

The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

HELP WANTED (NEEDED!!)

Martin here, your friendly neighborhood every-otherweek Thursday evening coordinator. I am currently not able to do my job as well as it should be done. I get up at 5 a.m. in order to get to my day job in Creswell by bus/bike. As a result, I just run out of steam if I'm here past 10 p.m. closing. I especially lose patience with our very fickle hot water supply, which really takes the fun out of late night dishwashing. On the rare occasions my awesome closer, Erin, is absent, the dishes usually don't get done. Between us, we usually get everything done but the sweeping. What I need: (1) one or more reliable, punctual, willing-to-be trained cashiers to work from 7 to 8 p.m.; (2) a second closer, to work with awesome Erin and her young son Klishta (sp?); (3) a source of hot water that works every time. I hope to get this help in order to leave a well-swept co-op at a reasonable hour – 8:30 or 9:00. I care too much about doing a good job to continue indefinitely with my job as coordinator without this help. love, Martin

SPECIAL ORDERING UPDATE

Mountain Peoples (United National Foods) will no longer accept returns after 48 hours from delivery, even if it their error. All returns must be called into them by Thursday, 3:30pm – we get our deliveries on Tuesday morning. Please be careful when filling out special orders. If you make an error or change your mind, you must let me know by noon, Thursdays (since I'm often in transit after that), or check in with the coordinator on duty. Thanx! Sue (688-6679)

PS: sorry I know this is a pain in the rump.

NEW STRAWBOSS JOB AVAILABLE

Refrigerator and freezer stocking on Thursdays about noon-ish for a couple of hours every week. Call Jeanine 461-1614

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next two Growers meetings (board meetings) will be on Wednesday, November 8th at 5:30 pm, and Tuesday, November 21st at 5:30 pm. If we are not at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building, then look for us downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building. --Milton Takei

OFFICE FOR RENT

The Growers Market Building has an office for rent as of November 1st. It has 130 square feet and rents for \$86.50 per month. This includes heat, electric and a DSL line. Preference will be given to non-profit groups involved in socially progressive efforts. Contact Edward at 687-8648 or 485-1426.

GARAGE SALE FOR WHEELCHAIR LIFT

Hello Growers Market community. We are collecting items for a garage sale to raise money for the wheelchair lift. Donations can be picked up by appointment. Call Fred Sanford @ 942-3221. Good quality re-salables please

CLOSE THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS!

On Sunday, October 29th from 4-6 pm, CISCAP and local organizations are hosting Tom Rawson, folksinger and storyteller, for a benefit concert to close the School of the Americas. Join Tom for some humorous stories, user-friendly songs, and acoustic folk philosophy that's guaranteed to leave you smiling. Armed with a long-necked banjo and other weapons of mass delight, Tom will have you singing along in no time. The proceeds from the concert will help send a Eugene delegation to Washington D.C. for the annual protests to close the School of the Americas. This concert will be held at the Eugene Friends Meeting House at 2274 Onyx Street. There is a suggested donation of \$5-10; children get in free to this kidfriendly event (childcare also provided), and no one will be turned away for lack of funds. For more information contact CISCAP at 485-8633.

The concert is co-sponsored by Eugene Area School of the Americas Watch, Eugene Fellowship of Reconciliation and Eugene Friends Meeting

TRANSLATORS NEEDED! SPANISH/ENGLISH

The Trauma and Healing Project is a new agency that strives to ensure that any person or group in our community that is impacted by violence or other trauma will be supported to completely heal and recover. We are committed to providing care and attention in ways that are culturally, developmentally, and gender appropriate, and that are strength and empowerment-based, respectful and effective. The first pilot services are being developed and include healing support for adolescent and young adult survivors of trauma. Services will be offered in Spanish and English. We are in need of volunteers to help translate documents and web material as well as persons to interpret at meetings and trainings. There is also a possibility to gain class credit for any volunteer hours that you provide. (Your instructor must approve). If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact: Rebecca Parrish 554-9207 rparrish@uoregon.edu Elaine Walters 342-7699 ewalters@familyallies.net

A THOUGHT ABOUT THE FUTURE

This year the Grower's Market is celebrating 35 years of idealism in action. As we enjoy this small triumph, we should take a moment to consider the future. The Growers building is in a neighborhood that is rapidly gentrifying (a ten dollar word for 'going yuppie').

I would not be the least bit surprised if a day came sometime soon when some of those yuppies decided they could put our building to better use selling three dollar lattes and diamond tennis bracelets than we do selling nutritious food at affordable prices. Such a change in use is what city planners call 'urban development.'

This is when they redevelop entire neighborhoods to get rid of blight. Unfortunately, growers, we are 'blight'. With law as it stands, the city could force us to sell our building, and could pass it on to a developer to turn it into shopping for the fabulously wealthy. There is a measure on this November's ballot, 39, that if passed would keep such a thing from happening.

A yes vote on this measure would prevent the government from condemning private property (like, for example, our building) and then turning around and selling to other private entities (for example, a developer).

A no vote would keep the current law in place, which would allow the government to force property owners (like growers) to sell to big developers and other private for-profit interests.

Of course, there are pros and cons to every measure. I certainly don't mean to tell anyone how to vote. But I do urge everyone to consider the potential impact on the market when voting on Measure 39. Happy 35th Birthday, Samuel Rutledge

Send submissions to garbanzo@lists.opn.org. You can also put articles in the garbanzo box at growers. Newsletter copy deadline is 5:00 pm Wednesday. Market hours are Tuesdays 5-7pm; 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. growers@lists.opn.org Growers Market: 687-1145.