“Gardening adds Years to your Life, & Life to your Years”
~ Lori Phelan, President

I’d like to thank everyone that attends our monthly meetings; we have had record attendance and shared great input during the meetings this year. The association is for all of us and as the new president, I am welcoming any and all suggestions to make what we do meaningful. Some members haven’t been able to make the meeting(s) but do send in suggestions and input on the agenda; which I welcome. Please continue to do that.

I’d like to especially Thank, Carol Hobbs, for all her time and energy she has put into the Annual Plant Sale. We had record-breaking sales, again. It gets better and better every year. Unfortunately, she is stepping down as the Coordinator for next year. She will continue to propagate and lend her knowledge to whoever would like to step into these big shoes. And another Thank You to Debbie Carroll for her valuable contributions for the Sale. Between Carol and Debbie Carroll, they have documented what and when each step needs to happen for a smooth transition. We are also looking for someone with a media background to help with writing newspaper articles, radio spots, and flyers to promote events as they happen and promote the MG name in our community. Contact me, if you have any questions on either of these positions. They do count towards your volunteer hours. The Annual Plant Sale is our major fund raiser.

OSU is providing some great Webinars to fulfill our education portion of the Master Gardener designation. Please check out the calendar (purple color coded) and sign up. The color-coding system is amazing! Have you downloaded the TeamUp app? It makes it easier to sign up and see what’s going on around town.

Kudos to Judy Emerson, for starting a program in Crescent City at Addie Meedum House, a retirement home, to work with its residents in their garden. The herbs are a big hit with their aromatic smells.

Riley Creek Garden will be open this summer for any adult classes that you would like to teach, its great venue to hold them open to the public when the kids’ classes are not in session. We have picnic tables for outdoor classes and benches inside the greenhouse. Some ideas are a vermiculture class open to the public, partnering with other organizations such as Master Food Preservers or Canners. Contact Scott, Ali Mroram or myself if interested in using the venue.

The Seed to Supper Program is getting off the ground and running fast! Many organizations are joining in and getting the word out thanks to many Master Gardeners and Scott. This is a great project that will benefit so many Curry County residents.

~ Enjoy your garden. See you around at one of the many opportunities going on.
**HELLO ALL—WE ARE IN OUR VERY BUSY SEASON!**

Due to the number of events and need for Volunteer MG support, I have made the following list for you to easily check out as to what events you might sign up for. In case you don’t have the link to do so on the calendar, this is where to go: https://teamup.com/ksa7919614bd52037a

If, for some reason, you are not able to sign up for an event/shift, please let me know, and I will assist (as I can include your name on my admin link).

*June*

1st—Rogue River Clean-up 9:30-noon, or so, at Buffington Park in Gold Beach. Longer, and you can join folks upriver at Quosatana for picnic. Two areas of invasive weed removal inc. ivy and blackberries. No need to sign up. Just bring gloves and loppers/pruners/mattoxes (To dig out roots).

4th—Strawberry Festival—2-5:30, Riley Creek School Gardens in Gold Beach. See Ali’s announcement or call 310.409.3496

15th—info table at Chet’s nursery, noon-3, Oak Street in Brookings. 3 people needed

18th—CCMGA membership meeting here 10-noon.

*Ongoing*

Riley Creek school garden support and maintenance
Greenhouse plantings and care

Wednesday plant clinics—presently need 2 people each on May 29, June 12, and in later summer.

Wednesday ABC Preschool, 10-11:30, 1 or more MGs with background checks. Call Barb Cary at 541-661-0999 to assist.

*July*

In July, we will need 3 MGs staffing the info table on the 20th at Fred Meyer from noon to 3 pm and numerous MGs staffing our info table at the Curry County Fair on the 24-27th, two shifts.

If each of you would choose just 3 or 4 events each, we will be more than covered. That’s only about 10 hours of volunteering for most of the summer!

Thanks ahead of time ~Scott
ANNUAL PLANT SALE
Carol Hobbs, 541-251-2422, Mailhobbs@yahoo.com
Questions? Give me a call or text

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our annual plant sale. For those of you not in the room when they opened the doors, there was a huge rush of people that snapped up everything in sight! Just amazing to see the excitement.

This was our biggest sale yet. Attended by over 400 people. More than 70% of attendees were from Gold Beach. Twenty eight percent of attendees said they come every year. Another 23% said they heard about the sale via word of mouth. So make sure you mention our sale to everyone next year.

