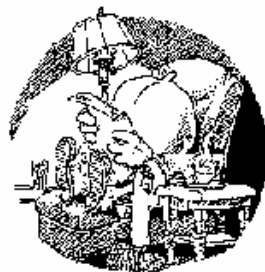




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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

GROWERS BOARD NEEDS NEW MEMBERS!

We will soon be electing our new board of directors for Growers Market, Inc. The board meets twice a month upstairs in the Growers Market building. The Board of Directors are stewards, guided by the mission of Growers Market. Board members are responsible for following (and changing if necessary) bylaws and policies, overseeing finances, and actively participating in the process of maintaining the organization, which includes the food co-op, offices for social and environmental change groups and the restaurant (currently Red Agave). The Board receives consensus training early in each new term. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact any current board member: Nathan 302-3205; Aya 685-1047; Rodney 942-3221; Zorba 343-0574; Wendy 344-7534; or Denny 686-2567. To be elected a board member, and to vote, you must attend the annual meeting in April 2004, upstairs at the Growers Market. The exact date and time will be announced.

MARCH GROWERS MEETINGS

The Growers board of directors has scheduled its March meetings for Thursday, March 18th at 7 pm, and Wednesday March 31st at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. People who might consider joining the board in April might wish to come to a meeting to experience the process. The meetings will be upstairs in the public area of the Growers Market Building. --Milton Takei

GROWERS E-MAIL LIST

If you are interested in Growers happenings related to either the co-op or the upstairs offices, you might wish to subscribe to the Growers e-mail list. You can use the following internet address to subscribe: <http://mailman.efn.org/cgi-bin/listinfo/growers>.

LET ME BE YOUR HANDYPERSON

Would love to help haul, clean, do yard work and possibly other chores. Am clean, organized and have a positive attitude. Please call and leave message, 343-0849

WANTED TO BUY:

One wooden dining table. Preferably square. Preferably with an extension. Preferably with chairs. Jennefer or Steve at 302-1518.

GOT STICKS?

We need lots of sticks for lawn signs. I'll pick them up, if someone has a bunch, or get them at Growers. thanks!! Jeanine Malito ph. 461-1614

Please spread the word to your friends, relations, and colleagues!

Solar Energy International (SEI) is presenting three workshops in Washington state in April, 2004:
Grid-Tied Solar-Electric (PV) Design and Installation Learn to use batteryless solar-electric technology on-grid! Classroom sessions, tours, and complete installation Thursday-Saturday, April 8-10 * Tuition: \$350 Homebuilt Wind Generators How to build wind generators-from scratch! * Classroom and shop sessions Instructor: Hugh Piggott, Scoraig Wind Electric, Scoraig, Scotland Monday-Saturday, April 12-17 * Tuition: \$600 Introduction to Renewable Energy, Overview of solar, wind, and water power, Classroom sessions & system tours, Sunday, April 18 * Tuition: \$75, Spouse/SO 1/2 price. Classroom sessions will be held at Guemes Island Community Center, Guemes Island, Washington Register through SEI in Colorado at <http://www.solarenergy.org/workshops/overview.html> There is still room in all workshops. Lodging and logistics information for the workshops is available upon request.

Human Rights and Ethical Globalization

Public Lecture by Mary Robinson

former President of Ireland, UN High Commissioner

Wednesday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. EMU Ballroom

Free and open to the public. Mary Robinson is the former United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights (1997-2002) and President of Ireland (1990-1997). Currently, she is executive director of the Ethical Globalization Initiative, a program forging new alliances to integrate concepts of human rights, gender sensitivity and enhanced accountability into efforts to address global challenges. She is also a founding member and chair of the Council of Women World Leaders.

For more information, contact: Svitlana Kravchenko, PhD, Carlton Savage Visiting Professor for International Relations and Peace

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The following panel on Saturday morning at the 2004 Public Interest Environmental Law

Conference (PIELC) (*NOT* "the ELAW

Conference," by the way) looked as though it might be of interest to some Growers folks: 9:00 a.m. -

10:15 a.m. **Monsanto's Bag of Dirty Tricks** (EMU Metolius & Owyhee) This panel will address the \$34 billion in mergers and acquisitions that took place in 2002, leaving four lifescience corporations in control of crop plant genetic resources in the U.S. and abroad. Panelists will cover the legal issues surrounding plant patenting, as well as the implications for food and farming.

J.J. Haapala, Oregon Tilth, Britt Bailey, Co-Director,

Center for Ethics and Toxics, Caroline Cox,

Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides

More info on the conference is at www.pielc.org.

Housemate wanted, River Road area, Ask for Michael. 688-7563

This newsletter was edited by Anuradha Shivanand and published by the Little White Dog. Send comments or article submissions to garbanzo@efn.org. If you don't have computer access, you can put articles in the garbanzo box at growers. Newsletter copy deadline is 5:00 pm Tuesday. Market hours are Thursdays 2:30 to 7:30 pm and Fridays 3:00 to 6:30 pm. An orientation to Growers is held each Thursday at 1:30. The Growers email list includes an electronic banzo, events notices, and other misc. info.