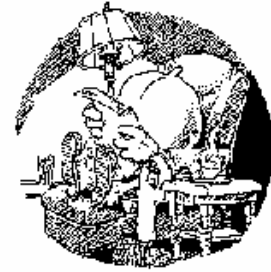


# The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

## MESSAGE FROM MYRIAH

Hey Growers. Myriah here. As some of you may know, I will be acting coordinator for Martin's shift beginning the end of June. I am very excited to take this on. I have been shopping and volunteering at Growers for 4 years now (thanks to my great friend Joni) and have rarely missed a Thursday. I started out doing miscellaneous jobs including helping in the dry goods area then moved on to closing. After taking a short break due to my new role as a mom of 2, I began cashiering, then later, pick up closing once again with Nathan and Martin (who both have been absolutely great to work with). There are some many reasons why I love Growers. The people who I shop and volunteer with are great (I love you guys), Growers financial supports me by offering organic food at a lower cost, environmentally by helping reduce waste with all of our wonder bulk goods, and helping me raise me children. Keenyn and Meadow are growing up as Growers. They see that it takes a community and hard work for us to have this food to eat. I am very honored to take on this coordinating position. And I have to say thanks to my husband Ian, because without his support I would not be able to volunteer as much time as I do to Growers. Also, if you are interested in any of the positions Martin has announced, feel free to contact me at 343-6008. Thanks, Myriah

## GROWERS FINANCES

For the first three months of 2007, the food co-op ended up \$416 on the plus side, an improvement over the loss of \$4,807 for January through March of 2006. However, total sales declined from \$59,317 to \$55,853, meaning that people are buying less at Growers, continuing a downward trend that we have seen since a peak in 2003. The value of the goods we have in stock affects how much we make or lose, but we only do an inventory at the end of the year. -- Milton Takei

## GROWERS HOURS COUNTRY FAIR WEEK

For Country Fair week, the coordinators have decided for Growers to be open on Wednesday, July 11th from 2:30 to 7:30 pm, and closed on Thursday and Friday. We are hoping that people will stock up on Wednesday before heading out to the fair site. I'm not really certain about what will happen that week, so you should check again closer to the date. --Milton Takei

## 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 meetings (board meetings) will be on Tuesday, June 26th at 7 pm, and Tuesday, July 17th, 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.

## 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](mailto:stevekind03@yahoo.com); [heather@nolandesigns.com](mailto: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.

### **FREE PLASTIC GLOVES!**

Each Thursday, before coming to Grower's, I shop at another business, which asks to remain anonymous. I purchase a locally made food there and it is sold from a bulk container. Each time the server fills a new order, it is done with a new plastic glove, which is then discarded. I'd like to see these otherwise perfectly good, but no longer sanitary for food handling, gloves, get reused instead of dumped in the landfill. The business has agreed to save the gloves for me, on a trial basis. I'll put them in a box in our 'free' area and we'll see how many we use. if this works for them, and if we have the need, it could be a resource that would save some \$ and some landfill space. Jane.

### **COUCH AVAILABLE**

We've a burnt orange colored, sofa-sleeper, that needs a new home. It has arms that wrap around from the back, staying the same height. It's very comfy for reading, in fairly decent shape. A perfect porch couch. Jane, 688-6607

### **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>

*Send submissions to [garbanzo@lists.opn.org](mailto: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.*

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