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LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION

October Board Meeting

In person and hybrid

October 13th, 2025

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Kristi Kind, Mary Jane Bonelitz, Marlene Shapiro, Julie Roth Carter, Gary Dorris, Janice Smith

Board Members Absent: Cathi Block, Sharon Busby, Ann Geyer, Laura Strom, Emilia Lacy, Trish Riley

Association Members Present: Carita Edson, Herb Fredricksen, Anne Irving, Julie Ericksen, Stormi Dykes, Joan Crall, Dawn Henton, Ron Woodard, Kathy Burke, Shereen Rowland, Cathy Fitzhugh

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Kristi Kind.

Housekeeping: Mary Jane Bonelitz to assume secretarial duties. Unable to connect OWL for hybrid connection. Utilized a laptop to have members not present to be involved with the meeting.

Announcements:

1. Kristi's birthday was celebrated in song.
2. The nominating committee has a full slate which will be announced at the November Board Meeting.

Minutes Approval:

Kristi Kind motioned that the September board meeting minutes be approved as documented. Mary Jane Bonelitz seconded.

APPROVAL: Minutes of the September board meeting were approved unanimously.

Financials:

Gary had no report. The financial reports for September are attached.

Planning meeting report:

Marlene Shapiro summarized the September 29th, 2025 strategic planning meeting. The 2025 goals of Sustainability and Website were met. Demo gardens and Seed Library will continue into 2026 and Increasing Member Involvement will be added. The 2026 LCMGA goals will be

1. Demo Garden
2. Seed library
3. Increasing member involvement

A committee was formed to work on goal #3 consisting of Cathi Block, Cathy Fitzhugh, Janice Smith, Emilia Lacy, Larry King, Julie Roth Carter, and Martha Mills.

VP Report:

1. The Volunteer Appreciation picnic was well attended with 35 people present. Food costs totaled \$671.68, which was significantly below the anticipated cost. Thanks to Cathi and Janice for help with setting up the venue.
2. Holiday Cookie Party is scheduled for December 20th from 1-3 at the Samaritan Center for Health Education.
3. The possibility of providing holiday presents for a group in need was floated as a possibility. Most people present supported the idea with some attendees requesting more information. Julie will obtain more information about the possibility of pursuing this.

Education and Outreach report

1. Two new members have been added to the committee: Cheri Rice and Cathy Fitzhugh
2. The Fall Education Series is underway and so far, has been well attended. There were over 30 people at the recent class on vegetables.
3. KYAQ radio spots continue. Everyone is encouraged to contact Ross McCann to schedule their opportunity to participate.
4. Tabling events are completed for the year.
5. Lincoln County School District met with Julie and Kathy Burke at the Lincoln City Demo Garden to discuss the possibility of having 1st graders meet their science standards by working in the garden and harvesting in the spring. Stormi Dykes stated that this discussion must have OSU involved since it involves youth. She is currently in discussions with OSU regarding Youth Safety.
6. Head Start discussion with the Lincoln City Demo Garden continue with Wendy Olsob, Terry DeJongh and Julie Roth Carter are working on this project. Wendy, who has a certificate in Children's Gardening, is creating a plan for the project and then costs to execute the plan will be determined. Head Start has no funds and is looking for funding. Julie raised the question as to how we go about funding a project that primarily involves another entity. Stormi again stated that this discussion must have OSU involved since it involves youth.

OMGA Report:

In Trish Riley's absence Stormi read the OMGA report. See attached.

Program Update:

