carroll 541-813-1820 da_carroll@charter.net
and Ali Van Otterloo 925-788-6684 alivanotterloo@gmail.com
Annual Plant Sale Project spoken here

RILEY CREEK GARDEN

94350 6th Street, Gold Beach
Annika Bratton - 541-373-3050
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DRIFTWOOD SCHOOL GARDEN

Port Orford
Annika Bratton - 541-373-3050
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CURRY COUNTY SEED LIBRARY –

If you need seeds, contact Lynette McPherson at lmc97415@gmail.com. For more information, please contact Julia Bott at 650.520.5673 or jbott@batnet.com or check out the Curry County Seed Library on Facebook. *Please plant a row for your local food bank or community kitchen.*

LITTLE BEAR PATCH GARDEN AT KALMIOPSIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

650 Easy Street, Brookings
Contact Julia Bott, jbott@batnet.com, 650.520.5673

SHOP AND GIVE BACK TO CCMGA!

CCMGA has completed two "REWARD" program applications! This is your chance to give to our non-profit organization through your daily purchases. The 1st rewards program is smile.amazon.com. If you have an Amazon account and purchase products from Amazon, connecting your account to Smile.amazon is easy. Go to smile.amazon.com and log in to your account. You will be asked which charity/non-profit you would like to support. You will find MANY Master Gardener Associations, so PLEASE select Master Gardener Association, Gold Beach, Oregon. It is on page three or four of their list of Master Gardener Assn. Then make your purchases...it is that simple. Amazon smile will donate .05% of your qualified purchase to CCMGA by direct deposit.

The 2nd rewards program is with Fred Meyer simply linking your Fred Meyer Rewards card with Curry County Master Gardener Assn., Gold Beach, OR. Set up a new account or sign into your existing account at fredmeyer.com, click on the 'Fred Meyer Community Rewards' link at the bottom of the page, type in 'Curry County Master Gardener Assn.' or the number '85441', choose our organization, and click on 'Enroll.'



GARDENING AT LITTLE BEAR PATCH...in the students' words.

It was a great school year in the garden! At our last classes of the school year, every student received a plant, seeds, pots, and soil to take home to grow over the summer. The 2nd grade teacher used garden class in a writing exercise on being persuasive. Some of the students' essays are below. We also gave the 4th graders a chance at impromptu speaking, asking them what they liked about the garden. What great comments!

2nd Grade Class Persuasive Comments

I think you should go to the garden class because...

You get to plant a lot of stuff, get to dig holes and plant plants.

I like to be outside. I like to plant strawberries and look for butterflies.

I like to go outside, water plants, explore and eat vegetables from the garden.

We plant, you look at insects, you get to eat plants and weed.

You get to plant different flowers, see insects and bugs and eat stuff like vegetables.

It is fun, you get to plant seeds, pull weeds, eat fruit and vegetables and make the garden pretty.

You can learn about plants, eat strawberries, see new insects, weed and see butterflies.

It's really fun, you get fresh air, makes learning fun and interesting.

You can look at pretty flowers, find insects, help pick up the trash and the flowers smell good.

I get to see insects and plants and I like to get muddy and dirty.

You get to be in nature, plant strawberries, find bugs, weed and make salad with everything you grow.

I like going outside, you get to eat lots of yummy stuff in the garden, and you get to do special stuff.

I get to plant strawberries and look for bugs with bug boxes and you can weed the beds with tools and walk the maze.

It is fun, you get to plant things and find bugs and you can eat lunch from the garden.

It is really cool, you can dig a lot, plant and grow a lot and have fun.

It is so much fun to play outside and you get to plant a bunch and it is cool.

It is exciting to go to the garden and do the garden. You can grow strawberries and flowers and water them.

You can see bugs and flowers then you can weed and just have fun.

You can plant beans and find bugs. You can have tools and grow roses and pull a flower.

4th Grade Garden Party 6/6/23

I like the garden because...

It is calming, relaxing and great.

I like plants, they give us food.

I really like flowers.

I like to plant peas and I like hanging with the MG's they are really cool.

I like flowers.

I like how organized and pretty it is.

It's a great place to go when you're stressed because plants help you calm down.

I like helping out.

I like looking at the beautiful plants.

I like flowers, ladybugs and caterpillars.

More plants mean more bugs to look at.

I like wildlife and really love ants.

I like plants a lot. They listen to you.

It's beautiful.

It's a place where you can calm down and watch the garden grow into magnificent things and help the community.

I can lay next to plants and enjoy the garden.

