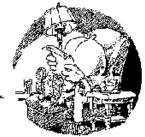


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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

#### **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

Website: http://GrowersMarket.net

#### **NEW FRIDAY HOURS!**

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

**NEVER FORGET** there are large bags in the blue recycling bin near the children's area which can be very useful for home recycling. You recycle, don't you?

# 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

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

### 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.

Contact: Samantha Chirillo, 541-543-1253, samantha@oregonfairtrade.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 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