1. The graduating class will consist of 11 new Certified Master Gardeners. Dave Hall is creating a slide show and there will be a sweet and savory potluck. Graduation will be November 12th at 4:30 at South Beach OCCC. Please RSVP if you can attend.
2. It looks like 46 Master Gardeners will complete certification in 2025. Hours must be entered into VRS by 11:59PM on October 31st to be counted. The Demo Garden Steering Committee hours will now be counted as Educational Garden Instructor – direct and the Education and Outreach Committee Meeting hours will count as Educational Event Planning – indirect hours. Stormi will correct hours retroactively but please code hours as indicated going forward.
3. The 2026 MG training class will be online through Canvas with mandatory live sessions from 5:30-7:30 PM weekly. The classes begin January 28th through April 15th. The program is requesting 3 scholarships of \$200 each be provided by LCMGA. The cost of the class will increase from \$150 to \$200 for 2026.
4. The spreadsheet listing Education/Volunteer activities will no longer be done. Stormi was the only one that responded to the survey, and no one has accessed the spreadsheet recently.
5. The monthly newsletter will change to being published 3-4 times per year. Much of the information covered in the newsletter is also available on the website and through social media. There are 5 times more non-Master Gardener subscribers to the newsletter than Master Gardeners.
6. Regarding “Dig and Divide” there is a state work group looking at this issue and should be issuing a report in late 2025 or early 2026. OSU discourages taking plants/roots from home gardens for plant sales. If you have concerns continue to share them with Stormi who will make OSU aware of these concerns.
7. Mandatory Volunteer Hub Compliance System-All annual paperwork will go through this system, which should only require you to sign on once a year. Motor Vehicle checks and Criminal Background checks will be every two years, and National Sex Offender Database check is now annual. Concerns were expressed about the privacy of the information which Stormi will share with OSU.
8. Demonstration Garden MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding) between OSU and OCCC. OSU is leaning heavily into compliance which requires that Master Gardeners not contact OCCC directly regarding items covered in the MOU such as irrigation/water systems, electricity, additional square footage, hard improvements/infrastructure. The process for how this will work is still being determined. Stormi needs to be involved in any discussions moving forward and wants to know the content of discussions that have taken place.

Grant Committee: No report per Herb Fredricksen

Plant Clinic: Larry’s report attached

Publicity: Larry's report attached

Demonstration Gardens: Reports for each garden presented and summaries attached.

Demonstration Garden Steering Committee: Mary Jane stated that the summary of September meeting will be attached to the minutes as well as 2026 Educational Plan for the Gardens

Seed Library: Julie Ericksen reported on the ongoing efforts as this committee is getting started. Amy Shoulders is chairing the committee which consists of Amy, Julie and Sharon Busby.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Kristi Kind at 11:57

Next Board Meeting is November 10th at 10:00 at the Extension Office.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jane Bonelitz, interim secretary

ATTACHMENTS:

12:15 PM

LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOC

10/09/25

Balance Sheet

Cash Basis

As of September 30, 2025

	Sep 30, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Reserve Accounts	
CD-1st Security -7950	21,320.25
Saving Money Market 1st 7940	18,614.38
Savings - 1st Security.7168	2,002.50
Total Reserve Accounts	41,937.13
Checking - 1st Security B..7226	9,103.99
Educational GH	360.00
Lincoln City Donations	600.00
Seed to Sup Donation	120.00
YachatsDemo Bed Rental	1,320.60
Total Checking/Savings	53,441.72
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	-600.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-600.00
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	-430.00
Total Other Current Assets	-430.00
Total Current Assets	52,411.72
Fixed Assets	
Garden Inprov & Repair Reserve	428.73
Total Fixed Assets	428.73
TOTAL ASSETS	52,840.45
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Grants - Holding for Future Use	
Yaquina View Elementary - Renee	1.00
Total Grants - Holding for Future Use	1.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	1.00
Total Current Liabilities	1.00
Total Liabilities	1.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	17,932.97
Retained Earnings	30,753.88
Net Income	4,152.60
Total Equity	52,839.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	52,840.45

LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOC

10/09/25

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Accrual Basis

January through September 2025

	Jan - Sep 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Contributions	205.00			
Dues	835.00	1,200.00	-365.00	69.6%
Interest Earned	1,205.37	1,000.00	205.37	120.5%
PSP #7 LincolnCity Inc				
Donations	0.00			
Total PSP #7 LincolnCity Inc	0.00			
SE #1 SpringGardenSale Inc	17,002.50	19,496.00	-2,493.50	87.2%
SE #3 FundRaisers Inc	0.00			
Total Income	19,247.87	21,696.00	-2,448.13	88.7%
Expense				
SE #7 Seed Library				
Grant	100.00			
SE #7 Seed Library - Other	-100.00			
Total SE #7 Seed Library	0.00			
MG Volunteer Support				
Volunteer Appreciation	174.33	250.00	-75.67	69.7%
Field trips	1,105.13	1,600.00	-494.87	69.1%
Total MG Volunteer Support	1,279.46	1,850.00	-570.54	69.2%
Education and Outreach				
Spring Conference	55.28			
Education and Outreach - Other	262.80	2,456.00	-2,193.20	10.7%
Total Education and Outreach	318.08	2,456.00	-2,137.92	13.0%
Committees				
Hospitality	193.51	700.00	-506.49	27.6%
Total Committees	193.51	700.00	-506.49	27.6%
Awards	400.00	500.00	-100.00	80.0%
Banking Fees				
Pay Pal Fees	34.80			
Square Card Fees	322.03			
Total Banking Fees	356.83			
Dues OMGA	320.00	300.00	20.00	106.7%
Scholarships				
MG Class	250.00	400.00	-150.00	62.5%
Total Scholarships	250.00	400.00	-150.00	62.5%
Historian	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Insurance Liability	382.00	350.00	32.00	109.1%
LCMGA				
Equipment	0.00	340.00	-340.00	0.0%
Supplies	26.99			
Total LCMGA	26.99	340.00	-313.01	7.9%
Library	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Newsletter & Website	727.09	475.00	252.09	153.1%
Postage-general	66.65	100.00	-33.35	66.7%
Printing-general	573.40	720.00	-146.60	79.6%
PSP #1 MG Class /Apprentice Exp	79.55	1,000.00	-920.45	8.0%
PSP #5 Waldport Garden	1,216.91	1,270.00	-53.09	95.8%

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Accrual Basis

January through September 2025

	Jan - Sep 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
PSP #6 SouthBeach				
Supplies	211.26			
PSP #6 SouthBeach - Other	0.00	975.00	-975.00	0.0%
Total PSP #6 SouthBeach	211.26	975.00	-763.74	21.7%
PSP #7 LincolnCity				
Signage	653.84			
Materials	314.44			
Soil, Bark, Plants and Supplies	645.88			
PSP #7 LincolnCity - Other	139.38	2,410.00	-2,270.62	5.8%
Total PSP #7 LincolnCity	1,753.54	2,410.00	-656.46	72.8%
PSP #10 Scholarship	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Roundtables	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
SE #1-SpringGardenSale				
Bank box	0.00			
Supplies	1,911.25			
Space Rent	860.00			
SE #1-SpringGardenSale - Other	125.52	3,500.00	-3,374.48	3.6%
Total SE #1-SpringGardenSale	2,896.77	3,500.00	-603.23	82.8%
Supplies, Bus	43.23			
Total Expense	15,095.27	21,696.00	-6,600.73	69.6%
Net Ordinary Income	4,152.60	0.00	4,152.60	100.0%
Net Income	4,152.60	0.00	4,152.60	100.0%

LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOC

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Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

Accrual Basis

January through September 2025

	Jan - Sep 25	Jan - Sep 24	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Contributions	205.00	310.00	-105.00	-33.9%
Dues	835.00	1,100.00	-265.00	-24.1%
Interest Earned	1,205.37	730.98	474.39	64.9%
PSP #7 LincolnCity Inc				
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total PSP #7 LincolnCity Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
SE #1 SpringGardenSale Inc	17,002.50	17,018.00	-15.50	-0.1%
SE #3 FundRaisers Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Income	19,247.87	19,158.98	88.89	0.5%
Expense				
SE #7 Seed Library				
Grant	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
SE #7 Seed Library - Other	-100.00	0.00	-100.00	-100.0%
Total SE #7 Seed Library	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
MG Volunteer Support				
Volunteer Appreciation	174.33	625.00	-450.67	-72.1%
Field trips	1,105.13	0.00	1,105.13	100.0%
Total MG Volunteer Support	1,279.46	625.00	654.46	104.7%
Education and Outreach				
Spring Conference	55.28	0.00	55.28	100.0%
Youth Projects	0.00	246.99	-246.99	-100.0%
Education and Outreach - Other	262.80	161.06	101.74	63.2%
Total Education and Outreach	318.08	408.05	-89.97	-22.1%
Committees				
Hospitality	193.51	388.25	-194.74	-50.2%
Total Committees	193.51	388.25	-194.74	-50.2%
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
SE #5 Waldport Garden Setup				
Fence	0.00	1,950.95	-1,950.95	-100.0%
Hardware	0.00	356.42	-356.42	-100.0%
Soil	0.00	554.00	-554.00	-100.0%
Supplies	0.00	545.83	-545.83	-100.0%
SE #5 Waldport Garden Setup - Other	0.00	259.90	-259.90	-100.0%
Total SE #5 Waldport Garden Setup	0.00	3,667.10	-3,667.10	-100.0%
Awards				
Honorarium	0.00	400.00	-400.00	-100.0%
Other Awards	0.00	157.95	-157.95	-100.0%
Awards - Other	400.00	44.00	356.00	809.1%
Total Awards	400.00	601.95	-201.95	-33.6%
Banking Fees				
Pay Pal Fees	34.80	44.95	-10.15	-22.6%
Square Card Fees	322.03	286.01	36.02	12.6%
Banking Fees - Other	0.00	28.49	-28.49	-100.0%
Total Banking Fees	356.83	359.45	-2.62	-0.7%
Chapter Programs (Activ & Fd Tr	0.00	495.00	-495.00	-100.0%
Conferences & Meetings	0.00	592.71	-592.71	-100.0%
Dues OMGA	320.00	427.00	-107.00	-25.1%

