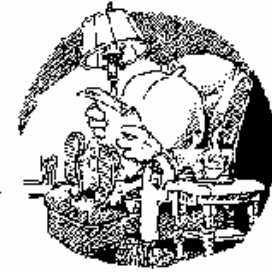


The Garbanzo Gazette

January 29, 2009



Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter



Next Growers Cleaning Party: Sunday, Feb 8th, 10-4. Come get those pumpkins and help get things done @ Growers!

PRODUCT RECALL

Clif Bar and Co. announced a voluntary recall of Clif and Luna brand bars that contain peanut butter due to possible salmonella contamination. If you purchased any of these bars at Growers, you may return them for a full refund.

GROWERS FUNDRAISER

My band (Patas Arriba) is organizing a Growers Market fundraiser for Tuesday, February 10th, at Cozmic Pizza, 199 W. 8th, Eugene. Some of Jon Bilenki's students will start performing at 5 pm, and Patas Arriba will play at about 7:30. We will ask a suggested donation of \$3 to \$5. "Patas Arriba" means "upside down," as in a ladybug on its back. The name comes from a book by Eduardo Galeano. We sing songs in both English and Spanish; some of our music is conjunto (hailing from Texas and Northern Mexico). Our original songs reflect what Maria Kirwin heard when growing up in rural Arizona; Marshall Gause has been influenced by the various musical genres of San Antonio, Texas. You might call their songs Western country or folk. One of our songs is about why people should come back to Eugene. -Milton Takei

SHOP ON YOUR FRIDAY LUNCH HOUR!

Just a reminder that Friday mornings begin on Jan 9th, and we'll be opening and closing a little later, thus bridging the lunch hour! As of Jan 9th, on Friday mornings Growers will be open from 10-1. Please remember that you can pre-order produce and have it waiting for you on Fridays – get those orders in by Tues @ 7pm. Thanks.

DARCY (who orders Nancy's): Please call me, I need your new phone number. Thanks!! Sue (688-6679)

LOTS OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Now is the time to come forward and offer your services, skills and abilities to your Growers Market. See any coordinator for opportunities.

NEW PRE-ORDER & STANDING ORDER POLICY

In yet another valiant effort to reduce waste here at Growers Market, we are instituting the following policy beginning December 4th for our pre order and standing order shoppers: Each week as you purchase your pre-order produce, please turn your pre-order form in to the cashier as you check out. We (the Growers Market Big Brother) will be tracking the orders looking for patterns. If a member does not pick up their pre-order, we will call to remind them. If a member does not pick up their standing-order, we will stop ordering that standing-order. If we see that there are members who are consistently not picking up pre-orders, we will be initiating problem solving conversations with those members, and may choose to ask certain members not to make pre-orders any more. Please don't take this personally; we've had a lot of produce pre-ordered and not picked up lately, and we've had to write a lot of it off, resulting in a loss to the Market.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY GRAINS AND BEANS

On January 20th, I attended a presentation on the 2008 experiments of the Southern Willamette Valley Bean and Grain Project, which had farmers testing the feasibility of growing beans and grains in the Willamette Valley. The consensus seemed to be that many more people who live in the Willamette Valley would be willing to buy grain and beans grown in our valley. Julie Tilt of Hummingbird Wholesale (one of the suppliers that sells to Growers Market) said that Willamette Valley farmers were unable to supply all the beans and grains her business wanted to buy in 2008. But Harry MacCormack of Sunbow Farm reported that in almost all cases, crop production was lower than in

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Pre Order Produce by E-Mail

Send an e-mail to growers.market@gmail.com by Tuesday evening @ 6:30pm to preorder produce for that week. Growers is now open 9:30-12 on Friday and you can pre-order for Fridays. Indicate on the form if you plan to pick up during am or pm hours. Contact Cialin at cialin@efn.org if you are interesting in joining the Friday morning crew. See you there!

other places while costs were the same, meaning that the price to consumers needed to be higher than otherwise. I suggest that Growers Market could have special gallon jars labeled as food grown in the Willamette Valley. Gian Mercurio of Stalford Seed Farms talked about growing beans that had to be dryland farmed, that is, the plants could not be irrigated. Someone in the audience suggested that farmers could share farm equipment, and do cooperative marketing. For general questions about the Southern Willamette Valley Bean and Grain Project, contact Lynne Fessenden, Willamette Farm and Food Coalition, 341-1216, info@lanefood.org

GROWERS MARKET COOKBOOK?

Looking for an easy Pumpkin? Submit a recipe for the Cookbook we are creating! Email one or more favorite recipes to growers.market@gmail.com We will give you a Pumpkin when you submit your first recipe. Multiple submissions are encouraged, but we can give only one Pumpkin per member. Please make sure that your recipes are either vegetarian or include a vegetarian option. Recipes made with exclusively (or mostly) ingredients that you can get at Growers are preferred. The Cookbook will be sold as a Growers Market fundraiser.

FOR RENT

3 bedroom, 1920's house with artists studio, in Permaculture Project; shared yard, greenhouse, gardens, high speed internet, Whiteaker neighborhood. \$975./ mo. + utilities. Move in costs include 1st + last + deposits (Total - \$3175.). No smoking on premises. No pets. Available last week of February. ArtTrek

YARD HELPERS WANTED

Steve (River Road) and Jantzen (SW Hills) are looking for occasional help in their gardens. Pay is \$10 per hour, and can be physical and muddy. Right now each of us has several dozen hours of project that need assistance. So, if you are looking for some extra cash and enjoy working outside, give either us a ring for more details. Steve - 689-7579; Jantzen - 344-8341

2009 BIKE-PED SUMMIT

Saturday, January 31, 9am-all day, South Eugene High School, 400 E. 19th Ave. Organized by Eugene's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Rails-to-Trails Conservancy will lead a conversation regarding 'support of active transportation as identified in the 2010 Campaign for Active Transportation for the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area. www.eugenegears.org/news

GROWING GROWER'S MARKET COMMUNITY

An ongoing 'Banzo series helping the Grower's Market Community to build upstairs/downstairs relationships and community spirit

Meyer Memorial Trust

Meyer Memorial Trust was created by the late Fred G. Meyer, who built the chain of retail stores bearing his name throughout the Pacific Northwest. When Mr. Meyer died in 1978 at the age of 92, his will established the Trust, which began operating in 1982. Meyer Memorial Trust is a private, independent foundation representing Mr. Meyer's personal philanthropy. The Meyer Trust is not connected in any way with Fred Meyer Inc., the retail enterprise.

The Meyer Memorial Trust, with Eric Jones in suite 213, makes grants to qualified tax-exempt applicants in Oregon and Clark County, Washington by investing in people, ideas and efforts that deliver significant social benefit. Since it began operating in 1982, the Trust has awarded more than \$475 million to nonprofit organizations to improve the quality of life in our region. The Trust operates three programs: Strategic Initiatives, Grants, and Program Related Investments. Specific information, including grant application guidelines for each program, is available at this website. In addition to its initiatives in K-12 public education, affordable housing and Willamette River Basin restoration, Meyer Memorial Trust awards grants in arts and humanities, health, social welfare, community development, and environmental conservation.

More information about MMT is available at www.mmt.org or <http://connectipedia.org>

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

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