



The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

CO-OP FINANCES

The Growers financial report for January through March of 2006 showed the co-op \$3,832.37 on the negative side. I thought that the numbers turned out fairly good, considering the rodent problem.
--Milton Takei

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONSENSUS TRAINING

We are thinking of replacing the June 26th Growers meeting (board meeting) with a consensus decision-making training, then moving the board meeting to Tuesday, June 27th, at 5 pm. Stay tuned for updates. The next Growers meeting will be on Monday, June 5th at 6 pm. The Growers Market Building tenants' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30th at 4 pm. If the meetings are not at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building, look for us downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building. The June 5th meeting will probably be in the smaller meeting area upstairs. --Milton Takei

FRUIT BOOTH SHIFTS AVAILABLE

Greetings to all the fine fans of frolic, fruit and nuts. It is that magical time of year when the Growers Market Fruit Booth prepares for the Country fair. We are once again looking for responsible day passers to volunteer at the Fruit Booth Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Each shift is two hours long. The sign up sheet will be located on the table by the door. Make sure you write your contact information as well as date and times you can work. The price of the day passes will be announced. Thanks, Steve Brown, Jaci Guerena, Fruit booth day pass co-coordinators.

PLAY FOR PEACE AT PAPA'S!

Families of children, join us on Monday afternoon, June 12th to play for peace at Papa's Pizza Parlor! We will be meeting from 11:00am to 2:00pm at 1700 West 11th for lunch and playtime! This is a benefit for Eugene PeaceWorks. Let your children play for peace! And eat some pizza too! RSVP to Jennefer at #302-1518 with your mailing address so that I can send you a flyer that you will need to bring with you to this "Play for Peace" benefit. 50% of all food purchases, and 25% of all gift certificate purchases will be donated to Eugene PeaceWorks.

For more info on Eugene PeaceWorks see:

www.eugenepeaceworks.org You can also pick up the flyer from the Eugene PeaceWorks office upstairs in the Grower's Building- it's the one with all the stickers! Also look for it on the bulletin board by the EPW board, and on the bulletin board in the Market. (It is also an all day benefit from 11:00am to 1:00am! Stop by at other times if you cannot meet us for lunch!) Children can help change the world!

ACTION ALERT

Two of the largest organic dairy companies in the nation, Horizon Organic (a subsidiary of Dean Foods), a supplier to Wal-Mart and many health food stores; and Aurora Organic, a supplier of private brand name organic milk to Costco, Safeway, Wild Oats and others, are purchasing the majority of their milk from feedlot dairies where the cows have little or no access to pasture. These two corporations control up to 65% of the organic dairy market. A routine practice on these giant dairy feedlots, many with thousands of cows, is to continuously import calves from conventional farms, where animals have been weaned on blood, fed slaughterhouse waste and genetically engineered grains, and injected or dosed with antibiotics. Certifiers endorsing these factory farm organic products include QAI and the Colorado State Department of Agriculture.

Here's How Organic Consumers Can Help Stop This:

The USDA has posted revisions to the National Organic Program and is seeking public comment until June 12, 2006. A portion of the revisions relate to the issue of dairy produced on factory farms being labeled as "organic." The National Organic Standards Board has proposed that organic dairy cows be required to spend at least 120 days each year on grass and that at least 30 percent of the cows' feed must come from pasture during the grazing season. For many organic dairy farmers, having grazing standards that can be enforced are essential to protect the industry from the large corporations with large herds that offer their cows only token access to grass. The organic dairy farmers warn that by leveraging economy of scale, these large dairies can lowball prices, thus putting the livelihood of the smaller family dairies along with the more modest-sized companies and cooperatives that market their milk at risk. Please send a message to the National Organic Program of the USDA to stop the labeling of factory farm milk as "organic." To do so, visit the Organic Consumers Association website, the NOP website or click on the following link: <http://en.groundspring.org/EmailNow/pub.php?module=URLTracker&cmd=track&j=78506972&u=718123>

LOOKING FOR APARTMENT

1 or 2 bedroom apt needed for mid June, early July. \$500/month in Eugene. I have a wonderfully quiet spayed female dog. Garden space would be great. I am a tidy and dependable person. 746-9513

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 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.