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Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

Accrual Basis

January through September 2025

	Jan - Sep 25	Jan - Sep 24	\$ Change	% Change
Scholarships				
MG Class	250.00	97.98	152.02	155.2%
Other Grants & Scholarships	0.00	100.00	-100.00	-100.0%
Scholarships - Other	0.00	50.00	-50.00	-100.0%
Total Scholarships	250.00	247.98	2.02	0.8%
Insurance Liability	382.00	341.00	41.00	12.0%
LCMGA				
Supplies	26.99	40.50	-13.51	-33.4%
Total LCMGA	26.99	40.50	-13.51	-33.4%
Newsletter & Website	727.09	0.00	727.09	100.0%
Postage-general	66.65	68.00	-1.35	-2.0%
Printing-general	573.40	450.00	123.40	27.4%
PSP #1 MG Class /Apprentice Exp	79.55	32.97	46.58	141.3%
PSP #5 Waldport Garden				
Hospitality	0.00	161.86	-161.86	-100.0%
PSP #5 Waldport Garden - Other	1,216.91	229.45	987.46	430.4%
Total PSP #5 Waldport Garden	1,216.91	391.31	825.60	211.0%
PSP #6 SouthBeach				
Supplies	211.26	230.17	-18.91	-8.2%
Total PSP #6 SouthBeach	211.26	230.17	-18.91	-8.2%
PSP #7 LincolnCity				
Signage	653.84	0.00	653.84	100.0%
Materials	314.44	409.36	-94.92	-23.2%
Carlson Awd	0.00	147.50	-147.50	-100.0%
Soil, Bark, Plants and Supplies	645.88	42.94	602.94	1,404.2%
PSP #7 LincolnCity - Other	139.38	0.00	139.38	100.0%
Total PSP #7 LincolnCity	1,753.54	599.80	1,153.74	192.4%
PSP #10 Scholarship	4,000.00	5,000.00	-1,000.00	-20.0%
PSP #12 Youth Ed Exp				
SealRock GC	0.00	-159.96	159.96	100.0%
Total PSP #12 Youth Ed Exp	0.00	-159.96	159.96	100.0%
SE #1-SpringGardenSale				
Bank box	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Facility	0.00	1,162.50	-1,162.50	-100.0%
Supplies	1,911.25	1,740.23	171.02	9.8%
Space Rent	860.00	-250.00	1,110.00	444.0%
SE #1-SpringGardenSale - Other	125.52	0.00	125.52	100.0%
Total SE #1-SpringGardenSale	2,896.77	2,652.73	244.04	9.2%
Supplies, Bus	43.23	0.00	43.23	100.0%
Total Expense	15,095.27	17,459.01	-2,363.74	-13.5%
Net Ordinary Income	4,152.60	1,699.97	2,452.63	144.3%
Net Income	4,152.60	1,699.97	2,452.63	144.3%

Demo Garden Steering Committee

Summary of 9/8/25 meeting

Infrastructure was voted top priority at previous meeting. Nominal Group Process was used to rank the remaining 6 categories.

