

Yamhill County Master Gardener Association
General and Executive Board Meeting
May 14, 2025 10am

Attendees- Susie Alin, Polly Blum, Susan Burdell, Rita Canales, Tom Canales, Linda Coakley, Lydia Cook, Gin Galt, Terry Hart, Cindy Kinnaman, Sue Nesbitt, Mary Ann Nolan, Carolyn Nyquist, Mary Lou Polvi, Alex Prentice, Dennis Quenneville, Gail Stolz, Star Thomson, Candace Van Zanten, Melissa Young, Heather Stoven

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 by Susan Burdell

A motion to approve the minutes from April was made by Star and seconded by Alex.

Rita is taking minutes for Libby today.

Treasurer's Report Star

The Plant Sale was as successful as last year making \$33,153. Costs for this year were about the same as last year. Square costs were basically the same.

SIG ended up being right on track with what Sue had predicted. We brought in \$6,175 \$6,200 was budgeted. We spent \$7,641.11 and \$7,680.00 was budgeted. All is as expected; the extra cost of the event is covered by Friends of YCMGA.

We have so far received \$1100 from Friends of YCMGA, \$1700 was budgeted, and all have not come in yet.

First Federal is having their rewards program this May. All First Federal Customers are encouraged to log in their hours.

"For every hour participating First Federal Customers volunteer, we'll contribute \$2 to the participating Yamhill County Nonprofit organization. The more time you volunteer, the more rewarding for your service. Participating Yamhill County nonprofit organizations are eligible to earn up to \$500 in any given year, with the total donation based on the number of active volunteer hours submitted by First Federal customers during the time the program is open. The First Federal Community Rewards program closes when the 10,000th hour of volunteer time is received. Contributions are based on the total number of hours submitted and are disbursed at the close of the program." Stated First Federal

Star would like to create an Assistant Treasurer position. A focus group was formed with Sue Nesbitt, Tom Canales, Gail Stolz and Susan Burdell.

Heather's Report

The desk is going well with a number of MGs coming in on specific days each week. The students have petered out but will hopefully start to pick up.

The markets have started with many of the volunteer slots filled.

There is a concern in June with 3 clinics as well as the markets.

Educational Outreach Committee

Carolyn Nyquist thanked all the educational subcommittees for all their excellent work.

As well as many clinics going on there are also educational events for the public. There is summer tree care class on fruit trees the first week of June, a pollinator class around the end of summer with the Parks and Rec., an Ethnic Food preparation class that will count towards Growing and Belonging, time TBD.

Clinics

A big thank you to Star, Polly, Mary Lou, Kelly, Cheryl, and Jennifer for signing up at the last minute for the Edible Landscapes clinic. There were 18 adult contacts and 14 children contacts.

There are 3 clinics in June. They are at the Garden Fair on Cows St June 8, Sheridan Farmers' Market June 14, and Willamette Valley Quilters' on June 21.

Spring into Gardening

Sue has reserved the date for next year, Saturday March 28, 2026

Farmers' Markets

Volunteer slots are filling up.

McMinnville- Maxine took videos of Tom setting up the Farmers' Market. Carla will edit the videos. Heather has created a PowerPoint for set up, what to do and how to act at clinics and the farmers' markets. When all is completed they will be available for us to learn from.

Newberg- Lydia said all is good

Field Trips

The Rhododendron Gardens were a success.

May 22 there will be a trip to the Oregon Gardens

Sponsor Outreach

Terry said they are waiting for Recology and we got a donation from Hart Reality.

Plant Sale

Linda did an inventory on the plants that went to Edible Landscape, 3700 in all with 360 from the Community Garden.

Vendors were very satisfied with the sale and will hope to come back next year.

Instead of another meeting to wrap up the plant sale for this year Gin will send out a survey or questionnaire for everyone to fill out. She will give everyone a week to reply and will compile the information and send it out to us all. There were suggestions from last year that were implemented this year. Many new MGs had a great time and want to help again.

\$420 was made from the boxes.

Music was suggested.

Soil upfront instead of the back

We will wait for the survey to go out for any other suggestions.

Perennial Propagation

Met for the first time since the sale, all is good.

Greenhouse

Cleaned out the GH and all is done for this year.

OMGA

Cindy said the next meeting is tomorrow May 15. She will report at the next meeting. Joy of Gardening preregistration at \$80 will end June 15 and will be \$100 after.

Library

There is a notebook in the office to fill out book requests.

Hospitality

We would like to have the Ice Cream Social before Joy of Gardening.

Sunshine

They are waiting for people to let them know if they need to send out anything.

Educational Gardens

Baskets are up, annuals are placed, new roses are in, fertilized and deer proofed (hopefully) and Tim has been working on the drip.

