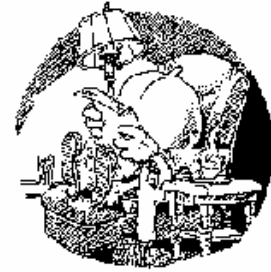




The Garbanzo Gazette

April 3, 2008



Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

GROWERS ANNUAL MEETING AND OTHERS...

The Growers Market annual meeting will be on Tuesday, April 29th, 5:30 pm, at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building. The next Growers meeting (board meeting) is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th, at 6:15 pm. The co-op coordinators' meeting is set for Monday, April 7th at 6:30 pm (the meeting did not actually decide on a new meeting time, but we have been having them on the first Monday). If we are not at the round table look for us downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building.

OF EGGS AND EGG SHELLS

This month T&T eggs go up slightly in price--the chickens are building a fence--and, eggs will be more plentiful beginning late in the summer. 6 count = \$1.75, 12 count = \$3.33, 18 count = \$5.08. Please save your organic shells in paper bags and either put in Jane's bucket up front (marked 'eggshells') or up in the blue crate (marked 'eggshells') over the cooler where the eggs are kept. Our farmers give them back to the chickens to strengthen the new shells, and it's one of the simplest forms of recycling. Clean egg containers are also appreciated.

INTERESTING PUBLICATION TO CHECK OUT

On the publications table upstairs at Growers are several copies of the 200 page Agriculture Information Bulletin 666, titled "Income Opportunities in Special Forest Products: Self-Help Suggestions for Rural Entrepreneurs." Pretty self explanatory title, and this particular handbook/guide has a lot of info geared to the Pacific Northwest, such as permits, contacts, etc. Respectful harvesting is a major theme.

KITTY PIERCY'S CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

When: Friday, April 4th at 5pm

Where: Davis' Restaurant, 94 West Broadway

What: Our campaign is in full swing so this is not really a kickoff but a "kick it up a notch or ten" to send us all speeding down the road to a primary victory in May. Join other supporters, friends, and colleagues for a fun night out. Kitty will talk to us about achievements, challenges, and future plans for this great community we call home.

Come on downtown and learn more about how we are running this grassroots campaign and how you can get involved. We scheduled this event so you can also enjoy the many events that are a part of April's First Friday Art Walk. Go online to take a look at all you will be able to do downtown after the kickoff:

<http://www.lanearts.org/communityarts/firstfriday/>

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Have questions or need more information? Call Ashley Miller at 968-8269 or 334-6727. Go to

<http://kittypiercy.com/> to find out how you can help or make a contribution to Kitty's campaign.

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ROB HANDY FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Oregon's largest coalition of environmental groups and voters is endorsing Rob Handy for North Lane County Commissioner.

Rob has received the endorsement of the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (olcv.org) and Oregon Wild!

(oregonwild.org). At the same time, the OLCV has rated Bobby Green as having the **WORST** environmental voting record on the Lane County Commission. Please check out the OLCV website for the scorecard information.

Please come and support the Handy Campaign and attend our April 10th Fun-Raiser: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Silent Auction at Cozmic Pizza, 8th and Charnelton, on Thursday, April 10th, from 6-9pm.

We will have live entertainment, good food, and great auction items. There is a suggested donation of \$10 requested at the door. Come and support the environmental candidate and help **elect Rob Handy as County Commissioner. Leadership for a Change!**

Elect Rob Handy County Commissioner

www.robhandy.com

ALTERNATIVES FOR TRADE, IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY

Thursday, April 10, 7:00 pm, Room 175 U of O Law School (15th & Agate, Eugene). Come get the facts on: - how NAFTA has failed and led to accelerated Mexican immigration,

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- how "NAFTA-plus" economic and security arrangements are being forged behind closed doors between corporations and executive branches of Canada, the US and Mexico, A how people in all three countries are pushing for alternatives to these so-called "free trade agreements" The panel of speakers on this Global Exchange Tour includes: Hector Sánchez, Policy Education Coordinator for Global Exchange's Mexico Program and John Gibler, an independent journalist.

Sponsors:

Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC), Eugene Solidarity Network (ESSN), Latin America Solidarity Committee (LASC, formerly CISCAP), UO Survival Center, UO, MEChA, Teamsters Local 206, CAUSA, Oregon Free Trade Campaign, Labor Education and Research, Center (LERC) and Wayne Morse Center. For more info: call CALC 485-1755. Free childcare and Spanish interpretation provided

RED AGAVE

Growers has signed a new lease with Brian Hebb, the new owner of Red Agave. The following is Brian's message to us:

First of all, I look forward to working with the Growers Market. I admire your dedication to a local food system and social justice. You will find in me an advocate for the same values and an activist for public awareness in food security through small farms, a living wage, and environmental stewardship. I am currently working on a proposal for a South Willamette Valley Food Festival, emphasizing the link between food's real cost and the food security born of a regionalized sustenance system. I imagine we will have much to discuss towards this end.

The Red Agave is a uniquely successful restaurant. As a result, I will be making only slight changes to the wine list, enhancing the seasonality of the menu, and making superficial repairs and aesthetic improvements inside the restaurant (mostly painting). On the outside of the building, I would like to repaint the facade when the weather improves and add two wall-mounted lamps for better visibility along the sidewalk.

As you know the wood floors in the Agave and the structure beneath them are in need of repair. Edward has assured me that the area is indeed structurally sound. That being the case, I would like to see this addressed early in 2009. It will obviously require a good deal of work and closure of the restaurant. Accordingly, I'd like to get started planning the repairs with the Market as soon as I take over the Agave.

Another topic that we should discuss is expansion. I would very much like to iron out the amount of space that the Market is willing to make available, the price per square foot for the added space, and the terms for improving the

expansion. While I had developed a slighter longer time line for considering the expansion, the necessity of repairing the floor in the near future may make it economically advantageous for both of us to handle both projects at the same time.

GROWERS IS OPEN ON FRIDAY MORNINGS!

Because of the NEW and EXCITING Friday hours, the pre-orders are changing! Now you can order for Thursday or Friday! Now you can order eggs, bread, cheese, and yogurt! It can still be a standing order, or you can make a single order for a special occasion! Oh, the possibilities. But there are some related changes: if you have a current standing order, I need you to update it to the NEW form ASAP. Thank you. When you fill out a pre-order or standing order, we need to know if you will be picking up your order on Thursday or Friday. We also need your phone number, even if you email your order. So read that new order form carefully, and talk to a coordinator if you have questions.

***** LOTS OF FUN STRAWBOSS/COORDINATOR JOBS AVAILABLE!! STOP IN, CALL UP, OR SEND OUT AN EMAIL FOR DETAILS! *****

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 9:30 to noon and 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 To subscribe via email, send a message to growers-join@lists.opn.org Growers Market: 687-1145

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