#1	Publicity	39 votes
#2	Garden Standards	33 votes
#3	Exhibits	29 votes
#4	Apprentices	25 votes
#5	Garden Support	22 votes
#6	Community Partners	20 Votes

Brainstorming of ideas to enhance publicity for the gardens resulted in 10 categories with Nominal Group Process being used again to prioritize the categories.

#1	Publish Garden Hours	62 votes
#2	Social Media	57 votes
#3	Articles in Newspaper	53 votes
#4	Monthly/Seasonal Events	49 votes
#5	Sandwich Board	45 votes
#6	Publish Garden Days	43 votes
#7	Tabling Events	38 votes
#8	Educational Handouts	36 votes
#9	Flyers	31 votes
#10	Entertainment in Garden	20 votes

Brainstorming of top categories under Publicity

1. Publish Garden Hours (hours garden open vs hours MG will be there?)
 - a. At garden
 - b. On website
 - c. Newsletter
 - d. Oregon Coast Today
 - e. Lincoln County Leader
 - f. Extension Website
 - g. Radio spots
 - h. PowerPoint for each class
 - i. OCCC
 - i. Bulletin board
 - ii. Website
 - iii. Table tents at gathering areas
 - j. Add QR code of hours to signs
2. Social Media
 - a. ??Template?? Julie and MJ to check???
 - b. Send to DGL
 - c. DGL to MJ to post all events
 - d. Film events or take pictures and send to MJ to post
 - e. Create reels that are about 20 seconds to post – film with phone
 - f. Post to groups on Facebook
3. Articles in Newspaper
 - a. Stormi has newspaper contacts
 - b. Class (Fall Educational Series) blurb
 - c. Julie check???
 - d. Oregon Coast Today Paired?
4. Monthly/Seasonal Events
 - a. Generic Tabling Supplies for each garden
 - b. Comprehensive Educational Plan for 2026
 - i. Committee with MJ, JRC and 1 DGL from each garden to create plan



Lincoln County Master Gardener™ Association



2026 Comprehensive Education Plan Demonstration Gardens

To meet our ongoing goal of providing public education on sustainable horticulture, each Demonstration Garden will arrange for the following classes to be presented in their respective gardens.

Early February:	Seeds and Seed Catalogs
Early March:	Edible Garden Planning
Late April:	Seed Starting
Early June:	Planting your Vegetable Garden
July/August:	Common Vegetable Garden Diseases and Pests
August/September:	Apprentice Showcases

These classes will be in addition to the Spring Conference and the Fall Education Series that will be coordinated by the Education and Outreach committee of the Lincoln County Master Gardener™ Association



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Waldport Demo Garden September 2025

This last month in the garden consisted of a lot of clean-up - dead heading flowers, trimming back natives and perennial plants, taking out the spent vegetable plants etc. We took 19 pounds of vegetables to the Waldport Food Share.

The garden hosted an educational class on cover crops and then the participants planted 4 different cover crops. The participants loved the garden and teamed up with the MG's present for questions and a tour of the garden. We had fun.

The co-leaders of the garden now have planted 4 of the raised beds with cover crops. Two more to go now.

Marlene and Carita taught an educational class on Growing Vegetables on the coast at the college in Waldport on October 10. We had 30 people come and we ended up in the garden for more questions and a garden tour. And another fun time in the garden.

October South Beach Demo Garden Report

The first week of October we took 10lbs of produce to food share

There appeared to be some intentional damage done to the cloche, with the bottom board torn loose on the one side and the other side flipped all the way over to the other side. This exposed the tomatoes etc to some wind damage. Some of the clips are missing as well. We repaired it the best we could, but will need to take some tools next time to fully repair it.

We didn't work in the garden the second week due to the weather, hopefully next week will be a better opportunity.

I will be teaching a Garlic class on the 17th and hope to be able to go out into the garden and actually get the garlic planted as part of the class.

We will be planting a 2 or 3 of the beds with a cover crop this year.

We are still getting squash, peas and bush beans for food share

Weather permitting, we still plan on getting the greenhouse stained before Winter. We were rained out last week.

Lincoln City Demo Garden Board Report

October 13, 2025

Lincoln City is winding down production from the summer garden. We have 1 more workday scheduled October 22, 3-5 pm.

