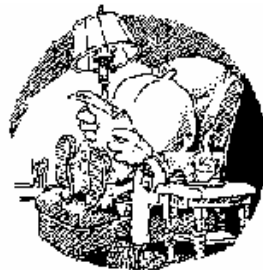




# The Garbanzo Gazette

January 5, 2006



Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

## ON RODENTS & RENEWAL

It isn't the first, but it has been, hopefully was, the worst rodent problem the co-op has had in some time. Fittingly, the solution--co-op members swarming in, night after night, to scrub counters, mop floors, vacuum cracks, disinfect everything, recycle recyclables, hammer and nail shut rodent holes, even paint shelves and beautify the co-op--has been one of our better moments. It's what ex-president Rodney would call a shining example of the cooperative spirit. It's one of those times when hippies act like the whos. Not The Who, the whos, the little creatures that defeated the grinch to save Christmas by acting as a community, etc (sorry if I remember the details wrong). Anyway, it's been beautiful to see.

So thank you especially to Aya, Lorelee, Rodney and Nathan for being the leaders needed to meet this challenge, reaching out to and coordinating a large effort to defeat this problem. Thanks to Jake (of Samba Ja, still exhausted from providing free entertainment New Year's Eve), Isabella the queen of (grain) jars, mighty Luna Lacey, Ultra-thorough Dave, Leo the Adonis of shelf cleaners, Elise the goddess of rags & sanitizer, Newanna the dishwashinator, just in time Justin, Kari the sharp-eyed, Edward the Reliable, stalwart steward Matt, Michael indefatigable, motor-mopper Bob Jones and king of cupboard cleaners Jim Asher (and thanks & apologies to anyone left off this list). I myself mostly meandered around explaining that Lorelee, rather than myself, was the one who knew what needed doing. More does need doing.

Finally a special thanks to Beth, she of easy smile & artistic apparel, who went beyond response and found renewal. While scrubbing the worn-off paint of the root shelf she realized re-painting would be even better, came across some leftover paint and turned cleaning into creation. Some of you will be here while the paint is yet wet on her work. Go and admire and take a moment to wonder at this wrenching of renaissance from rats. Two painted shelves not enough to meet your idea of renaissance? Come back next week and see what more has happened then.

Better yet, ask how you can get involved in making it happen. Cooperatively yours, Martin (your friendly neighborhood every-other-Thursday evening coordinator)

**More painting and cleaning is happening this weekend (1/7/2006), but as we go to press, we don't know when and we don't know who is coordinating it. Call Growers at 687-1145 for updated information.**

## GROWERS MEETINGS

The next Growers meeting (board meeting) is set for Monday, January 9th at 6:30 pm. If the meeting is not at the round table upstairs, look for us downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building.--Milton Takei

## STRAWBOSS POSITION AVAILABLE

Looking for a strawboss replacement ASAP 1-1/2 to 2 hours every other week to take care of the dairy cooler, and the freezers. For more details on the position talk to Janine at growers or Stephanie 767-3689.

## ROOMS FOR RENT/ROOMMATES WANTED

Room for rent in bungalow home in Friendly Street area. Private entrance, kitchen, private bath. \$350, includes utilities and internet access. Looking for a wonderful, kind-hearted, family-friendly person who enjoys children. We would love to share our organic garden and fruit trees with you. If interested, please call Michelle at 485-2377.

Roommate wanted for Laurel Hill area home, quiet, warm (wood stove) recycling, organic garden and food, cable internet and TV available; share with mother and 15 year old son, small friendly dog and cat. Available Jan 1 to cooperative, mature non-smoker: \$325 plus 1/3 utilities. Call Rebecca at 344-6361

**CIRCLE OF HANDS LOCAL ARTISTS COLLECTIVE IS CLOSING.** We are having a party at Circle 1030 Willamette on Friday, Jan 6, 5:00pm - 8:00pm, possibly later. Join us as we say goodbye for fourteen interesting years. Store fixtures, card racks, etc for sale. Some artists will have work on sale as well. Our last day of regular business will be Friday. Look for us out there, elsewhere.

## RECYCLE CHRISTMAS FOAM THIS WEEKEND!

Residents - Saturday, January 7th, 2006, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm,  
Businesses - call 682-4339 for an appointment. Located at the Glenwood Transfer Site,

3100 E 17th Avenue. All material must be cleaned and dry.

Materials accepted at this one-day event:

- #4 Polyethelene: bendable block foam
- #5 Polypropelene: block foam, not brittle, hard to break
- #6 Polystyrene: block foam that is brittle and snaps easily
- Foam food trays, any color, must be cleaned and dry
- Foam packaging peanuts, any color. Bagged separately.

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