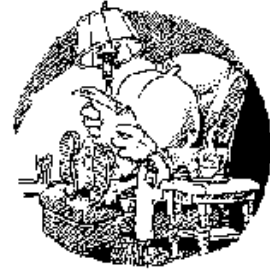




The Garbanzo Gazette

February 24, 2011



Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

GROWERS MARKET NEWS

Help Wanted

Tuesday Evening Orientation – Contact Taylor @ 541-683-8250

Thursday Closer – Contact Nathan @ 541-852-0627

General: Cashiers – Contact Coordinator on duty

Kitchen Laundry – Contact Elise (541) 349-1117

Meetings

Due to the weather, the next Growers board meeting is rescheduled for March 8th at 6:30pm. If we are not at the round table upstairs look downstairs in the co-op or elsewhere in the building. The next co-op coordinators' mtg is set for Mon. Feb. 21st, 7pm at 176 N. Grand.

Website: <http://GrowersMarket.net>

DRY GOODS NOTES

the co-ordinators met mon eve, good meeting, painting will start this week, the floor finishing will continue soon as a we break is needed, we're starting to make plans for our fortieth birthday later this year. whew. brian schack has his chicken feed specially made, no soy or gmos. azure delivery is next week so a few things that have been out of stock should be back. we will be out of dried pineapple for awhile as it is out for the season. we may be buying directly for boiron homeopathic soon, i'll keep you posted.

did you know there are about fifty growers members who volunteer on a weekly basis? cashiers, stockers, cheese cutters, laundry, co-ordinators, tally etc. without this very dedicated group growers would not be here. many folks volunteer as they need for work credit 'pumpkins' and that helps a lot. there are times, though, when there's not much to do about 4 pm on thurs/fri, so folks should try to have a couple 'pumpkins' in reserve. if you, yes you, would like to step up and volunteer on a weekly or nearly so basis we would love to have you. we need cashiers on a regular basis, there are other jobs we need help with as well. please talk with the co-ordinator on duty to find out more. thank you.

i want to thank all the members, our sales have been strong. we got the new coolers a year ago and have recently made our last payment on them!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! the floor refinishing and the painting are being done because we have

the money for it (some of the floor money is from the building loan if i have my facts straight). it is wonderful to have this happen.

THANK YOU FOR BEING GROWERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

i'm doing this wednes noon...hope no one gets stuck in the snow.....sue

NEWS RELEASE: Systemic Problems with Organic Labeling and Signage

CORNUCOPIA, Wis. An investigation by The Cornucopia Institute found numerous stores in several states that carried "organic" signs on shelves of non-organic cereal, and bulk bins with non-organic granola that had "organic" bin labels.

One specific company, Golden Temple, which manufactures bulk granola under their trade name, and packaged products under the Peace Cereal brand, was responsible for widespread, national labeling problems based on Cornucopia's research.

Similar problems with mislabeled in-store signs and advertisements of conventional Silk soymilk represented as "organic" had previously been traced to the same cause: the manufacturers of these products changed their products from organic to conventional without changing the product's barcode. As a result, many retailers were unaware of the change from organic to conventional and continued to label these products as before.

To prevent future problems with mislabeling of conventional or "natural" food as organic, and to protect consumers from false in-store signage, The Cornucopia Institute today filed a formal request with the National Organic Standards Board, the expert panel that advises the Secretary of Agriculture on organic rulemaking, for a rule change in the federal organic standards.

OFFICES FOR RENT

The Growers Market Building has two adjoining offices for rent. One is 322 sq ft and rents for \$220 per month and the other is 187 sq ft and rents for \$135 per month. The two offices may be leased together or separately. Preference will be given to non-profits. Contact Edward at

growmgr@gmail.com.

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 9:00 am 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: 541-687-1145

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.