We sold almost 1200 perennials, close to 800 succulents and over 500 vegetables. In addition to that we sold 94 planters.

This will be the last year that Deb Carroll and I will direct the Annual Plant Sale. A big thank you Deb! We will continue to do the plant propagation, but believe a committee will be formed to take on the other responsibilities. I have recapped the other tasks or areas of work that need to be done. I have identified also when the task needs to be done and approximately how much time it takes to complete. If you are interested in taking on one or more of these tasks please let me know.

Thank you ~ Carol Hobbs

RILEY CREEK GARDEN ~Ali Mramor
amramor@ccsd.k12.or.us

The garden has been busy! We’ve had students finish their Mother’s Day succulent and culinary herb pots to take home and they turned out great! The greenhouse feels a little empty after the plant sale, but I’m sure we’ll find a way to fill it up again.

We are gearing up for the end of the school year, the Strawberry Festival, and the beginning of the Summer Gardening Program. We are in need of volunteers for the Strawberry Festival on Tuesday, June 4 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (volunteers arrive at 2pm). We will have fresh strawberry shortcake, lettuce wraps, snail races, strawberry art, and a chance for the students to show off the garden to their families and friends. The first strawberries are ripening in the garden, too!

Peas, carrots, lettuce, radishes, herbs, spinach, garlic, zucchini, and pumpkins have all sprouted and are growing beautifully thanks to this last rain we had. More vegetables to be planted in the next couple weeks. The middle school students planted a new herb garden. It’s going to be a beautiful, productive summer in the garden!

Please get in touch with Ali via email, text or phone call if you’d like to help out: amramor@ccsd.k12.or.us teie. 310-409-3496.

PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

This is a Follow Up on an issue that we need to address ~ Parental Permission for kids’ pictures to be used in any way by us, including our newsletters. We need to have a procedure for doing this. Find the approval forms at this website: https://studentaffairs.oregonstate.edu/ysyouthsafetywaivers Contact Scott Thiemann for clarifications. Please notify the Brambles Editor of appropriate documents with any child’s photo submission.

HOW TO FIND OUT WHAT’S GOING ON
Contact Lori Phelan, find us on Facebook: Curry County Master Gardeners-OSU Extension

THE BRAMLES 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 read of school)
Contact Carol Hobbs, 541-251-2422, Mailhobbs@yahoo.com
*Annual Plant Sale Project* spoken here

RILEY CREEK GARDEN
94350 6th Street, Gold Beach
Contact Ali Mramor amramor@ccsd.k12.or.us

ABC PRESCHOOL
543 Hemlock St, Brookings
Contact Barb Carey barbcary15696@gmail.com

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. Using this reward program is as easy as 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.’ Information about both the programs is available online at each business; check it out!
CCMGA – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES-May 21, 2019

Meeting Called to Order 10:03 AM at the OSU Extension classroom


Motion to approve minutes from April 16, 2019, Lori P; second by Pam L.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Financial statement and budgets passed around. Budget for April complete. Income of $95 for soil testing & some early plant sales. No changes needed.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Presentation by Margie House 4-H, Family Community Health Program Coordinator for Curry: She needs help with plant selection for a 4-H project started last year. The “Curry County 4-H Horse Memorial Planter Fundraiser”. Planters are held by a leather halter. They decorate the barn during the 4-H horse show in July & through the county fair. Funds go to 4-H horse shows. Plants need to be nontoxic to horses & colorful. A person not involved with CCMGA told her she could get her planters “filled” with plants at the plant sale which was not true. It was decided that an email with suggested plants & helpful websites could be sent to Margie & the CCMGA would buy a planter as a donation. Scott T. suggested that maybe a MG could help the 4-H kids plant the planters. Lori P. made a motion for the CCMGA to buy a planter, seconded by Ali Van O. & approved by board & members present.

Update Bylaws: Update of bylaws will be delayed until July.

Plant Clinic Website: Some information about this in Scott’s report.

UPDATE CALENDAR:

Ali Van O. – Discussed the webinars for continuing education. Previous years can be watched on YouTube, this current year webinars need to be registered for, and the link is on the calendar.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT’S REPORT:

Scott Thiemann – Attended a state coordinators meeting where the “Mission & Vision” of the program was considered. State MG program would have a greater national affiliation, how training is delivered might be changed (more digital delivery). Scott passed out a 2018 County Coordinators Survey that showed Curry County MG participants are older. We do not face the same “barriers to participation” that the other counties face (except old age & small population). Community support needs to be prioritized in the MG program.

