



The Garbanzo Gazette

July 21, 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 (Fri AM biweekly)– Contact Coordinator on duty

Meetings:

Growers Board – Wed. July 13 at 6:30 pm. Location: at Growers
Coop Coordinators – to be announced.

Website: <http://GrowersMarket.net>

NEW FRIDAY HOURS!

We are now open Fridays 10am-6:30pm. Thank you for being Growers!

CASHIER NEEDED, ALTERNATE FRIDAYS 10am-12pm

We are in need of a Friday morning Cashier, 10am-12pm, every other week. Please see Nicolette for details from 10am-1pm Fridays at Growers Market if you are interested. Interested person(s) will need to go through a Cashier Training process with Taylor on a Tuesday evening (preferably). This position will receive Strawboss compensation. Peas!

GOT A SKILL YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH THE GROWERS' MARKET?

We're trying to create a list of people with special skills that could be useful to the Growers' Market. If you want to earn some pumpkins by using your special skill, please let us know! How? Two ways:

1. Fill out a "Skills" form at the Market. The forms are on the table, along with a box to put the completed form in, behind the boxes with the "pumpkin cards."
2. Send an email to ginny50oc@gmail.com with this information: Name, Contact information (phone and/or email), Skills

Types of skills: Carpentry, sewing, plumbing, calligraphy, electric repair, appliance repair, painting, computer skills, graphic art work, coffee grinder

maintenance...any others you have that would be useful to the Growers' Market!

FOR RENT:

Attention Gardeners and Artists! Cozy 2 bedroom house with artists studio, includes W&D hookups & storage room. No smoking on property. No pets. Shared yard, greenhouse, gardens, chickens, shared chores. Electric heat, high speed internet, Whiteaker neighborhood. \$795.00./ Mo. + utilities. Move in costs include 1st + last + deposits. Beekeeping experience a plus. Available mid August. (541) 683-0626. www.arttrekinc.com/possumplace

RAW FOOD POTLUCK

3 PM July 24th, Emerald People's Utility District, 33733 Seavey Loop, Eugene OR 97405. Bring your favorite raw (and hopefully organic) dish, or smoothie/juice ingredients. Share food and ideas! Blenders and Juicers will be available! This is our fourth potluck here, the setting is great, and the food was amazing. Come join the fun! Sheldon

LOCAL RAW FOOD INSTRUCTOR is having a Summer Sale! She is offering 5 raw vegan classes for \$200. Classes are 1 & 1/2 hrs and you bring home everything that is made. Save \$175. Call 541-684-8243 or email success33@gmail.com

WHO'S WHO AT GROWERS?

John Abbe has lived at Walnut Street Co-op for more than five years, and has been the primary pantry manager for more than two years, making the shopping list and sometimes also shopping at Growers. Other people have done most of the shopping, and volunteering here for pumpkins. Recently that's included Dana Maher, who's moving on to other house chores, and Richard, who is about to move to Finland. When I interviewed John, he was in the process of training two Walnut Co-op members to take over much of the pantry and shopping duties - Katy Vizdal and Joel Durr. Katy just moved into the Co-op three months ago and hit Growers within her first month. Joel has been

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two years at Walnut Street and this is his second time at Growers. Treats that all three like to buy for the house include cheese, coconut, popcorn and nuts. A favorite in local seasonal fruits are blackberries. Why Growers? Solidarity with another co-op - supporting the idea that people can do things for and with each other, rather than against each other or only for selfish reasons. There's something cool about Growers being "us" not "them". On top of that, it is the cheapest way to get a lot of organic foods, and it's fun to shop here. John's passions? Besides saving the world?! (And "getting over" such audacious arrogance? :-) He approaches both by engaging with psychological and spiritual dynamics, from individual to groups to the global scale. He is also self proclaimed computer geek, currently helping to develop some wiki software (Wagn). He is also on the Board of the Co-Intelligence Institute, started by Tom Atlee, another Walnut St. member. Thanks! Emily Elowen Nance

TRADE AGREEMENTS

The Oregon Fair Trade Campaign is seeking farmers and food organizations who would be willing to sign on to the following letter:

Dear Senator/Representative:

The global food commodity system is already stacked against family farmers, and the pending Free Trade Agreements with South Korea, Panama and Colombia would only serve to make matters even worse.

The Korea Free Trade Agreement is by far the largest of the three proposed deals, and will have the greatest negative impact on the U.S. economy.

The U.S. International Trade Commission, a federal agency with a long track-record of overestimating the benefits of proposed trade deals, predicts that the Korea Free Trade Agreement would increase the overall U.S. trade deficit. Important U.S. crops, such as wheat, soy and corn would lose out under the deal. Moreover, the U.S. Treasury Department has formally listed South Korea as a currency manipulator, yet inexplicitly, the Korea Free Trade Agreement fails to contain any safeguard mechanisms against future currency manipulation. A devaluation of the won could easily displace any benefits to U.S. exporters resulting from tariff reductions.

All three of the proposed agreements' provisions would restrict the United States' ability to prevent the import of food that fails to meet U.S. safety standards. This would put unfair competitive pressures on U.S. farmers, while also

endangering U.S. consumers.

To make matters worse, each trade pact's investment provisions would allow foreign governments and individual corporations to challenge future food safety, environmental and consumer protection policies as "barriers to trade" through international tribunals that circumvent the U.S. judicial system. The provisions could also undo actions that communities have taken toward food security.

The proposed trade deals with Colombia and Panama would completely devastate family farms and their communities in those two countries.

Our country can no longer afford policies that fail to respect communities' food sovereignty, that threaten public health, and that force farmers off their land, whether here or abroad. Please vote against the Korea, Panama and Colombia Free Trade Agreements. Please pass comprehensive trade reform (the TRADE Act, HR 3012 and S. 2821 in the 2010 Congress) first before moving forward with any more trade agreements.

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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 10:00 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

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