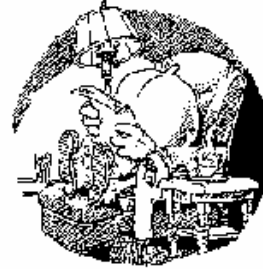




The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

GROWERS BOARD NEEDS NEW MEMBERS! ANNUAL MEETING:

Fri April 23, 2004, upstairs at the Growers Market, includes and update on what's happening at Growers and pizza. We will elect our new board of directors for Growers Market, Inc. at the annual meeting. The board meets twice a month, usually upstairs in the Growers Market building. The Board of Directors are 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 have once shopped at the coop and you must attend the annual meeting. See you there!

EASIEST TIMES FOR WORK CREDIT:

Tuesday afternoons and evenings; call first to check times
Thursday mornings until 2
Thursday evenings until 9-ish
Friday afternoon into evening
Seasonal cleaning, inventory etc. parties (see the gazette for times)

MOST DIFFICULT TIMES FOR WORK CREDIT:

Thursday afternoons from 2 until 3 or 4, depending on the day. Also, if you have a particular talent, idea or peeve, please see a coordinator for setting up a special project. We love special projects! Some in the past have wrought beautiful new shelves, informational and durable signs, deep down cleanliness that gladdens the soul... YOU tell US! Watch this space in the following weeks, where we will continue to provide information about these changes.

From "Seeds of Deception" by Jeffrey Smith:

The now-defunct Arthur Anderson Consulting Group, of Enron fame, had asked Monsanto what their ideal future looked like. Monsanto responded that it would be "a world with 100 percent of all commercial seeds genetically modified and patented." Think of that -- no natural foods would be left, only those genetically engineered by scientists. No seed-saving or ownership of seeds by independent farmers, only corporations. No organic or non-GE conventional foods. Choices for consumers? Forget it -- you'll eat what they want you to eat.

Percy Schmeiser, a Canadian canola farmer who is fighting Monsanto over US patent law relating to seeds, will speak at **7 p.m. this Friday, Apr. 9, at Agate Hall** (1787 Agate St., Eugene). His talk, **David v. Goliath: U.S. Patent Law and the Might of Monsanto**, will be followed by a reception. Admission is \$5.00. Schmeiser's talk is the keynote of a one-day symposium titled ***Malthus, Mendel, and Monsanto: Intellectual Property and the Law and Politics of Global Food Supply***. * More than 200 farmers, scientists, and legal scholars will discuss contentious questions about control and ownership of genetically modified crops. The symposium will explore how extending intellectual property rights to seeds affects farmers, and how recent Supreme Court decisions and new technologies threaten global food security and genetic diversity. For more information on the symposium AND TO REGISTER, see: <http://www.morsechair.uoregon.edu/MMM.php>.

*[*Thomas Robert Malthus was an English economist who theorized that world population tends to multiply faster than the food supply leading to disastrous results. Gregor Mendel was an Austrian monk known as the father of genetics. Monsanto is a multinational corporation that is developing and marketing genetically altered seeds.]*

Fire and Forests Roadshow to Save the Wild Siskiyou! Co-sponsored by the Siskiyou Project, Oxygen Collective and the Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center raveling in a 40-foot biodiesel-powered bus, an energetic, creative troupe of activists, musicians and performers are traveling from Bellingham, Washington to Palo Alto, California to mobilize support for the permanent protection of the threatened Siskiyou Wild Rivers area. This world-class place in southwestern Oregon is threatened by Biscuit post-fire logging - the largest timber sale in the modern history of our national forests. The evening shows include performance, video, slideshows and songs by veteran activist and musician Peg Millet to amuse, amaze and inspire. We will explore the special qualities of the Siskiyou Wild Rivers area, fire ecology, fire politics, and examine the controversial Biscuit post-fire logging project. Ending with an empowering message of hope and a call to action, we guarantee you will have a good time. Bring your friends! More information about the tour is available at www.o2collective.org. A partial listing of events is below.

Portland Events

April 14th, 7:00-9:00 PM

Portland State University Smith Center room 327

FREE

April 15th, 7:00-9:00 PM

Reed College - Student Union

FREE

Eugene

April 20th - 7:00-9:00 PM

Universirty of Oregon

Willamette Hall, Room 100

FREE

Other tour dates are available at:

<http://www.o2collective.org>

Spread the word and bring others - this is an important (and fun!) chance to help protect the wild Siskiyou from the largest timber sale in modern history.

Friendly, Funny People Person Preferred

Spacious room in a family house. Room has a small sleeping loft and its own bathroom and entrance. Back patio, sauna, and organic garden. 12 hours a week work trade for room. Call 343-7719

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance (*this notice was edited for space*)

Bicycle Safety Education Program Coordinator (Eugene / Springfield) \$12-\$16/hr. (Seasonal)

The Bicycle Safety and Awareness Program Coordinator will work with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) and Eugene Bicycle Coalition coordinating, fundraising for and running a 7 – 10 hour safety curriculum in Eugene and Springfield schools. The program teaches youths ages 10-14 to be safe and predictable bicyclists, and promotes bicycling as recreation and transportation. The program is comprehensive, begins in a classroom setting and then works with children outside on bikes (equipment provided by the BTA). This program focuses on teaching kids to ride safely on the street.

Job Duties: Coordinate dates and times with area schools and other locations where the program is run. Teach the program to groups of 25-35 students ages 10-14. Work with local groups to coordinate and train volunteers to assist with the program. Coordinate program logistics including transportation, maintenance and storage of equipment. Fundraise for the program, approaching community businesses, agencies and foundations. Document and compile work experiences in a semi-formal written document.

Qualifications: A highly qualified Program Coordinator will: Be an experienced-to-avid cyclist. Have experience, and enjoy working with, preadolescent youths. Have experience running education programs. Be familiar with, and interested in working with, the Eugene bicycling community. Be active, enthusiastic and responsible so as to safely and effectively run a program from start to finish.

Hours: The Program Coordinator position is seasonal, averaging about 30 hours per week in the spring and fall teaching seasons; the Program Coordinator will be fairly inactive in the summer and winter months.

How to Apply: Please send a resume and cover letter to:

Bicycle Safety Program Coordinator Selection Committee, care of: Diane Bishop, City of Eugene, <mailto:diane.l.bishop@ci.eugene.or.us>, 858 Pearl Street, Eugene, OR 97401 by April 15, 2004.

For more information please call Jason Agar (541)338-2966

Bicycle Transportation Alliance is a 501(c)(3) statewide non-profit organization with the mission of creating healthier, more sustainable communities by making bicycling safe, convenient and accessible.

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