Shore Pines an assisted living facility in Gold Beach would like some help from the MGs in filling raised beds & helping the residents with gardening about 1 hour a week. Contact Scott if interested in helping. Lori Phelan will add information about Shore Pines in her Brambles article.

Some of the statewide projects that are being developed are:

- Amy Jo Detweiler, horticulturist on staff at the Central Oregon Master Gardener Extension is working on the plant clinic client website being developed by OSU, “Extension Client Contact Online”.
- Another major OSU project is called “Solve Pest Problems”, http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/solvepestproblems/ is a link to what it is all about. Weston Miller is providing leadership for this project.
- Brooke Edmunds of Benton County would appreciate financial support for the webinars that she is involved with creating for the MGs which reach thousands of people.
- Oregon Network Farm to School & School Garden & Upstream Public Health Portland, Oregon are asking for support in promoting HB 2579 that will fund Oregon’s Farm to School Grant Program which supports local Oregon food producers & healthier foods in schools. The Search for Excellence application is being worked on.

And lastly it is extremely important that at all OSU events the ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY is filled out by all participants, this document also has a statement about photo usage.

No photos of children, even from the back can be used for any purpose unless their parents/legal guardian have filled out this form.

There was some discussion about Riley Creek activities & photos of children. The school already has a list of who can or cannot be photographed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Plant Sale: Carol Hobbs reported that the sale was a great success & went over the figures, possible improvements for next year, & responses to survey of attendees. She has decided that she no longer wants to assume all responsibility for running the plant sale and passed out a detailed list of all the work she does to make the event happen, she has been doing this since 2014. If it is to be continued others will need to take over all the work that she committed herself to. She is still willing to do propagation.

Land/Building Fund: Debbie C. made a motion to transfer $3000 of the plant sale proceeds to the land & building fund, Tim L. seconded the motion & it was approved. Discussion about the potential future greenhouse and/or garden & the revenue the plant sale provides. Lori P. stated that if Debbie C. & Carol H. back off from planning the future greenhouse who can take over? Scott T. suggested contacting Steve Renquist about the construction of the Douglas County MG greenhouses & gardens.

Riley Creek: Ali M. – During meeting contacted staff at the school & will be sent a list of “no media” students for use at Riley Creek garden events.

“Strawberry Festival” is June 4 from 3 to 5PM, volunteers need to be there at 2:00 to help set up. She has some volunteers & needs more. She is currently working on the grant that will keep her in her position at the school. The spring cleanup was a great success, 18 people helped. In addition to CCMGA support Marna W. stated that Rotary may be able to help with a donation for two of Ali M.’s future projects for the garden: decomposed granite pathways & a new cover for the hoop house.

ABC Preschool: Classes have started, but no class last week due to rain.

Living Waters: People are starting to sign up for the class “Seed to Supper”. Connie Hunter of the Brookings Harbor Food Bank knows & has contacted many media outlets, groups & individuals to get the publicity out. Childcare will be provided at the church by Head Start. Curry Transfer will provide transportation from Harbor. The 6 classes start June 15 & end July 20.

“Dig Your Library”: Has started at the Chetco Library, Brookings. First class had 15 kids & 5 MG volunteers. Julia Bott was very happy with the turnout but could use some more help since the kids have a wide range of ages.

Basics to Landscaping: Scott T. no news.

MG Speaker Series: Scott T. needs people, has worked contacting those who have expressed interest. Worm composting with Ali M. could be a class.

OTHER ASSOCIATION PROJECTS/WORKSHOPS/CLASSES:

Coffee House planter boxes: Marna W. has talked with the people at Gold Beach Books & 2 or 3 planter boxes can be set up outside for plants that would be provided by the CCMG with educational signage.

Events: Scott T. has sent emails to all members & provided a copy to those present about all the upcoming events. “Please sign up for”.

Garden Tour: There won’t be a June garden tour in Brookings, location suggested last month won’t be available this year. A tour before & after the Summer Garden Party was proposed. Suggested locations could be Linda Stokes’s garden, Tu Tu’ Tun Lodge, and Debbie Richter’s garden.

