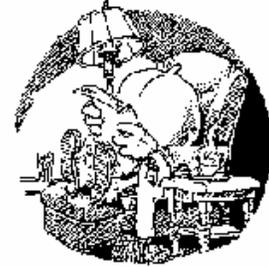




# The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next two Growers board meetings will be on Tuesday, July 17th, at 7 pm, and Tuesday, July 31st, at 7 pm. If we 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 next co-op coordinators' meeting is set for Monday, July 2nd, 6:30 pm, at 1283 W. 4th.

## GROWERS FINANCES

For the first three months of 2007, the food co-op ended up \$416 on the plus side, an improvement over the loss of \$4,807 for January through March of 2006. However, total sales declined from \$59,317 to \$55,853, meaning that people are buying less at Growers, continuing a downward trend that we have seen since a peak in 2003. The value of the goods we have in stock affects how much we make or lose, but we only do an inventory at the end of the year.

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## FUN GROWERS JOBS AVAILABLE

We continue to need cashiers for one hour shifts almost anytime between 2:30 and 7:30 on Thursdays. Cashier shifts are available on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. If interested in being a reliable cashier, talk to Myriah, 343-6008, or Nathan, 302-3205. We also have every-other-week Thursday evening closing shifts, from about 7:30 to 9:00: talk to Nathan, 302-3205.

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## RESPONSIBLE PERSON NEEDED

We need a reliable person, with experience being reliable at and responsible to Growers interested in being even more reliable and responsible by taking on the Thursday, noon to 4:30 coordinator shift. Mimi is vacating this shift in a few weeks. Coordinating at Growers takes a special kind of community-focused responsibility; in fact, this is an unpaid job that requires more responsibility than many paid jobs. With many jobs, for instance, you can call in sick. A Growers Coordinator really needs to make sure there is a replacement. Sometimes no one is available, in which case a coordinator would work sick or whatever. On the other hand, in an emergency, someone always (knock on wood) seems to step up. For instance, Michael covered my shifts that occurred just before and after my mom's passing a few years ago. Another level of responsibility: coordinators really have the lion-share of responsibility for continually educating and empowering members so that some will take on positions like closing, cashiering and, ultimately, coordinating. In short, we need a person interested in helping the unique experiment in community-based food-shopping that is Growers survive and thrive into the future. If interested, talk to any of the current coordinators.

## WORK AT FRUIT BOOTH FOR OCF DAY PASS

Hey all you fruits and nuts, It is that time of year again to be a part of the Growers Market OCF Fruit booth. We need 13 volunteers to work the fruit booth for two hour shifts per day. In exchange we will offer the opportunity to put smiles on faces, be a part of something that is organically cool, and the ability to buy a day pass at a discounted rate. Sign up sheets for all shifts are located on the bulletin board. You can also e-mail Steve or/and Heather at [stevekind03@yahoo.com](mailto:stevekind03@yahoo.com); [heather@nolandesigns.com](mailto:heather@nolandesigns.com). Please remember to put your name, day preferences, and phone #. Shifts fill up quickly so don't delay. Cheers, Steve and Heather.

*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*