

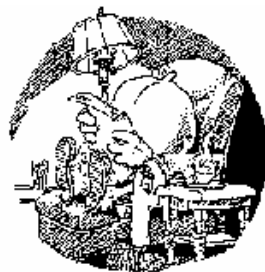


The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter



MEETINGS

The co-op coordinators' meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 28, at 7 pm. The last Growers meeting (board meeting) before the annual meeting will be Monday, March 27th at 7 pm. If you don't find the meeting at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building, look for us downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building.

GROWERS E-MAIL LIST

If you are interested in Growers happenings related to either the co-op or the upstairs offices, you might wish to subscribe to the Growers e-mail list. You can use the following internet address to subscribe:

<http://www.lists.opn.org/mailman/listinfo/org.opn.lists.growers>

WE OWN IT

The owner of the Growers Market Building is Growers Market, Inc. But we like to say that the food co-op owns the building, and if you look around at the people attending the annual meeting, you'll see why. A key part of the mission of Growers Market, Inc. is to provide cheap food. Perhaps Growers folks are so accustomed to the current arrangement that they can't imagine that the circumstances could have been different. In fact, the building could have been owned by someone who might wish to replace the co-op with tenants that brought in more money. As things stand, the co-op has protection from the normal operation of capitalist ownership.

REGISTER AREA DESIGN

It's time to finish up the cash register area, and we need your help to design it. Now that you have had the chance to pay for your groceries at the newly designed "single line" system, I'd like to get feedback from cashiers, shoppers and coordinators as to how you think the area can be improved. Once we get the feedback, a few of us who feign to have carpentry skills will get together to design and build it. Some ideas that have been expressed include a low level box unloading area for each register, lowering the height of

the tables and making them uniform, and keeping the storage areas behind them. What are your ideas?

There is a clip board hanging behind the registers. Please write down your ideas and, if possible, leave your contact information so I can call you for clarification. Thanx, Steve

STRAWBOSS POSITION AVAILABLE

Looking for a strawboss replacement ASAP 1-1/2 to 2 hours every other week to take care of the dairy cooler and the freezers. For more details on the position talk to Jeanine at growers or Stephanie 767-3689.

JOB OPENINGS

Growers has strawboss openings.

*) A dedicated person is needed for the dried fruit and nut area who would take delight in filling the jars and buckets. Lily has been filling them for the last nine years. Call Lily @ 338-4436 or talk to any coordinator. PS: If anyone knows the whereabouts of the raison bucket, please put it back!

*) Cashiers are needed for Thurs 2:30 – 5:30pm times. Speak to any coordinator to arrange.

FOR RENT

Cozy BR available in 3 BR house with 2 women aged 29 and 30. Wood floors throughout, sunny, woodstove, porch. Fun, friendly, creative. Near Fern Ridge bike path and 2 miles west of downtown Eugene. Please no drugs or drama, and please no more pets. Organic garden, one cat and two ducks:) Permaculture, eco-conscious, healthy lifestyle. \$285 plus utilities, last, and security. Short term is fine. Available at the end of March. Call 684-0066 or email jlemeshow@yahoo.com. Thank you! Jenya

FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY PLANT SALE

Mark your calendars! The FOOD for Lane County Gardens Spring Plant Sale and Benefit is April 1st (10am-4pm) and 2nd (12pm -4pm), and for the

first time in a long time doesn't conflict with the Guild's Seed Swap! The sale is at the GrassRoots Garden, 1465 Coburg Rd behind St. Thomas Episcopal Church at the intersection with Cal Young. So far we will be selling bare root Berkeley blueberry bushes (Thank you Fall Creek Nursery!); bare root and potted everbearing strawberry plants, annual starts of veggies, flowers and herbs carefully cultivated at the Youth Farm by staff and volunteers, and assorted ornamental and edible perennials. I will be updating the list as we know more. Unfortunately no bare root fruit trees this year, our donor for the past six years does not have trees available to donate. Call 343-2822 for more information or check-out our website: www.foodforlanecounty.org.

CHAMPION JUICER FOR SALE

Excellent condition, 20 years old, \$125 461-2695

SHOP FOR THE SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT!

On Sunday, March 19, 10 am to 5 pm, Down to Earth at 532 Olive and 2498 Willamette will donate 5% of all sales at both stores to the School Garden Project of Lane County! They sell a wide variety of items for the home and garden, specializing in organic gardening and natural living. Check their website (<http://www.down-to-earth.com/about.html> or call (342-6820) for more information on their products. The School Garden Project will staff a table on that day in the garden department at the downtown store, so stop by, say hello, and see our latest photos. Please mark your calendars and tell your friends! We appreciate your support.

THAT'S MY FARMER – CSA EVENT

The 7th Annual "That's my Farmer" event will be held on Tuesday, April 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 13th and Olive Street. Fifteen faith communities in Lane County sponsor this event to highlight the importance of supporting local farmers, to offer an opportunity to meet local farmers and to learn more about participating in Community Supported Agriculture or CSA's. CSA means buying a weekly box of fresh fruits and vegetables from a local farmer from May through the fall with the money paid in the spring to help the farmer begin the planting season. Meet the farmers between 6:30-7:30. Presentations by farmers begin at 7:30 and there will be door prizes and homemade ice cream. The event is free but donations are accepted to support low income families access local organic produce.

CONSENSUS WORKSHOP

By Tree Bressen, Saturday, March 25, 10am-6pm, Wellsprings Friends School in Eugene. Bringing together the wisdom of the group for the best possible decisions--it sounds like a nice Ideal, but how do groups do it effectively? This workshop will offer a coherent approach to consensus, including the official structures (agreement, standing aside, blocking), the principles underlying them, and what it really takes to make them work. This workshop is being co-sponsored by River Cohousing and Sophia Sanctuary. Advance registration is required. To register, please contact: Patience Pontious via email <ppontious@comcast.net> or phone 684-4652. Lunch is brown bag, please bring something to feed yourself. Tree is currently operating on a gift economy basis. She requests you pay an amount that feels good & fair & right to you, that you can afford, and that you can give joyfully, while understanding that she does rely fully on this work for her livelihood.

Send comments or article submissions to garbanzo@lists.opn.org. If you don't have computer access, you can put articles in the garbanzo box at growers. Newsletter copy deadline is 5:00 pm Tuesday. Market hours are Tuesdays 5-7pm; Thursdays 2:30 to 7:30 pm and Fridays 3:00 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 Growers Market: 687-1145