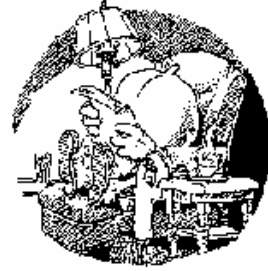




# The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

## RESTAURANT EXPANSION MEETING

The restaurant expansion (Red Agave) community meeting will be held on Thursday September 4th at 7pm sharp. This meeting will start with a current treasurer's report and a brief history of restaurants we've rented to in the past. Then the expansion proposal will be made (and the folks from the Red Agave will come in during just this period to answer questions). For the rest of the meeting, we'll take time to discuss our concerns. *No decision needs to be made at this meeting -- a second meeting will be set. However, in order to influence the decision-making process at the second meeting, you must have come to the first informational meeting.* See you there!

-- Growers Board

**I would like to applaud the Board of Directors for requiring attendance at all meetings concerning** the restaurant expansion in order to influence the decision. In response to the statement made last week, our system of governance is consensus, which differs dramatically from a majority. In a majority system, participation is not necessary. Any person can vote yes or no without any knowledge at all concerning the issue to be decided. The majority of votes determine the outcome. A majority vote can take place over a long time span (days, weeks, months) and a vast geographic area. A consensus based organization makes decisions differently. The decision is made at a meeting where all parties are present. By not attending the meeting, you agree to accept the outcome (or disassociate from the organization) if it passes. If every single person who attends the meeting agrees or is ambivalent about the issue, it passes. If a single person votes no, (blocks consensus) and that person will not stand aside, the issue is defeated. Therefore, a person's participation is required at the earliest opportunity, especially if they would seek to block the proposal. Since this decision will be made over the course of at least two meetings, I

stand behind the decision that any person seeking to block the proposal must attend all meetings, and be familiar with all of the issues raised. Is it fair? What if you can't physically get to the meeting? That's for minds greater than mine. - Steve Shapiro

**The Growers Market is hiring a building manager** and steward. Application deadline for both jobs is September 5th. You can find a job description and hiring process in an envelope outside of the building manager's office, room 212. For more information contact Zorba 485-0456 or Rodney 942-322. Please pass this information along to anyone you think would be interested or appropriate for the position.

**TRIAL BY FIRE:** Members of our community (Board member and strawboss) Rainstar and her 12-year-old son, Heron, lost their home and possessions to a fire last week. The Red Cross has given them some short-term help. They and their cat are safe, but all their stuff burned...Sadly, there was no insurance. A donation jar and card will be available at the market. Also, thanks to those who signed the card and donated last week. I told Rainstar about it, and she seemed touched. She and Heron are staying in Portland right now (likely to move there). Every bit will help! We raised over \$15 so far. Thanks to you all, Growers Community!

## CASHIER HELP WANTED!!!!

Help I'm a grad student stuck in a coordinator's schedule! Martin here, your friendly neighborhood coordinator with too many other responsibilities and a long list of cashiers with summer plans away from Eugene, asking for help anytime between 4:30 and about 9:30 on Thursdays. I need closer and cashiers.

**Hello to Heather Lindsay Tidwell!** I found something of some value that appears to belong to you. It is a piece of paper. Please call me to claim it, as I am keeping it safely out of the recycle bin. Jeanine 461-1614

**The Farmworker Justice Coalition invites you to: Immigrant Worker Freedom Ride Benefit**

- 6 pm Tuesday, September 9, 2003 •
- First United Methodist Church •

1376 Olive St., Eugene. Suggested donation: \$5 to \$50 sliding scale. Pozole, catered by Jorge Navarro (a Mexican stew, veg and non-veg)

Music by Jim Garcia and Bonnie Duran-Leaming. Bake sale • Info about the Freedom Ride. Two local women, Guadalupe Quinn and Mary Martinez-Wentzl will be the bus. Immigrant workers, living and paying taxes in the United States, deserve the rights to legalize their status, to have a clear road to citizenship, to reunify their families have a voice on the job without regard to legal status, and to enjoy full protection of their civil rights and civil liberties and rights denied by their undocumented status and outdated laws.

Endorsed by: Network for Immigrant Justice/CALC, CISCAP, ESSN/Interfaith Alliance, Latinos Unidos, Juntos, CAUSA, Justice Not War, Centro LatinoAmericano, Eugene Friends Meeting, Faith in Action, Northwes Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Lane County Labor CouncilAFL-CIO, Amigos de los Sobrevivientes, Lane County Bill of Rights Defense Committee.

**Question: What do you get when you cross a seventies-something Quaker Peace Activist with Eugene's hottest discoteque?**

Answer: You get Eugene's own Peg Morton and a host of talented musicians in a benefit show for CISCAP (the Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People). What: "Supernaturally Yours..." ---a musical benefit show. When: 10 September from 7-midnight. Where: the Annex, 23 w. 6<sup>th</sup>. Who: Peg Morton, colorful local peace activist, plus Jeff LaPalme, Eugene's favorite trumpet player, Kenny Reed, the only jazz drummer in Eugene to take lessons from Elvin Jones, Ty Connor, the hilarious humorist from Sam Bond's Garage, the dance band Ruckus, DJ Brownie, DJ C4, and others. PLUS----food from

Mercado Latino!!! How: All ages welcome---- tickets are \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. All proceeds benefit CISCAP. Contact: tony 349-9393 Tickets available at CISCAP: 458 Blair Blvd., Solar Energy International (SEI) is presenting three workshops in Washington state in October, 2003: October 11: Intro to Renewable Energy \* Tuition \$75 October 13-18: PV Design & Installation \* Tuition \$550 October 20-25: Wind-Electric Design and Installation \* Tuition \$550 Ask me about our special workshop opportunity: Renewable Energy for the Developing World -- Hands-On Rancho Mastatal, Costa Rica February 16-21, 2004 \* Tuition \$600 See below for more information. You can register through SEI in Colorado (contact info below). See SEI's cancellation policy and other details at <http://www.solarenergy.org/reepgen.html> before you register. Lodging and logistics information for the workshops is available upon request. I hope you can join us. Don't wait until the last minute to register. We turned people away last time around. -Ian Woofenden

*Solar Energy International NW Coordinator  
Senior Editor, Home Power magazine*

**The 7th Annual Regional Permaculture Gathering** will be September 12-14th at 356 Horn Lane, Eugene, off River Road. The cost for the whole weekend is \$40-\$80, one day is \$20-\$40, and a half day is \$10-\$20 (Friday is free). For meals, bring a bulk food contribution of plus or minus 1 pound per meal (otherwise \$3 per meal) and your own dishes and utensils. A schedule for the weekend is up in the co-op, or you can check <[www.eugenepermaculture.org](http://www.eugenepermaculture.org)>. For more information, call Heiko at 485-7245 or e-mail Jan at <[spencerj@efn.org](mailto:spencerj@efn.org)>.

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