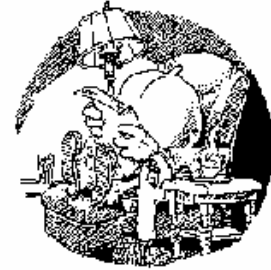




The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

COORDINATOR SHUFFLE

Martin here, your friendly, neighborhood, every-other-Thursday evening coordinator. I am resigning as of about the end of this month (June). My intention and almost-plan is to teach English overseas. I will at least leave Eugene as soon as I get out of my lease. Myriah, currently both a closer and a cashier on Thursdays, has agreed to cover my shift, beginning around the end of June, as acting coordinator. Although there are many smart, responsible people around Growers, Myriah really stands out for her commitment to be responsible to Growers specifically. She has steadily taken the initiative in learning more about her own responsibilities (that word again) as well as about Growers as a whole. It is not just up to me to decide who permanently fills a coordinator position. Even if Myriah is the only person interested, she will probably have to go through some kind of application. If others are interested (and I encourage anyone who wants to commit to always showing up, always doing the job with the best attitude they can possibly summon, no matter what) I encourage them to apply. Such a process would take months, as this is Growers, and I would have moved away long before a final decision is reached. That's why it's necessary to have an acting coordinator right away, and why it's very lucky that someone like Myriah is available to take on that (one more time) responsibility.

CLOSING AND CASHIER POSITIONS

Several Thursday cashier positions are available immediately, particularly between 4:30 and 8:00 (Growers closes at 7:30 on Thursday, but cashiering often needs to continue until 8:00). We also need new closers--a position that takes between one and two hours starting about 7:30. Both cashier and closer positions are available either weekly or bi-weekly. Several of these spots were previously held by Myriah, who is becoming the next friendly, neighborhood, every-other-Thursday acting-Coordinator. To fill these positions, talk to Martin (or leave me a note or a message at Growers, 687-1145) or talk to Nathan. Or talk to Myriah.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next two Growers board meetings will be on Tuesday, June 12th, at 7 pm and Tuesday, June 26th at 7 pm. If we are not at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building, look for us downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building. The next co-op coordinators' meeting is set for Monday, July 2nd, 6:30 pm, at 1283 W. 4th.

HEY FOLKS, NEW PRODUCTS

- og goji berries
- og roasted hazelnut butter,
- og live mustard,
- hemp milk,
- vegan/vegetarian marshmallows

WORK AT FRUIT BOOTH FOR OCF DAY PASS

Hey all you fruits and nuts, It is that time of year again to be a part of the Growers Market OCF Fruit booth. We need 13 volunteers to work the fruit booth for two hour shifts per day. In exchange we will offer the opportunity to put smiles on faces, be a part of something that is organically cool, and the ability to buy a day pass at a discounted rate. If you have always wanted to be a part of this booth this is a great way to start. Sign up sheets for all shifts are located on the bulletin board. You can also e-mail Steve or/and Heather at stevekind03@yahoo.com; heather@nolandesigns.com Please remember to put your name, day preferences, and phone #. Shifts fill up quickly so don't delay. Cheers, Steve and Heather.

COUCH TO DONATE TO MARKET

I have this couch to give away. Would the market like to have it for in the children's area and if not, could it please be listed in the 'gazette' in exchange for a donation to the elevator fund? 688-6607. Jane

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://www.lists.opn.org/mailman/listinfo/org.opn.lists.growers>

SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE

The School Garden Project of Lane County is a grassroots, non-profit organization dedicated to fostering hands-on, schoolyard-based learning experiences for children by creating vibrant and sustainable school gardens and habitats. The SGP supports K-12 educators in their use of gardens as outdoor classrooms by assisting with teaching / training, curriculum, site planning and volunteer support. We manage a library of tools and teaching resources and provide additional information through our website and quarterly newsletter. It is our goal to share with youth how caring for a small plot of land is the first step in caring about the state and fate of an ecosystem. By participating in food production, native plant propagation, habitat restoration, composting and waste reduction activities, students learn about their local environment and act as responsible stewards. We seek an energetic and inspired person, capable of leading the organization, who believes strongly in the educational validity, environmental potential, and joy inherent in transforming school grounds and learning processes through gardening. The Executive Director works with the guidance of the Board of Directors to further the mission of the organization. This entails carrying out the responsibilities delineated below and supplying the creative initiative to implement new forms of program development and growth.

Responsibilities:

Leadership

With support from the Board of Directors, assure that the organization has a long-range strategic plan which achieves its mission, and toward which it makes consistent and timely progress. Provide leadership in developing program, organizational and financial plans with the Board of Directors and staff, and carry out plans and policies authorized by the board. See that the board is kept fully informed on the condition of the organization and all important factors influencing it. Be responsible for hiring, support and supervision of staff. Maintain a working knowledge of significant developments and trends in the field.

Administration

Maintain official records and documents, and ensure compliance with federal, state and local regulations. Oversee day to day administrative tasks, maintain database and communication with members and participants through the list-serve, website, and newsletter. Work with the board in preparation of a budget; see that the organization operates within budget and with sound financial practices.

Fundraising

With support from the Board of Directors, build capacity through fundraising to permit the organization to carry out its mission. Current funding sources include personal and business donations, events and grants.

Outreach and Publicity

With support from the Board of Directors represent the SGP to agencies, organizations and the general public -

through websites and list-serves, presentation and media work, documents and displays and community events. With support from the Board of Directors maintain sound working relationships with other community groups.

Volunteer Recruitment and Coordination

Encourage volunteer development and education, and maintain a climate that attracts, keeps, and motivates volunteers.

School Services

Facilitate relationships with teachers, school administration and volunteers at partner and memberschools. Regularly teach garden based lessons to K-8 students at our Partner Schools; provide garden planning and management, equipment care and purchase, work parties, and lesson delivery to students. School Districts require the SGP Site Coordinator to be fingerprinted and have a background check.

Preferred Skills:

BA or equivalent life experience .. Basic organic gardening experience .. Experience working with K-12 youth and teachers .. Behavior management experience with at-risk kids .. Experience or knowledge of program funding through membership drives and grants.. Excellent communication skills, verbal and written .. Networking and relationship building skills .. Experience in guiding, training, supporting, and motivating others .. Able to work a flexible schedule .. Ability to work independently and in collaboration .. Highly organized with the ability to multi-task .. Reliable automobile to pick up gardening materials and visit Partner Schools .. Experience working with Microsoft Word, Excel, Quickbooks, database and other software

Compensation: This is a part-time position with a flexible work week, 20 hours/week - \$14/ hour. Staff time and/or pay may increase as funding becomes available. To apply email (preferred) or mail your resume, cover letter, and 3 references to sgp@efn.org or School Garden Project, P.O. Box 30072 Eugene, OR 97403. Deadline: June 11th at 5pm.

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