

**FINAL**

**LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION  
November 12, 2015 General Meeting  
Oregon Coast Community College Meeting Room**

**Attendees:**

Board Members Present: Pat Shaw, Heather Fortner, Karen Jones, Jeff Olsen, Liz Olsen, Carol Schriener, Mary Jane Bonelitz

Non-Board Members Present: Cathi Block, Jill Johnson, Bill Hutmacher, Sharon Busby, Mary Heinen, Paula Wenell, Sonja Lovas, Holly Brandwen, Claudette Schroeder, Diana Pinto, Lynn Alexander, Becky Stiles, Sara Skamser, Diane Primont, Donna Davis, Betty Bahn, Michael Christy, Ron Woodard, Larry Tapanen, Sharon Casteel, Dennis Moore, Margaret Paz-Partlow, Eric Partlow, Melinda Robinson, Nancy Kloak, Mary Ellen Townsend, Julia Cook, Betty Orr, Marlene Shapiro, Sally Reill, Pam McElroy

Guests: Kaety Jacobson, Kristine Frey

Vice President Heather Fortner called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m., and made the following announcements:

- 2016 LCMGA dues of \$15.00 are currently due and should be paid by the end of the year. Dues forms were passed out and attendees were encouraged to pay dues as soon as possible, including at the meeting. Otherwise, dues can be sent to the OSU Extension office at the address provided on the form.
- The 2016 Master Gardener class will begin on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, and will include a potluck provided by the veterans. Veterans are encouraged to attend any and all of the classes. Flyers and class schedules are available.
- A box was provided for attendees to drop off food items. Those, along with the various food items decorating the tables, were donated to the local Food Pantry – 180 pounds worth!!!
- Many thanks to the hospitality team headed by Becky Stiles, for their help in setting up and decorating the classroom and potluck table.

**Graduation:** Pat Shaw and Liz Olsen awarded orange MG badges to the 2015 MG graduates listed below. In addition, each graduate received an OSU notebook and an LCMGA stylus pen.

Holly Brandwen  
Julia Cook  
Dennis Moore  
Margaret Paz-Partlow  
Mary Ellen Townsend

Michael Christy  
Nancy Kloak  
Eric Partlow  
Sara Skamser  
Ron Woodard

Graduates who were not able to attend the graduation ceremony were Paul Clinton and Allison Colman-Pinning.

### **Garden Project Presentations:**

Several graduates gave short presentations of their MG projects, including the following:

- Michael Christy – Straw Bale Gardening at Yaquina Bay Lighthouse Garden
- Ron Woodard – Vertical Gardening at Lincoln City OCCC
- Mary Ellen Townsend – Her service garden, fun garden, and pollinator garden at Newport OCCC
- Julie Cook (in collaboration with Allison Colman-Pinning) – Variants in suitability of different windbreaks (including quinoa) at the Yachats Community Garden

In addition, mention was made of the garden projects of other graduates, including Paul Clinton (slides were shown of his pepper plants), Dennis Moore (onions), Eric and Margaret Partlow (lettuce, broccoli and kale). All told, approximately 930 pounds of produce from the various gardens were donated to Food Share.

### **General:**

The Adaptive Garden at Oceanview Assisted Living Center is now officially a demonstration garden.

Kaety Jacobson, Lincoln County Sea Grant Agent and Extension County Leader, was introduced. She thanked LCMGA for all its good work, and encouraged us to stop by to say hello anytime we were in the Extension Office. Kaety was asked about what steps were being taken to alleviate the parking situation at the Extension Office, and she indicated that the city and county are working on one or two options for increasing the amount of parking available. More information will be forthcoming.

Pat Shaw thanked the membership for their help in realizing the goals set for the 2015 MG year, including having more fun activities and growth opportunities, and increasing publicity.

Pat and Liz awarded the following LCMGA awards:

- Master Gardener of the Year – Donna Davis
- Early Bloomer – Michael Christy
- Lincoln County's Behind the Scenes Gardener – Sharon Fuller
- First ever Dynamic Duo Award – Web and Becky Stiles
- President's Award – Cathi Block

- Master Gardener Extension Leadership Award – Eugenia (Genie) Papas

**Election of Officers:**

The following individuals have volunteered to serve as LCMGA officers for 2016. They were introduced and duly elected:

- Co-Presidents – Donna Davis and Steven Paul
- Vice President – Dawn Henton
- Co-Treasurers – Emilie Blume and Jeff Olsen
- Secretary – Karen Jones
- Historian – Mary Ellen Townsend
- OMGA Representative – Heather Fortner
- Pat Shaw – Past President
- Liz Olsen – Extension ex-officio

Pat Shaw was thanked for her good work as 2015 LCMGA president.

The meeting was adjourned by the newly elected president, Donna Davis, at approximately 12:00, after which we had time to socialize while enjoying a delicious potluck lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jones  
LCMGA Secretary