Community Garden

The season is just beginning to produce, how much is not known yet. The MGs received many tomatoes and basil from the garden, next year community garden prices will go up. We should most likely ask for more basil.

Mentor Committee

They are encouraging mentors to contact students.

Insect Committee

Joan brought in to the committee 2 guests last week, queen bees. She explained how the queen is added to a hive.

Tomorrow they will be talking about a beetle that is a biological control for a hypericum weed.

Scholarships There are 6 applicants

Caden Christensen

She is graduating from Amity High School with a 4.26 GPA will be attending Chemeketa Community College in the Fall of 2025 with plans to study Forestry and Ag business.

This amazing student also found the time to work full time in the summers on the family's fifth generation farm, and assisting at the mom's veterinary service. She has been an active FFA member, member of the school's student government and honor society with over 200 hours of community volunteer hours. Her extracurricular activities included equestrian, soccer, trap basketball teams as well as BSA venture scouts. She has received honors and awards in all or most of these activities and we highly recommend her to receive this year's scholarship.

Kyra Navari

She is graduating from Dayton High School and will be attending Oregon State University in the fall of 2025 where her field of study will be agricultural business and food management. At Dayton high school she managed the school's greenhouse business called The Garden Shed, learning team management and customer service. Kyra also had the honor to serve on the state's CTE advisory board, helping shape future technical education. Outside of school, she has held multiple positions of responsibilities in FFA and is this year's president. In this position she has excelled at planning events, organize teams involving multiple schools. Her long term goal is to work for the Oregon Department of Agriculture, helping shape future farm policies to support communities such as ours. She competed in high school softball and volleyball at the varsity level. While receiving honors and awards in many of these activities

Chloe Bingman

She is completing her first year at Chemeketa Community College and plans on earning her Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Marketing.

At the end of this Spring term she will have completed 53 credit hours while continuing to maintain a 4.0 GPA. She plans to transfer to OSU after completing her Fall 2026 semester at Chemeketa.

In addition, to attending college full time, Chloe is serving as a Yamhill County Dairy Princess Ambassador. After 10 years as a 4-H member she is now a volunteer 4-H leader in Yamhill County.

Adelle Petraitis

She also attended Chemeketa Community College this past year where she has taken a full load of credits each semester and is maintaining a 4.0. Her interest continues to be in Forestry Engineering, specifically harvesting and reforestation. I have to say that she has not selected easy courses – included are differential calculus, integral calculus and vector calculus 1 – wow. She is transferring to OSU this fall.

Max Hill

Max Hill plans to attend Western Washington University, majoring in Environmental Sciences. His passion is reforestation and he has planned and participated in local restoration projects. His volunteer work also includes cooking at the Soup Kitchen, participating in SOLV beach cleanups, and managing the school's can and bottle recycling program

Like his fellow scholarship applicants, Max has excelled in the classroom, earning an honors diploma, completing numerous AP courses with a 4.2 weighted GPA and is a valedictorian candidate. He earned a four-year activity letter in Competitive Marching Band and was the co-president of the Environmental Club for two years.

Max estimates his first year at Western Washington will cost \$46,440.

Kaylee Dinger

She plans to enroll at California State Polytechnic University at Humboldt and major in Environmental Science, Management and Policy, hoping to contribute to ecologic restoration, sustainability, and positive change through research.

Kaylee has an outstanding academic record, will graduate with an honors diploma, multiple AP classes,

and has a 4.19 weighted GPA. She is a valedictorian candidate. She is currently conducting independent research on aquatic lead pollution.

Her activities are many and varied. She has been a 4-year 3/sport athlete in Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball. She volunteers in reforestation projects, beach cleanups, Zero Waste McMinnville Plastic Project, and promotes sustainability through a workshop teaching clothing repairs and organizing clothing swaps for her peers.

The next time someone says “Kids these day...” in that tone of voice, I would urge them to read about these truly exceptional young people. The future is in good hands if we help them grow and realize their dreams.

The committee is proposing \$2000 for each scholarship.

The two of the students from MAC High will be paid from the FFA funds. Their scholarships will be funded from the restricted account established when McMinnville’s FFA program was discontinued approximately ten years ago. At this time there is \$5,885.29 in that account.

The 4 other students’ scholarships will come out of the regular funds.

Sue made the motion to have \$12,000 approved for scholarships for the 2026 budget. Susan seconded the motion. The committee would like to introduce the students at the next Board Meeting June 11 at 10am.

Fairgrounds

Mary Ann went to the last meeting and will be at the next with Sue tomorrow night. She will let them know how successful this year’s sale went, especially the parking with access to the other gate.

We discussed how we can help the Fairgrounds and a committee was formed to see what we can do.

Sue, Tom, Rita, Tim and Dennis will spearhead this committee.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:22

Next meeting is June 11 at 10am.