JULY GARDEN TIPS

Maintenance and cleanup

- If you want a green lawn, water frequently during periods of heat and drought stress. Irrigate a quarter inch four to six times per week from June through August. Measure your water use by placing an empty tuna can where your irrigation water lands.
- Mound soil up around the base of your potato plants. Gather and eat a few "new" potatoes from each hill when plants begin to flower.
- To reduce evaporation, water vegetable and flower gardens in the early morning. Water the soil rather than leaves to reduce disease. Water deeply and infrequently to encourage root growth.
- Pay careful attention to watering and feeding hanging baskets of flowers or vegetable plantings during extended periods of hot weather.
- Weed and fertilize rhubarb and asparagus beds. A mulch of compost or rotted cow manure works well as fertilizer. Water deeply to develop crowns for next year.
- Mulch with paper, plastic, sawdust, etc. to conserve soil moisture.
- Stake tall-growing flowering plants such as delphinium, hollyhocks, and lupine. Stake tomatoes as necessary.
- Make compost of lawn clippings and garden plants that are ready to be recycled. Do not use clippings if lawn has been treated with herbicide, including "weed-and-feed" products. Do not compost diseased plants unless you are using the "hot compost" method (120 degrees to 150 degrees F).

Planting and propagation

- Beets, bush beans, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, kale and peas planted in midsummer provide fall and winter crops. Get more tips on what to plant now in [Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening in the Pacific Northwest](#).
- Dig spring bulbs when tops have died down; divide and store or replant.
- **Oregon Coast:** First planting of Chinese cabbage, kohlrabi, and rutabagas.

Pest monitoring and management

- Use chemical controls only when necessary and only after thoroughly reading the pesticide label. Consider cultural controls first, then physical and biological controls. Choose the least-toxic options (insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, botanical insecticides, and organic and synthetic pesticides), and use them judiciously.
- Control hollyhock rust by sanitation, picking affected leaves, or spraying with a registered fungicide. Read and follow label directions.
- Watch for cutworm damage in garden. In July, climbing cutworms become a problem and large portions of foliage will begin to disappear on established plants. Use barriers, remove by hand, use beneficial nematodes when soil temperature is above 55 degrees F, or spray with Bt-k according to label directions.
- **Late July:** Begin to monitor for early and late blight on tomatoes. Correct by pruning for air circulation, picking off affected leaves, and/or treat with approved fungicide. See this article for more information on common tomato problems.
- Place traps to catch adult apple maggot flies. You can use pheromone traps to monitor presence of pests.
- **July 10:** Spray filbert trees for filbertworm, as necessary.
- **July 10-15:** Spray peach and prune trees for peach tree borer and peach twig borer, as necessary.
- **July 17-23:** Third spray for codling moth in apple and pear trees, as necessary.
- Cover blueberry bushes with netting to keep birds from eating the entire crop.
- Monitor camellias, holly and maple trees for scale insects. Treat if necessary.
- Monitor rhododendrons for adult root weevils. Look for fresh evidence of feeding (notching). Try sticky trap products on plant trunks to trap adult weevils. Manage root weevils with beneficial nematodes (if soil temperature is above 55 degrees F). If root weevils are a consistent problem, consider removing plants and choosing resistant varieties.
- Spider mites can become a problem on ornamental plants, vegetables and fruit plants during hot, dry weather. Watch for dusty-looking foliage, loss of color and the presence of tiny mites. Wash infested areas with water or spray with appropriate pesticides. For more information visit the PNW Insect Management Handbook Landscape Pests - Spider Mites.
- **East of the Cascades:** If necessary, spray for corn earworm as silking begins. Protect bees from spray.
- Continue monitoring raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, cherry and other plants that produce soft fruits and berries for spotted wing drosophila. If the flies are present, use an integrated and least-toxic approach to manage the pests. Learn how to monitor for drosophila flies and larval infestations in fruit.
- Check leafy vegetables for caterpillars. Remove caterpillars as they appear. Use Bt-k, if necessary.
- Remove cankered limbs from fruit and nut trees for control of diseases such as apple anthracnose and bacterial canker of stone fruit. Sterilize tools before each new cut.

July 2023 Brambles

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Have you seen the Curry Master Gardeners website?
https: extension.oregonstate.edu/

The Brambles is posted here by the 2nd of the month.
https: extension.oregonstate.edu/newsletter/brambles

The last Monday of the month is the cut-off date for
submitting articles for the Brambles.
Email them to Cathe Barter umpqua.bart@gmail.com

This is your newsletter, if you have something to share
please send it in. We will make every effort to include
it.
Thanks to all of you who generously contribute to this
edition of the Brambles.

CCMGA Officers for 2023

- Co-Presidents Kelly Jacobsen
..... Debbie Richter
 - Vice President..... Cathy Appel
 - Secretary..... Linnie O’Flanagan
 - Treasurer..... Julia Bott
 - OMG State Rep..... Jeff Richter
 - Membership..... Michelle Arnold
 - Newsletter Editor..... Cathe Barter
 - Historian..... Cathe Barter
 - Past President..... Julia Bott
 - OSU Education Asst..... Laurie Lee Bartlett
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