To date, in 2025, we produced 180 lbs. of food that was delivered to the local food pantry. We continue to produce a smaller number of cooler weather vegetables including turnips, parsnips, broccoli, cauliflower, kohlrabi, garlic and onions. Anyone who cares to experiment with winter gardening is welcome to participate. We will not have regularly scheduled workdays through the cold season.

Our budget is completed and will be submitted this week. We met with our members and ranked priorities. Projects for next year include an accessible garden bed with benches on two sides, a spiral herb garden, a new birdbath, a waterwise garden bed, grass replacement and ground leveling project, and a seed/ plant exchange.

Two of the apprentice beds have been cleared and planted with cover crops. The Keyhole garden is still vibrant and growing and we will continue to keep that going as long as possible for our visitors.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Burke and Terry DeJongh

OMGA Report September 2025

The OMGA 4th quarter executive board meeting was held Friday, October 3rd via zoom. Our meeting agenda was full. Here are some highlights:

Dr. Madsen and LeAnn Locher reported on the new Statewide Award recommendations developed by their working group of MG Coordinators. The purpose of this group is to: clarify, streamline, and align the Master Gardener awards process in Oregon so that; recognition reflects OSU Master Gardener Program values and priorities; all volunteers (certified Master Gardener volunteers) are equitably eligible for awards regardless of association (OMGA chapter) membership; roles of the OSU Master Gardener Program and Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) are clearly defined; volunteer contributions are meaningfully celebrated through accessible and timely processes. Look for more guidance on this new process through your Master Gardener Coordinators soon.

OMGA will continue to award grants through our traditional process. Over \$10,000 in grants were awarded to deserving Chapters, organizations and volunteers in 2025.

OMGA Treasurer discussed the new proposed OMGA 2026 Budget to be voted on at the November 7, 4th Quarter Board meeting.

We are looking forward to beginning the planning for our 2026 conference, celebrating 50 years of the Master Gardener Program! Mark your calendars for July 10-11, 2026!! If you are interested in helping with the planning or being a speaker let us know at: crusch3837@gmail.com

Leslie Ray reported on our updated OMGA website: It is still under construction. Please take a look and provide us with feedback.

Ann Kinkley has sent out our Fall newsletter. Check it out: <https://omga.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Fall2025GardenersPen-1.pdf>

We discussed the need for more in-person meetings in 2026. This will be voted on at our next meeting. Proposals included an in-person meeting at the next JOG Conference, and in the fall of 2026.

A slate of officers for 2026 was presented. President: Chris Rusch; President-elect: Shelby Schuppe; Vice President: Leslie Ray; Treasurer: Patrice Sipos and Secretary: vacant.

Our terrific secretary Cary Varela is moving on to other leadership roles in her Chapter. We are very grateful for her service. Are you interested in joining OMGA as our secretary? Let us know at: crusch3837@gmail.com

Look for details on our minutes posted on our website: <https://omga.org/minutes-and-reports/>

Thank you everyone for your patience and support. Take care of each other.

