What season is it in your garden? ~ Julia Bott

October brought us many seasons. There was a lot of our typical summer – fog – and a few days of autumn warm days, finally ripening our tomatoes and making the dahlias pop, followed by the start of rains and cool weather from arctic storms.

What season is it in your garden?

This is the time of the year when we pull or prune plants that are done for the season, even though some of them keep trying to show off. If you have a heart that wants to save every plant, cutting a plant with blooms that just may open can be hard. I just keep saying, “It’s not murder. It’s compost.”

Moving on while appreciating the past is good for our gardens and our organization. The Curry County Master Gardener™ Association’s future is looking bright, thanks to members stepping up to be officers in 2023. Check out the article from the nominating committee in this newsletter. We’ll be voting to elect our officers at the next meeting on Tuesday, November 15 at 10am at the extension office or by zoom. We’ll also be adopting our 2023 budget. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

And, while meetings are fun, parties are more fun! Mark your calendar for our annual holiday party and gift exchange. It will be Sunday, December 18 at Pistol River Friendship Hall from 1:00 pm-4:00. There will be a potluck with sign-ups for specific dishes, and a $20 limit white elephant gift exchange. Watch your email for more information to come.

Looking back at October, I see it was a really busy month for the Master Gardener volunteers. The regularly scheduled Plant Clinics ended, after 7 months of answering questions. Classes were held in school gardens at both Riley Creek and Kalmiopsis schools, as well as the annual Harvest Festival at Riley Creek School. CCMGA made presentations to the Brookings-Harbor Garden Club and later that month, presented a seed saving workshop. We staffed a booth at the Event Center on the Beach’s Fall Festival, playing seed games, distributing free seeds, and offering kids the opportunity to make living necklaces and growing bracelets. Meanwhile, the volunteers working in the greenhouse continued propagating starts with an eye on a successful sale in May 2023.

Looking to the future, I’m very excited by the progress on the demonstration greenhouse and garden to be located next to the extension office. This venue will offer many teaching opportunities. Sharing knowledge with the community to help them succeed with their sustainable gardening activities is one of our primary missions. We already do a GREAT job of that but having another tool such as this will be helpful. One can’t have too many tools, right?

The future looks bright, but now it is time to go compost those summer garden plants.
Annika Bratton
If you have questions about supporting education in the garden, contact Annika Bratton at 541-373-3050 or annika.bratton@currywatersheds.org.

If you are interested in helping on alternating Saturdays, contact Anne Gerdts at anne.gerdts@gmail.com.

Harvest is the word of the month at Riley Creek School Garden

Finally! Thanks to the late summer-like weather, tomatoes and other vegetables are ripening in the garden. There was lots of harvesting in October, and it was celebrated at the Harvest Festival, held on October 21.

The harvest bounty is going to cafeterias at both the High School and Riley Creek. Every week the food program receives 4 tubs of a variety of produce, including lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, cabbage, celery, onions, squash, and herbs. One delivery included baby bok choy for a stir fry.

The fourth graders, who planted much of the vegetables last spring, had a special visit to the garden to close the loop with harvesting help. The fourth-grade curriculum spends less time in the garden, instead focusing on wetland habitats. They had so much fun being back in the garden and seeing how things had changed since last June.

More than 75 people enjoyed a nice Friday afternoon at the October 21 Harvest Festival. It was great timing as the autumn rains finally showed up that weekend. The event started with a light mist but as soon as everything was moved into the greenhouse, the sun quickly came back for a great afternoon.

A harvest festival must have food! Master Gardener volunteer Michelle Arnold and Linda Pinkam, OSU Nutrition Education Program partnered to served delicious lettuce wraps, with produce from the garden.

While the garden produced a lot this summer, the pumpkin harvest was dismal but luckily a local pumpkin patch at Faith, Hope, and Joy Farms provided us with pumpkins for painting. Now every class, as well as the office, have beautifully decorated pumpkins!

Other activities included exploration in the garden – checking out bugs and seeds – as well as art projects, face painting by Laura Lee Cundiff, and making succulent planters.
November 2022 Brambles

Curry County Master Gardeners Association
Membership Meeting Minutes, Tuesday October 18, 2022 10AM

Members Present: Tom Kerr, Laurie Lee Bartlett, Kelly Jacobsen, Michelle Arnold, Cathy Appel, Julia Bott, Jeffrie Hall, Adele Kurtz, Linnie O'Flannagan-Gorre, Ginny Knox. Members present via Zoom: Ali Van Otterloo, John Albi, Debbie Carroll

Guest: Linda Pinkham, OSU Extension Nutrition Education and SNAP Coordinator

1. Minutes from September 2022 approved
2. Business Items

A. President's report – Julia Bott
   i. Scholarships for 2023 class (moved to treasurer's report; see below)
   ii. Budget (moved to treasurer's report; see below)
   iii. Holiday Party -- We have the Pistol River Friendship Hall reserved for December 18th, suggested time is 1:00 pm-4:00 pm to allow people to get home before dark. There will be a potluck with specific dishes to sign up for, and a $20 limit white elephant gift exchange. Watch your email for more information to come.

