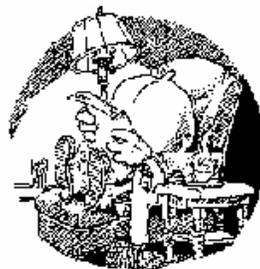




The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Growers Market annual meeting will be on Friday, April 7th at 6:45 pm. The co-op coordinators meeting is set for Tuesday, March 7th, at 7 pm. The next two Growers meetings (board meetings) will be on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30 pm, and Monday, March 27th at 7 pm.

--Milton Takei

GROWERS FINANCES

Growers has separate bank accounts for the food co-op and the Growers Market Building, so that we can track the different operations. Growers Market, Inc. (the food co-op plus the building) did well financially in 2005. At the end of the year, we could have transferred \$5,000 to our Calvert savings account, but we will probably be spending that money to replace plumbing under the building. The co-op seemed to lose money in the early part of 2005, but ended up making \$13,053, partly because the year-end inventory was \$6,387 higher than the previous year. Nonetheless, Growers finances are tight; we have not yet recovered from the financial crisis that happened when the space we currently rent to Red Agave stood empty for a number of months.

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 Jeanine at growers or Stephanie 767-3689.

JOB OPENING

Growers has a strawboss opening. A dedicated person is needed for the dried fruit and nut area who would take delight in filling the jars and buckets. Lily has been filling them for the last nine years. Call Lily @ 338-4436 or talk to any coordinator. PS: If anyone knows the whereabouts of the raison bucket, please put it back!

35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLANS

As many of you know this year marks the 35th year Grower's Market has been in operation. The actual date is Dec. 8th. The Grower's Board of Directors is planning a big celebration to happen in December.

We are interested in your input, creative ideas, and possibilities of bands to play for free or low costs. We are also looking for individuals to help coordinate this event. It is never too early to plan for these things. The more

organized we can be the more fun there is to have. Please contact Kari at 607-9576, karibliss@yahoo.com, or Nathan Greene at 302-3205.

IRISH MADNESS & JOY!

What: Performance ** Gathering ** Free Snacks
When: *THIS* Friday, 3 March 2006 at 5:30 pm
Where: Tsunami Books -- 2585 Willamette Street
Humor, Passion, Poetry and Activism LIVE from Cork, Ireland! Featuring John McCarthy. John is an activist, humorist, poet, and gleeful psychiatric survivor from Cork, Ireland. He is author of the poetry book: "Hope on a Rope: A Journey from Despair to Joy." John is charismatic, hilarious and passionate. He will speak and read poems based on his personal experience in recovering from both the psychiatric system and madness. John has been visiting the USA as a delegate from MindFreedom Ireland at meetings in the United Nations on an international treaty on disability and human rights. John will share stories about working with activists from all over the world.

PEAK OIL REPRISE

EWEB Premier of Richard Heinberg at Eugene Hilton 1/10/06 DVD on "Peak Oil: Challenges and Opportunities" Saturday, March 4 at 2PM. EWEB utility and lead co-sponsor will debut the DVD recording of Heinberg's sellout presentation on Peak Oil. At EWEB headquarters North Building: 500 E. 4th Ave. Admission is free. The 105 minute DVD contains Mayor Kitty Piercy's introduction, all of Heinberg's 70+ minute presentation, 30 minutes of substantial Q & A, a chapter containing Richard's informative powerpoint slides, as well as resourceful community peak oil preparation activities and websites. Eugene Permaculture Guild will sell copies of the DVD for \$8-10, sliding scale. The DVD can be purchased by check to the 'Eugene Permaculture Guild'. Include \$2.00 for postage (\$10-12 total,) and send to: Eugene Permaculture Guild, c/o Jenya Lemeshow, P. O. Box 99, Eugene OR 97440 <http://www.postcarbon.org/group/eugene>

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Growers Market: 687-1145*