Chris Rusch

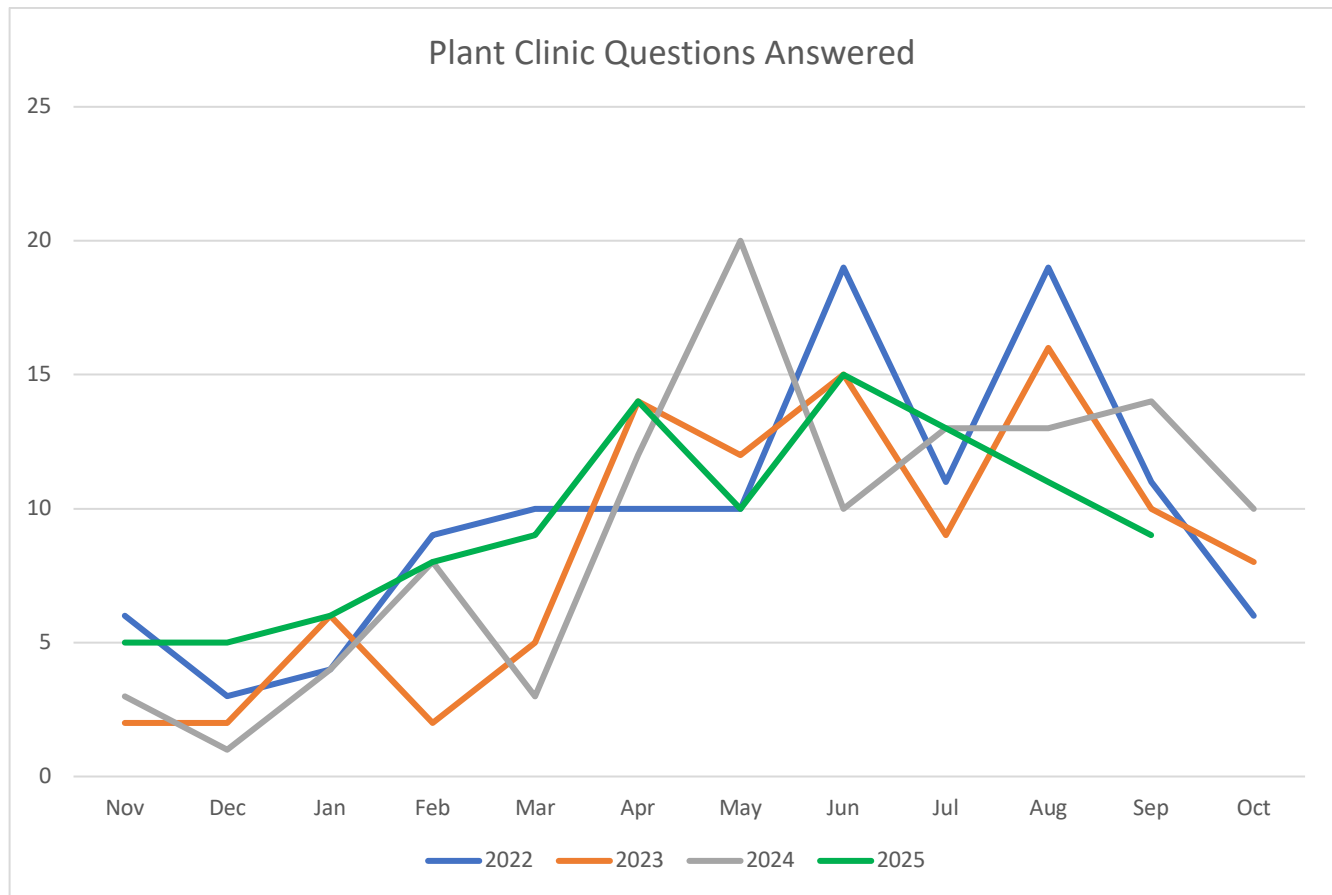
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Plant Clinic Report for September, 2025

Client questions are tapering off as expected. September questions are the lowest in several years (only nine answered questions). This year's results are on the green line.



Besides the numbers, here's the work completed in September:

- Plant Clinic scheduled through the end of the season.
- Mentored a late-signup Apprentice on two dates.
- Created 3-year plan and budget
- Worked with Stormi to allocate an additional PC Laptop to use in the Clinic

Things I'm currently working on:

- LCMGA Budget Process
- Development of "Adopt-A-Week" Signup Genius
- Development of Adopt-A-Week" zoom overview

Best Regards,

Larry King
Plant Clinic Coordinator

Publicity Report for September, 2025

Website Information

Website Stats for orcoastmga.org					
	Unique	Nbr of			
Month	Visitors	Visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth (GB)
December					
November					
September	4,446	7,477	71,589	149,476	8.73
August	1,581	2,107	25,334	58,728	2.77
Total:	6,027	9,584	96,923	208,204	11.50

Social Media Information:

(Starting in January, we will provide Social Media Engagement Information, monthly)

Mailing List Information:

(We sent out two bulk emails)

2025 Education Series Sent 2025-09-09

Recipients 811
Opened 47.72%
Clicked 5.67%

Fall Education Series Reminder Sent 2025-09-23

Recipients 779
Opened 46.73%
Clicked 5.65%

Besides the numbers, here are items completed in September

- Developed Publicity 3-year plan and budget
- Set up website to use orcoastmga@gmail as underlying SMTP account
- Set up Canva for Non Profits
- Discontinued DropBox account (moved to Google Drive)
- Began the process of setting up Google Workspace for Non Profits
- Performed routine website updates and management

Things I'm currently working on:

- Starting up the formal Publicity Committee

Best Regards,

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