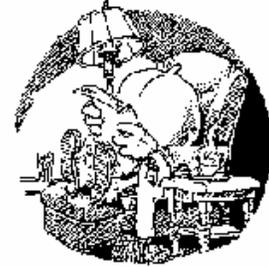




# The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

## COME TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING THIS FRIDAY THE 13<sup>th</sup> AT 5:30

*Find out what Growers is really all about!*

**I wanted to remind you all that the Growers Market annual meeting will be on Friday, April 13th, and 5:30 pm, at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building. People should consider being on the board of directors. I think that Growers shoppers and tenants generally need to be concerned about Growers business if we are going to be even a little bit democratic. - Milton**

### PERSONAL THOUGHTS FROM JULIE

I've been involved with Growers for years as the banzo editor, and have noticed that a small group of folks dedicated to the spirit and history of Growers make the effort to volunteer and decision-make for the organization. However, for Growers to survive, and even perhaps thrive, something needs to shift – as the financial report below clearly indicates, Growers needs a new infusion of energy, and there are many ways that can happen. One of the most important ways is to actively recruit motivated individuals who are skilled in non-profit issues, Growers values, and finances to the board. So, here is my pitch to all of you who have considered getting involved but haven't taken the final step....**COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING, SHARE YOUR IDEAS, AND VOLUNTEER TO BE ON THE BOARD!** Finally, if you know of someone who might be willing to be on the board, **ASK THEM PERSONALLY TO CONSIDER BEING ON THE BOARD!** People need to be asked! The future of Growers depends on it. – Julie  
P.S. It would help greatly if board members served 2-year terms – the annual turn-over is tough on Growers. I know of very few non-profits with annual terms.

### GROWERS FINANCES

The bad news is that the food co-op lost \$5,830 in 2006 after being \$6,093 on the plus side in 2005. The Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides helped us hire someone to deal with our rodent problem (now solved); plus we lost inventory and probably had fewer shoppers. Co-op sales have been declining from a peak in 2003, when the total was \$329,095. The figure for 2004 was \$284,248, for 2005: \$257,768, and for 2006: \$214,796. Growers Market, Inc. as a whole basically broke even in 2006 (we have a separate checking account for the Growers Market Building). We need to try to think of ways to turn the situation around. The co-op coordinators will be putting in more shelf space to allow us to stock more groceries for people to buy. One idea is to have a modified half-price produce policy to allow

shoppers to purchase food that would otherwise be composted or given away. Everyone can help by telling organic food eaters about the co-op. The good news is that the engineer has reported that the damage to the restaurant floor is not as severe as we thought.

### NEW GROWERS POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Market members eager to make a stronger commitment to your co-op: I have good news and bad news. Bad news: the every-other-week 7 to 8 cashiering and closing positions are filled. Good news: a 6:30 to 7:30 cashiering position has just opened, at least temporarily. Also, free training is available to future cashier substitutes. Fun Fun. If interested, talk to Martin, or leave a message at 687-1145. Thanks for being Growers.

### SEEKING A WINTER CSA CO-MANAGER

NettleEdge Farm is seeking a Winter CSA co-manager for the coming year. The person(s) that would fit best would be an experienced vegetable grower (on the farm scale), and would be looking for a place to live with their child of 4-15 years. Please spread the word! A more detailed job description can be provided. Keith or Rachael, 689-3672.

### CLIMATE CHANGE 101

Growers friends, please join me in a class on global heating and climate change, beginning next Wednesday evening, 6:30-9pm (11 weeks) held at the a one-of-a-kind school, Euglena Edu in west Eugene.

The course will include: the modern and long-term-historical temperature trend, feedback loops that influence the global climate, future predictions that may be gleaned from climate scientists' models. We'll talk about the cycle between glacial & interglacial ages, and how our future (even our present) is veering away from either of these two stable climatic patterns. The information shared in this class will be based in climate scientists' work—undistorted by media or government aims (*not that our government would ever do such a thing!*)

We're currently shy a few people to hold the class. Cost is on a sliding scale. Visit <http://www.prototista.org/> for more information. Class site is 151 Cleveland St., Ste. 100 -- Steve Frankel

*Send submissions to [garbanzo@lists.opn.org](mailto: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](mailto:growers@lists.opn.org) Growers Market: 687-1145*