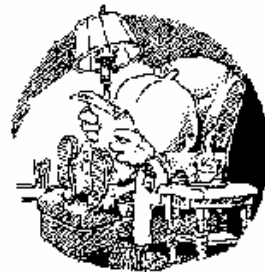


# The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

## RED AGAVE BOARD MEETING 10/15

The Growers Board of Directors encourages all those interested in the issue of Red Agave and its wish to expand to come to the next Board meeting on October 15th at 6pm. The first hour will be devoted to this topic, and YOUR input is VITAL. Thank you, S. Zorba Frankel, Board President

## RED AGAVE EXPANSION UPDATE

Over twenty people attended the second meeting on the proposal to expand the Red Agave restaurant space into the market space. Notes from the meeting are available at Growers. At the meeting, participants brainstormed benefits of the proposal, cons, data/information, alternative solutions/ideas, and next steps. Following is a response to the meeting by a Growers shopper:

“Hello, I'd like to thank all those who participated in the meeting and thank Wendy (I assume) for posting the minutes. It is a thought-provoking set of lists. I have one more idea to add, not wholly of mine own making. Steve and Dennis circulated some information regarding St. Vinnie's desire to have a low-income food outlet in the first floor of their new low-income apartment building on 11th. Then also Nathan Bell suggested to me the other day that Growers find a location that was more of a storefront for the market, and yet retain the building as an asset, and possibly a money-maker.

I think this is an opportunity to look into just such an option, and is well within the Grower's mission statement. If Growers is too ossified to think about taking on such an option, I'd love to talk to anyone interested in starting a sustainably-based natural food cooperative to serve low income people by providing inexpensive, high quality food. Wait now, that's starting to sound familiar..”

-- David Richey

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I just attended a meeting of the Eugene City Club. One of the presenters was Terry MacDonald, the Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul, talking about the new housing complex they are building for

people living with limited income. It appears that one of the problems they are facing is that there is a lack of food shopping resources in the downtown area. The only stores mentioned were the Broadway Market and the Kiva. I personally would like Growers Market to be on that list when the people moving into the apartments are looking for a place to shop. What do you think? Steve

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who helped with the Growers Market Garage Sale this past weekend. We got a TON of donations and lots of shoppers came by the sale during the day. We raised about \$275 which will go toward the wheelchair lift loan payments. It was a successful event. -- Megan

## INDOOR PLAYGROUND CO-OP FOR KIDS

Tiny Tots is having an orientation for new and returning members on Tuesday, October 14th 7:00pm at First Christian Church located at 1166 Oak Street (meeting in the Palour Room). Call Bernadette Conover at 683-5677 for free open house dates, and more information. (Tiny Tots is a non-profit, co-operative indoor playground for kids 0-5.) -- Jennifer Harper

## FDA TARGETS GENESIS JUICE

Part of resisting the trend towards globalization is to keep our local economies alive, particularly our local food systems. That's why it's so important to help the Genesis Juice Co-Op at this time. You probably read the article in the Eugene Weekly about Genesis Juice being in imminent danger of being shut down by the FDA for distributing raw juice. When I read that article, I had an inkling of how people in third world countries must feel when their local sources of food production are destroyed by globalization. I paid a visit to Genesis Juice on Friday, and asked what people could do to help. They said that what they needed was time to find a new way to market their juice. It would be legal for them to sell the juice directly to the public through CSA's, juice stands, and other methods. They just need the time and the money to make the switch. The Genesis folks had two suggestions for

people wanting to help. The first is to call DeFazio and Wyden and ask them to sponsor legislation that would help Genesis Juice. It is not uncommon for a legislator to introduce legislation aimed at helping a small, specific group of people, if there is enough public interest in such legislation. The other suggestion was to keep buying Genesis Juice. I asked them if they were considering having a fund-raising event. They said that they were talking about it, but had nothing definite planned yet. I asked them what people should do if made a product that they were willing to donate, or if they were in a musical group that wanted to play for such an event. They said to call their office at 344-0967. Their office is open on Tu, Th, and Fri from 11am to 4 pm. In these days when global conglomerates are growing more and more powerful, it is important to support our local businesses. Genesis Juice has been generous in donating to community events over the years, and now it's time for the community to be generous in supporting Genesis. -- Carol

Cascadia Wildlands Project's 2nd Annual  
**HOEDOWN FOR THE ANCIENT FORESTS**  
featuring the Foghorn String Band with caller Bill Martin \* Friday, October 10 \*

Come on down to the second annual hoedown benefit for the Cascadia Wildlands Project. Its time to kick up yer feet, swing yer pardner and get merry to help save Cascadia's remaining ancient forests! The event will feature the foot-stomping live bluegrass music of Portland's Foghorn String Band with caller Bill Martin. All proceeds go directly to the ancient forest protection campaign of the CWP. This is not an event to miss!

When: Friday, October 10th, 6 pm: Food & Drink \*  
7 pm: Square Dancing

Where: Avalon Stables, 80143 Hazelton Rd, Cottage Grove (turn at mile post

5 on Cottage Grove/Lorane Highway)

Cost: \$15-\$100 in advance, \$20-\$100 at the door.

Contact us if you'd like to volunteer. Tickets are available at Morning Glory, the Cascadia Wildlands

Project office upstairs at Growers Market, and from Megan Kemple. Shuttle Bus: Will leave Growers Market (454 Willamette Street) at 5:30 pm and return to Eugene at roughly 10:30 pm.

Spread the word! See you on the dance floor out at Avalon Stables (call 541.434.1463 if you need more detailed directions)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HOPE FARM...

**Introduction to Permaculture** Sunday October 12, 3-6 PM Learn traditional permaculture principles and gain a basic understanding of the primary techniques. Class meets at Foolsap Books, 780 Blair Blvd, in Eugene. Free class/ donations gratefully accepted.

**Urban Permaculture** Sunday, November 9, 3-6 PM Similar to the introductory workshop, but with added emphasis on urban sites. Class meets at Foolsap Books, 780 Blair Blvd, in Eugene. Free class/ donations gratefully accepted.

**Food Not Lawns!** Sunday, December 7, 3-6 PM In this workshop on community permaculture and horticulture activism, we will discuss the many ways in which to improve your community and build local food security. Class meets at Foolsap Books, 780 Blair Blvd, in Eugene. Free class/ donations gratefully accepted.

**HOUSEMATE WANTED:** To share bright healthy home near River Road bike path and bus. Private yard with organic gardens, fruit, greenhouse, open kitchen, hardwood floors, gas heat, washer/dryer. Share honest, compassionate communication with professional female and friendly dog. No smoking, no other pets. ☺ \$340/month ∞ Please call Jen @ 914-2225.

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