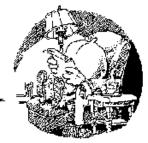


The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

GROWERS MARKET NEWS

Meetings

Growers Board: Wed, Nov 30th at 6 pm at Growers

Coop Coordinators: Mon, Nov 14th at 6:30 pm at 176 N. Grand

Help Wanted

Rag washing: weekly, see below for details

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

Thursday Closer – Contact Nathan @ 541-852-0627

Thurs/Alternate Fridays: Cashiers – Contact Coordinator on duty Alternate Week Coordinators

Thursday Morning 9-12 – Contact Myriah @ 541-343-6008 Thursday Afternoon 12-4:30 – Contact Laurie (stop by thurs)

Website: http://GrowersMarket.net

GROWERS MONEY

The food co-op seems to be doing well money-wise, though we won't really know until we get the results of the year-end inventory. The building manager's report for January through September 2011 showed the co-op making a surprising amount of money. Growers, like other food retailers, normally does poorly during the Summer, when so many people are out of town. The co-op had a healthy amount of money in the bank on September 30th, and sales from January though September were higher than in 2010. Unemployed and underemployed people have more of a need for lower-cost food, and also have more time to volunteer at Growers. We should also give credit to the efforts of the co-op coordinators, and the other volunteers.

--Milton Takei

CALLING GROWERS MUSICIANS!

It would be great to have a showcase of our talented Growers musicians at our 40th Birthday Bash on December 8th. If you are interested in sharing your talents in the market please send me an email at jacimck@hotmail.com or call me at 541-758-9156. Include information on what you will be doing, how long you would like to do it, and what time of day you will be available. Please note that we will not be using amplification.

WHO'S WHO AT GROWERS

Meet Gila Fox, who learned of Growers from her friend Stephanie 10 years ago. This is Gila's first full year of shopping here, though. She has lived out in Mckenzie Bridge for 15 years. She is a UO grad with a degree in biology. She enjoys the co-op for its natural food with a local and organic flavor. She's for the whole locally sourced organic food health aspect of things. Her favorite is Nantes carrots which are fresh fat and crunchy in the fall and spring. She volunteers in the cooler and pasta restocking on Thursday (every). Her current passion is making glass beads and jewelry which she displays in her booth at the Saturday Market and at Holiday Market. She loves hiking. She has volunteered in Grassroots Garden, and is involved in her 10 year old son's education. She rides the bus here when possible, unless she is buying in large bulk quantities. If she has to take the car, she times it with other errands. The diversity of Growers appeals to her: cultural and vegetable. She enjoys interacting with people in a meaningful way, working toward the shared goal of keeping Growers going. Thanks for the interview!

-- Emily Elowen Nance

MEETINGS

The next Growers meeting (board meeting) will be on Wednesday, November 30th, at 6 pm. If we are not at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building, try downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building. The co-op coordinators' meeting is set for Monday, November 14th, at 6:30 pm, at 176 N. Grand. We switched the meeting to the second Monday, because of Thanksgiving week.

-- Milton Takei

WELCOME GREENING 99

The new Growers Market Building tenant is Greening 99. The organization's purpose is to persuade members of the public to rethink where trees should be planted in view of the serious onslaught of global warming. Carbon sinking trees, such as the evergreens that populate Oregon's forests, are important assets in efforts to reduce carbon in the atmosphere.

-- Milton Takei

Send an e-mail to growers.market@gmail.com by Tuesday evening @ 6:30pm to preorder produce for that week.

HELLO BANZO FRIENDS

The Friday Morning Cashier alternating shifts 10am - 12pm have been filled. A big THANK YOU! to those of you who stepped in to fill this Strawboss position and to those who helped substitute while we looked for regulars.

Help Wanted: ASAP!!!! We are looking for someone to take on the Strawboss position of rag washing. This is a great position for someone who wants to give to the Growers Community, gain Strawboss compensation, yet cannot commit to regular hours within Growers. The rag washing will need to be done every week, picking up and returning rags on regular days (pick up Tuesday night; return Thursday morning) so we can depend on them being there especially on our busy day: Thursday!

We need your volunteerism! Pumpkin Credit is given to those who: Volunteer 30 minutes of your time or more, have a child/children under the age of 18 months, who are pregnant, who are differently abled and/or who are over the age of 75 years old. We welcome all to come in and offer your volunteering time. Talk to the Coordinator on duty for a volunteer opportunity. -- Peace, Nicolette Swan

DRY GOODS NOTES

we are working out the azure standard/united (unfi) schedule, not quite sure yet what would best serve growers. the only dry goods order that will come in each week is hummingbird, we may have one week a month that both azure and unfi will come in. there was a typo last week 'unfit' should have read 'unfi', so it goes.

the dried bananas were a slooooooooow seller so we are going to have banana chips for now, feedback is welcome. mary's gone crackers are on sale, we got a nice deal. with any luck we will have og brown rice pasta back next week, azure is our only source and they have been out of stock lately. walnuts are going up about a dollar in price. almonds are back in stock. there are a few new chips and crackers on the shelf, sadly lite rite rounds are no more.

remember a new plastic bag from the roll here costs three cents. you can always bring your own bags.

that's all for this week. enjoy the sunshine, sue

FYI: People over 75 years old don't need pumpkins to get the discount only if they have a history of volunteering at Growers.

--Milton

FOOD FOR OCCUPY EUGENE

Please purchase extra food and donate it to Occupy Eugene. There is a box by the door to receive donations and it will be brought down every evening after the market closes.

THANKSGIVING WEEK CHANGE

the week of thanksgiving we will be open tuesday, nov.22, only. it will function just like our usual thursday.

THURSDAY MIDDLE SHIFT CO-ORDINATOR

the co-ords have decided to try something new. thursday middle shift, noon/noon thirty until 4:30 if a busy, busy shift, so we would like to have a second co-ord on this shift. in other words two co-ords working together to get everything done each week. have you thought about being a co-ord but were concerned about doing a shift 'alone', this could work for you. please talk with a co-ordinator to arrange for training, thanks, and the secret handshake. ok, kidding about the handshake, hugs are far more common. sue

HERE COMES OUR BIRTHDAY!

Growers is getting ready for its 40th Birthday and we need your help. First, to decorate! We are looking for Growers pictures, artwork, photos, and t-shirts of days past. If you have anything we could borrow for November/December, please label it clearly with your name and phone number and give it to Myriah (or any on-duty coordinator). If you have questions, call Myriah at 541-343-6008. Second, we are having an Art Contest!! You could be the proud designer of the graphic to be printed on our Anniversary Shopping Bags!! Submit your original art design by October 14th to Taylor (in person on Tuesday, or via email - taylorjane@gmail.com). If you have questions you can email Taylor or call her at 541-683-8250. And keep an eye out for more Birthday Party plans and announcements coming your way soon!

ALPACA MANURE AVAILABLE

Bags of alpaca manure – varying sizes and varying prices. Contact Isabella: beaniebear@peoplepc.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 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