B. Vice-President's report – Ginny Knox – No report

C. Treasurer's report – Tom Kerr
   Review of budgets for last year and proposed 2023 budgets.
   *Riley Creek Garden budget will be developed based on results from the Watershed's grant proposal for $2,824 to buy supplies and equipment.
   *No budget needed for ABC Preschool, Dig Your Library, Seed to Supper or Junior MG program in 2023. We lack the volunteer hours and/or community support at this time.
   *Plant Sale/Greenhouse budget was submitted by Debbie Carroll
   *Little Bear Garden is funded by the school via their purchase order process.
   *The group voted to move $6000 to unrestricted funds for the new greenhouse. Debbie Carroll requested an accounting of the CCMGA's contributions to that fund over the years to show our participation level to potential grant sources.
   *Scholarships: The group discussed and agreed to offer partial financial assistance or up to $100 of the $150 tuition, with a limit of $300 total for this year’s group.

Michelle Arnold, Cathy Appel and Laurie Lee will form a committee to review the requests.

D. Nominating Committee Report – Michelle Arnold

Election slate for 2023 officers:
Co-President: Kelly Jacobsen/Debbie Richter
Secretary: Linnie O'Flannagan-Gorre
Treasurer: Julia Bott
State Representative: Jeff Richter
Membership: Michelle Arnold

E. State Rep's report – Ali Van Otterloo & Deb Carroll

Nothing to report as meetings are quarterly

F. OSU and Education Program Assistant Report – Laurie Lee Bartlett

Laurie Lee had new business cards, with our new logo and a scannable QR code linked to our OSU CCMGA page.

The next class will start with an in-person orientation on January 14th, with every other Saturday in person. We will resume the tradition of perennial MG Volunteers providing potluck lunch for the new volunteers. Perennials are also invited to bring their favorite yard tool to show and tell. Laurie Lee will also have the classroom open on Wednesdays for students who need extra help or a chance to meet with their mentors.

Laurie Lee has exciting in-person class opportunities including a class on native plants at Stillwater Nursery and 325 at The Copper Goose Nursery in Coquille where you can fill your own hanging basket.

Linda Pinkham, the Extension’s Nutrition Education Program and SNAP Coordinator gave information on OSU’s Foodhero.org. This site has a Grow This program which offers free seeds and growing supplies to teachers, students and community members. The kit also comes with a $10 gift card for soil. They also offer resources to Master Gardener Volunteers. Linda encouraged everyone interested to apply for a kit. This site will survey all recipients in November to expand their knowledge of gardening in our communities and resources that are needed.

3. Committee Reports

a) Plant Sale/Greenhouse – Debbie Carroll & Ali Van Otterloo -- Reminder that all are welcome to volunteer at the greenhouse on Tuesday's noon-2 pm. They can use the help planting and general plant care. They are researching getting building permits, working on an agreement with the fairgrounds and visiting greenhouses to assist with selection of our new greenhouse. They are hoping we can assemble it ourselves and will only have to hire help to install the foundation and to bring utilities to the site. At a later date, they will schedule an opportunity for all members to share ideas about the new greenhouse.

b) Plant Clinic – Julia Bott
   i. Coverage over winter: We are finished with scheduled plant clinics this year, but we may receive questions during the rest of the year. The plan is to share questions received with the membership to see if anyone has knowledge or interest in the topic and would like to answer the query.

c) Seed to Supper – No Program in 2022

d) Riley Creek -- Julia Bott/Lori Phelan -- Fall Harvest Festival is this Friday, Oct. 21, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. All are encouraged to attend. If you don't have the background check, you can still attend as a community member.

   The vegetables grown at Riley Creek Garden are now going to the cafeteria weekly. They are given a list the week before so they can plan.

e) ABC Preschool -- No Program in 2022

f) Dig Your Library – No Program in 2022

g) Kalmiopsis School Garden -- Julia Bott -- The school is sending one class per week on Wednesdays for 30 minutes so far. They are planting bulbs and fave beans.

h) Curry County Seed Library -- Julia Bott -- The seed library is temporarily closed for some updates at the library and will reopen soon.

By Ginny Knox
How Does Your Garden Grow? (Cont. from October 2022)  By Adele Kurtz
The 2023 Officer Nominations are in!

Here is the initial slate for our 2023 Curry County Master Gardener Association Board Members:

Co Presidents: Kelly Jacobsen and Debbie Richter
VP: Cathy Appel
Secretary: Linnie O’Flannagan-Gorre
Treasurer: Julia Bott
State Representative: Jeff Richter
Membership: Michelle Arnold

Thanks to all our current Board members who have given so much during this year of considerable change. Also, BIG THANKS to all of the volunteers who have stepped forward to service in the new year.