Save the Dates: Summer Party Sunday, August 11 at Marna’s home in Cedar Valley, 12 to 3:00 PM. Brian Grummon is in charge of setting up the Holiday Party, December 7.

Meeting adjourned 11:59AM

Submitted by Jeffrie Hall
**JUNE GARDENING TIPS**

**Planning**
- Construct trellises for tomatoes, cucumbers, pole beans, and vining ornamentals.

**Maintenance and Clean Up**
- Prune lilacs, forsythia, rhododendrons, and azaleas after blooming.
- Fertilize vegetable garden 1 month after plants emerge by side dressing alongside rows.
- Harvest thinnings from new plantings of lettuce, onion, and chard.
- Pick ripe strawberries regularly to avoid fruit-rotting diseases.
- Use organic mulches to conserve soil moisture in ornamental beds. An inch or two of sawdust, barkdust, or composted leaves will minimize loss of water through evaporation.
- After normal fruit drop of apples, pears and peaches in June, consider thinning the remainder to produce a crop of larger fruit.
- Make sure raised beds receive enough water for plants to avoid drought stress.
- Mid-June: If green lawns are being maintained through the summer, apply 1 pound nitrogen per 1,000 square feet to lawns.
- Central Oregon and high elevations of eastern Oregon: Frost can still be a concern during cold nights. Protect young vegetables from frost by having row cover (frost cloth) on hand. Place over crops when needed. Use season extenders, such as walls of water, around tomatoes and other tender plants.
- If green lawn is desired, frequent watering is necessary during periods of heat and drought stress. Irrigate 0.25 inches 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.

**Planting/Propagation**
- Plant dahlias and gladioli.
- Pest Monitoring and Management
- Central Oregon and high elevations of eastern Oregon: Manage weeds while they are small and actively growing with light cultivation or herbicides. Once the weed has gone to bud, herbicides are less effective.
- First week: Spray cherry trees for cherry fruit fly, as necessary, if fruit is ripening.
- First week: Spray for codling moth in apple and pear trees, as necessary. Continue use of pheromone traps for insect pest detection.
- Learn to identify beneficial insects and plant some insectary plants (e.g. Alyssum, Phacelia, coriander, candytuft, sunflower, yarrow, dill) to attract them to your garden. Check with local nurseries for best selections. For more information, see Encouraging Beneficial Insects in Your Garden (PNW 550).
- Blossoms on squash and cucumbers begin to drop, this is nothing to worry about. Cherries may also drop fruit, this is not a major concern.
- Monitor azaleas, primroses and other broadleaf ornamentals for adult root weevils. Look for fresh evidence of feeding (notching at leaf edges). Try sticky trap products on plant trunks to trap adult weevils. Protect against damaging the bark by applying the sticky material on a 4-inch wide band of poly sheeting or burlap wrapped around the trunk. Mark plants now and manage root weevils with beneficial nematodes when soil temperatures are above 55 degrees Fahrenheit. If root weevils are a consistent problem, consider removing plants and choosing resistant varieties.
- Control garden weeds by pulling, hoeing, or mulching.
- Control aphids on vegetables as needed by hosing off with water or by using insecticidal soap or a registered insecticide.
- Watch for 12-spotted beetles on beans, cucumbers and squash and cabbage worms or flea beetles in cole crops (cabbage, broccoli, Brussels sprouts). Remove the pests by hand or treat with registered pesticides.
- Birch trees dripping a sticky fluid from their leaves means that aphids are present. Control as needed.
- Use yellow sticky traps to monitor for cherry fruit fly. About 1 week after the first fly is caught, spray cherries at appropriate intervals.
- Last week: Second spray for codling moth in apple and pear trees, as necessary.
- Continue monitoring blueberry, strawberry, cherry and other plants that produce soft fruits and berries for Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD). If SWD are present, use an integrated and least toxic approach to manage the pests. To learn how to monitor and manage SWD.

**Houseplants and Indoor Gardening**
- Move houseplants outdoors for cleaning, grooming, repotting and summer growth. Online at: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/techniques/june-garden-calendar

**SWEETEN UP SUMMER BY GROWING STRAWBERRIES**

By Kym Pokorny--CORVALLIS, Ore. – Whether dipped in chocolate, tossed in a fruit salad or eaten naked, strawberries say summer in a big way. But they aren’t always cheap or sweet when bought at the store, so save money and get the freshest by growing your own.

