

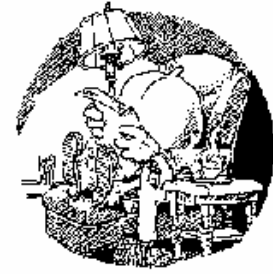


The Garbanzo Gazette

March 26, 2009



Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter



GROWER'S ANNUAL MEETING **Friday, April 10th, 6pm to 9:30pm.** **Elect the new board! Hear the year end reports! Eat free pizza! See your friends!**

The meeting will be held at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building. Please bring your own plates.

Please pick up a copy of the candidate's information

OTHER MEETINGS

The next co-op coordinators' meeting is set for Monday, April 20th at 6:30 pm, in the co-op or elsewhere in the building.

GROWERS MONEY

For 2008, the food co-op finances showed a surprisingly high surplus of \$13,805.07, most of which is tied up in inventory. Though the co-op checking account might soon contain enough money for us to buy a cooler with glass doors which would be more energy-efficient than our current one. The Growers Market building fund made \$7,326.20, and the Country Fair fruit booth brought in \$1,953.30. Due to the uncertain condition of the economy, we have decided to put off some maintenance projects such as repairs to the underside of the building. --Milton Takei

CASHIER NEEDED

Thursday between 2:30 and 5:00, weekly or every other week. Growers is getting busier and the lines are getting longer. Earn the gratitude of the community plus the working member discount and strawboss credit. Contact the afternoon coordinators: Julie or Joni to volunteer and arrange your cashier training.

STRAWBOSS POSITION AVAILABLE:

Growers New Member Orientation, Thursdays at 1:30
Help introduce Growers Market to new potential members.
If you are interested, see a coordinator for details or call Julie 338-0031

STEVE'S THOUGHTS ON FEES (and don't miss his consensus humor piece on the next page!)

Since I may not make it to the Annual Meeting, and if I do I'd have to leave early to accommodate our toddler bedtime, I thought I'd comment on the \$5 annual fee and board elections via the Garbanzo (in case these items don't come up during the time I'd be able to attend and pay attention).

First, I'd like to congratulate Growers for taking a step forward in organizational pride by announcing and publicizing the candidates for the upcoming board of directors election. I hope that we will be able to move to the next step wherein people such as myself who are not able to attend the annual meeting can participate in the election process.

Second, concerning the membership fee. Ideologically, I'm opposed to it. Flat fees, like flat taxes, impose the greatest burden on those least able to afford them. If a membership fee is going to be implemented, a sliding scale fee would probably be more equitable.

Personally I'm also opposed to it. As a general rule, I don't like to pay for the privilege of buying a product or shopping in a store. Hence, no Costco or BiMart memberships. I would much rather buy more of the products we sell, resulting in higher gross revenue, and higher net profits. I mainly come to Growers as a social event, for bulk items, a few packaged goods and some produce, but I still have to go to a grocery store to meet our families food requirements. If Growers was toddler safe, sold more packaged goods and meat products, it would get more of my grocery dollars.

Have a great meeting! Maybe I'll see you there. Steve Shapiro

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 10 am-1 pm 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!

SEEKING FARM PARTNER interested in local self-sufficiency and environmental health. contact jan 541-485-1426, nellie.jan@gmail.com

FOR RENT 3 bedroom house (1600 Sq. ft.) with artists studio - in Permaculture Project. Shared yard, 10' x 40' greenhouse, established gardens, drip irrigation, wireless high speed internet, Whiteaker neighborhood. \$950./ mo. + utilities. Move in costs include 1st + last + deposits. No smoking. No pets. Ruth 510-3766. Thanks, Sterling and Ruth

CHINESE TRANSLATOR WANTED

to help with a recently arrived college student from China, Yunnan Province (City of Eternal Spring). Please call Julie 338-0031

LOOKING FOR A CSA THIS SEASON?

Hi everyone. Mari & David at Lost Creek Farm here. We are now seeking members for the 2009 CSA. 20 weeks of Oregon Tilth certified organic produce for \$425 for full share (feeds 2 veggie enthusiasts or 4 moderate veggie eaters) or \$250 for a half share. On our website you can find more details and download a brochure, www.LostCreekFarmOrganics.com, or give us call, 543-4973. If you visit the website, check out the often updated What's Growing page for current pictures and stories about the plants.

CONSENSUS HUMOR BY STEVE - . . . READ AT YOUR OWN RISK!

A vision of Growers Market in the year 2040, made possible by Time Travel is Us, with allusions to the StarGate television series; or how consensus solved the world energy problem.

I popped into the year 2040 to see how things were going in Eugene. As I got close to the railroad station, I saw what looked like a fuzzy cloud with lots of cables and transformers where Growers Market used to be. Upon getting closer, I found that it was a round sphere of what appeared to be oscillating energy. The cables touched it, and the transformers were humming away.

I attempted to touch the sphere and it felt solid, warm and had a slight vibration. Looking inside, I could just barely make out the shapes of 10 or 12 people who appeared to be sitting around a table. The sphere had a diameter of about 100 feet at the ground and was about 50 feet tall.

As I walked around it, I found a plaque which read: "This is the site of the historic and legendary Growers Market Building. The members of Growers Market used a decision making process known as consensus. Consensus requires that all members agree to a proposal or stand aside in order to pass it. If a proposal is blocked, even by just one person, the proposal fails.

On this site, in the year 2010, one of the members put forth a proposal to do nothing, absolutely nothing. Immediately, and almost reflexively, another member blocked it. The result of blocking the proposal was that they had to do something. This counter proposal was also blocked and the endless loop had begun.

The resulting energy generated a black hole, which quickly brought time to a relative standstill within its event horizon. By looking at the center of the energy sphere, you can still see the original members of the market as they appeared thirty years ago. Fortunately, a team from StarGate Command was able to erect a force field around the black hole, which prevented it from spreading and consuming the Earth. It also became a source of essentially free and perpetual energy, and the cable feeds you see attached to the event horizon are supplying electrical power to the entire North and South American continents. Cable feeds are currently being laid to spread additional power to all of the other continents."

THE PAIN SOCIETY OF OREGON PRESENTS

A Free Patient and Community Conference
Pain patients, Caregivers, and Family Members Welcome.
Please Join Us! Date: Sunday, April 5, 2009 Time: 8:30 am--1:30 pm Location: Lane Community College, Building 19 (Center for Meeting & Learning) 4000 E. 30th Avenue. The conference will include three 45 minute workshops along with exhibits by community vendors and pain management resources. You must register in order to attend this free conference: call Malin Dawson at 541-345-7300, or download the registration form at www.painsociety.com. some health care providers also have the forms."Space is limited to the first 85 registrants." For more information, contact Malin at the above phone.

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 10 am to 1 pm and 3:00 pm 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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