We will vote on these positions at the November 15 at our 10:00 am meeting.

HOW TO FIND OUT WHAT’S GOING ON

Contact Julia Bott, find us on Facebook: Curry County Master Gardeners-OSU Extension

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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
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and Ali Van Otterloo 925-788-6684 alivanotterloo@gmail.com

*R Annual Plant Sale Project* spoken here

RILEY CREEK GARDEN
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DIG YOUR LIBRARY ~ Julia Bott
Chetco Community Public Library Annex
402 Alder Street, Brookings
Contact Julia Bott jbott@batnet.com or telephone 650.520.5673

CURRY COUNTY SEED LIBRARY – If you need seeds, contact Lynnette 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.

ABC PRESCHOOL
543 Hemlock St, Brookings
Contact Sherry Baum & Ruth Patton

LITTLE BEAR PATCH GARDEN AT KALMIOPSIS SCHOOL
650 Easy Street, Brookings, Contact vacant, 541-469-7417

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.’
NEW GREENHOUSE PROJECT
Debbie Carroll
541-254-4804

We have been proceeding with plans for our new greenhouse project to be located to the west of the OSU Extension office in Gold Beach. We have received a letter of intent from the Event Center/Fair Board, and are currently looking into what is needed for permitting of the project through the City of Gold Beach and Curry County.

We will be inviting the membership to participate in a brainstorm/listening session in the not too distant future (date to be announced soon!)

Below is the schematic plan as it exists so far, and if you are interested in details of the actual greenhouse structure, follow the link below! We look forward to incorporating as much master gardener and general community input in the planning process to make this project a valued community asset!

Planning

• Force spring bulbs for indoor blooms in December.

Maintenance and cleanup

• Service lawn mower.
• Check potatoes in storage and remove any going bad.
• Place a portable cold frame over rows of winter vegetables.
• Place mulch around berries for winter protection.
• Cover rhubarb and asparagus beds with composted manure and straw.
• Rake and compost leaves that are free of diseases and insects. Use mulch to prevent erosion and compaction from rain.
• To protect built-in sprinkler systems, drain the system and insulate the valve mechanisms.
• Clean and oil your lawnmower and other garden equipment and tools before storing them for winter. Drain and store hoses carefully to avoid damage from freezing. Renew mulch around perennial flowerbeds after removing weeds.
• Protect tender evergreens from drying wind.
• Tie limbs of upright evergreens to prevent breakage by snow or ice.
• Trim chrysanthemums to 4 to 6 inches after they finish blooming.
• Leave ornamental grasses up in winter to provide texture in the landscape. Cut them back a few inches above the ground in early spring.

Western Oregon

• Last chance to plant cover crops for soil building. You can also use a 3- to 4-inch layer of leaves, spread over the garden plot, to eliminate winter weeds, suppress early spring weeds and prevent soil compaction by rain.
• Watch for wet soil and drainage problems in yard during heavy rains. Tiling, ditching and French drains are possible solutions. Consider rain gardens and bioswales as a long-term solution.
• Take cuttings of rhododendrons and camellias for propagation; propagate begonias from leaf cuttings.
• Prune roses (tea and floribunda, but NOT climbers and ramblers) to around 3 feet in height to prevent winter damage.

Planting/propagation

• Plant a window garden of lettuce, chives and parsley.
• It's a good time to plant trees and shrubs. Consider varieties that supply food and shelter to birds, such as sumac, elderberry, flowering currant and mock orange.
• Still time to plant spring-flowering bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and crocuses. Don't delay.
• Good time to plant garlic for harvest next summer, and to transplant landscape trees and shrubs.

Pest monitoring and management

Use chemical controls only when necessary and only after thoroughly reading the pesticide label. First consider cultural, then physical and biological controls. Choose the least-toxic options, and use them judiciously. Some examples include insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, botanical insecticides, and organic and synthetic pesticides.

• Rake and destroy leaves from fruit trees that were diseased this year. Remove and discard mummified fruit.
• Check firewood for insect infestations. Burn affected wood first and don't store inside.
• Treat peaches four weeks after leaf fall spray for peach leaf curl and shothole diseases.
• Moss appearing in lawn may mean too much shade or poor drainage. Correct site conditions if moss is bothersome.
• Bait garden for slugs during rainy periods. Use traps or phosphate baits, which are pet-safe.
• Monitor landscape plants for problems. Don't treat unless a problem is identified.

Houseplants and indoor gardening

• Reduce fertilizer applications.
• Buy holiday bulbs for ‘forcing’ for indoor decorations and/or gifts.
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Have you seen the Curry County Master Gardeners website?

The Brambles is usually posted here by the second 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 contributed to this edition of the Brambles. All submissions are gladly considered.

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