The first thing you need to know is what type of strawberry you want: June bearing, everbearing or day neutral. As the name implies June bearing plants produce berries primarily in June; everbearing in early summer and fall with not much in between; and day neutral yield all summer except during very hot periods when temperatures get above 90. Day neutral are what most home gardeners will want.

For June bearing, there’s ‘Hood,’ which gives one good flush of berries in June and July and is the standard bearer for flavor. Day neutral varieties; ‘Albion’ and ‘Seascape’ are good choices. The ever-bearing category is ‘Quinault.’

Bareroot strawberry plants are available at nurseries and through mail order in February and March. Plant starts can be found now and should be put in the ground as soon as possible. Strawberries are self-pollinating.

Plant in full sun for best production. Build a raised bed 12 inches high by tillin in organic material, preferably compost, but anything is better than nothing.

There are two ways to plant strawberries—the matted-row and hill systems. Matted-row is preferred for June bearers and hill for day neutral and everbearers - place berries 15 inches apart in rows 3 to 4 feet apart. The runners, which root and make new plants, will fill in the rest of the space and result in a dense planting. As the runners grow outside of the bed, push them back into the bed where they’ll make new plants.

The hill system, keep 12 to 15 inches between plants in double- or triple-wide rows. Aisles should be 1 ½ to 2 feet wide. Cut off all runners every two to three weeks. It’s best to wait until runners have formed “daughter” plants but have not rooted.

Use a balanced fertilizer with the three numbers on the front label equal or close to equal – 16-16-16, for example. Check the label and divide the overall amount recommended by the number of applications needed throughout the season. June bearing strawberries get fertilizer following renovation after the fruit is finished. Everbearers and day neutral get several applications throughout the season. Refer to the above publication for more detailed instructions. Use a garden tool or broom to sweep fertilizer off leaves and always water after feeding.

Don’t be dismayed when strawberries don’t bear much the first year. Plants will produce a full crop the next year and two to four seasons after that before production dwindles. At that point, new plants will need to go in. Start a new patch in the year your existing one is in its last season so you don’t skip a year of fruit.

Never let plants be stressed by lack of water. Keep well irrigated with about 1 to 1 ½ inches of water a week. – strawberries dislike wet feet. Let the soil dry out to the touch before watering and then water down to 6 to 8 inches.

Annual renovation is necessary for June bearers. After plants have finished producing berries, use a string trimmer or rotary mower and cut plants to about 2 inches above the crown. Remove the debris, but don’t rake vigorously or you’ll damage the crowns.

Strawberries are susceptible to verticillium - rotate beds periodically. Spotted wing drosophila can be a pest; the best control is to keep your beds clean. The natural pesticide spinosad, sold under various brands, is one of the best treatments if they do get started on your fruit.
Mr. Lee's health class posing in front of the new herb garden

Ms. Holtz kindergarten class working on Mother's Day gifts

THE ADDIE MEEDOM HOUSE

Judy Emerson [jjevas@gmail.com], one of our MG trainees, is involved in Crescent City, California at the Addie Meedom House, a Senior Assisted Living Facility.

We cleared out the weeds, removed a ton of snails, and added some new soil with the help and supervision of a few of the residents.

Residents enjoy the smell of the mint and oregano, that we’re planting. We planted kale, lettuce, and swiss chard.

It can be windy and cold on the patio; some days have been frustrating getting people out to help. I overestimated the ability of most to participate- as a lot of the residents are in wheel chairs.

Still snails to remove, weeding, and volunteer work to be done; contact Judy if you’re interested in helping.

AN EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Earth Day at Dragonfly Farm and Nursery Langlois was attended by Suzanne Hossler. Every year around April 22nd (Earth Day) Free classes for the kids, free live music and educational talks related to the Earth. There will also be local vendors and local hot and ready food available. [https://www.dragonflyfarmlanglois.com/](https://www.dragonflyfarmlanglois.com/)
June 2019 ~ The Brambles

Curry County Master Gardeners Association
monthly meetings 3rd Tuesday, 10 am to noon in Gold Beach, OR

Have you seen the Curry County Master Gardeners website?
Extension.oregonstate.edu/curry/mg
The Brambles is usually posted there by the second of the month.

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 contributed to this edition of the Brambles. All submissions are gladly considered.

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