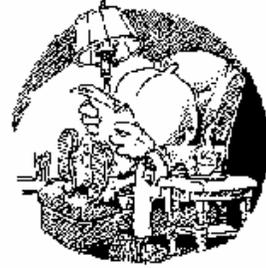


The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

SPECIAL ORDERS – NOT SO SPECIAL RESULTS! Folks, we have a problem. A few special ordered items waiting to be picked up have had their tags removed AFTER they have come in and been tagged. Also, in the last few weeks some tags have been removed from the board after the order has been made but before the items have come in. Please don't do this - it hurts Growers and costs all of us. If you've changed your mind about an item call me right away – I can avoid ordering, or if I've already ordered, we have only 1 week to return it.

Heads up: Mountain Peoples order from CA Deadline 10/23 (today, as you read this). Comes in on Halloween. Yes you can call me with your posted order. Thanks, Sue 688-6679

GROWERS MEETINGS

The board set two meeting times for November: Tuesday, November 4th at 6:30 pm and Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

HOW 'BOUT THEM APPLES?

Apples Rank as Produce Most Contaminated by Pesticides

Apples, bell peppers, celery, and cherries rank as the produce most contaminated by pesticide residues in the U.S., says the Environmental Working Group in a new report. Using data from lab tests conducted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Agriculture, EWG compared contamination of 46 fruits and vegetables and came up with a "Dirty Dozen" list of the most pesticide-laden. Scrubbing your fresh fruits and veggies before eating won't solve the problem, as nearly all of the tests were conducted on foods that had been washed and prepared for normal consumption. But the good news, says EWG, is that the growing availability of organic foods has made it easier to avoid produce with high levels of pesticide residues. (<http://www.gristmagazine.com>)

THE BEES' KNEES ARE KNOCKING

Major British Study Pans GM Crops as Harmful to Wildlife: Bad news just keeps on coming for British backers of genetically modified foods, a group whose most high-profile member is Prime Minister Tony Blair. The latest: A three-year government investigation billed as the world's largest study of the environmental effects of GM crops has found that birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife in farm areas are harmed much more by the strong herbicides used with GM crops than by the weedkillers used in conventional farming. This could throw a wrench into British government plans to authorize the planting of GM crops in the country, and it's likely to bolster support for a Europe-wide GM ban. Also this week, biotech giant Monsanto, with its proverbial tail between its legs, announced that it is shutting down many of its European operations and laying off two-thirds of its employees in Britain.

(from *DAILY GRIST* 10/17/03 *Environmental news from GRIST MAGAZINE*)

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LCC COURSES OF INTEREST

Medicine Trees

LCC REGISTRATION #3000

A One-Day Workshop

(6 Continuing Education Credit Hours)

Saturday, October 25th, from noon to 6:00pm

(Cost: \$20.52 + \$33 fee)

Register by using Lane Community College's ExpressLane online computer registration at:

<http://www.lanec.edu>

Class Location: GivingTree Farm Herb Company

1490 Jefferson Street / Eugene, OR 97402

For more information, please call: #(541)-344-

7534, e-mail: givingtree@earthlink.net or visit:

www.givingtreeherbs.com

Effective Grant Writing Strategies for Non-

Profits Topics include: what type of projects are grant-fundable, refining your project description, understanding your organization's strengths and challenges as seen through the eyes of funders, writing effective inquiry letters and proposals, grant research, and more. The class is held on two Thursdays: November 6 and November 20th, and in addition, includes 4 hours of 1:1 consulting with instructors Deb Mailander and Julie Fischer. The class is limited to 20 people, and the format is designed with opportunities for hands on work on YOUR project in small groups. You can call 687-0611 to register, the class number is 3573. Call Julie at 689-4802 or juliefisch@msn.com for more info.

CAMPUS EQUITY ACTION:

Rally for GTFF bargaining, good jobs on campus

WHEN: Noon, Monday, Oct 27

WHERE: Steps of Johnson Hall, University of Oregon campus Campus Equity Week is a nationwide activity to rally for better jobs at universities, in particular to protest against the growing practice of hiring part-time and adjunct faculty. Cost-cutting by public institutions who hire contingent workers really puts the cost back on the public, as we pick up the bill for health care costs and other benefits that the employer does not provide. Over the past 20 years, the number of people in the US doing contingent work -- that is, jobs that are part-time, temporary, casual, or on-call -- has grown exponentially. Entire industries have restructured so their primary work -- whether

in service or manufacturing -- is being done mainly with a contingent workforce. The impact of these shifts put added stresses on working people and their families: contingent workers generally don't receive health care or retirement benefits, wages are lower, they do not have job security, they may have unpredictable schedules that make family life more challenging to organize. And these shifts have happened on campuses too. Campus unions across the country have been working to maintain good jobs on campus. They bargain for fair wages and benefits, for safe working conditions, for respect and dignity for campus workers. The Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF) at the UO is beginning contract negotiations with the University. The GTFF are working to preserve workplace standards on campus, and their issues at the bargaining table are higher wages and better protection against sexual harassment for GTFs. The University has opened bargaining with the clear intent of eroding the standards that the GTFF have worked to build; the UO has indicated that it was to bargain articles of the contract dealing with grievance procedure, hiring, and fees.

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