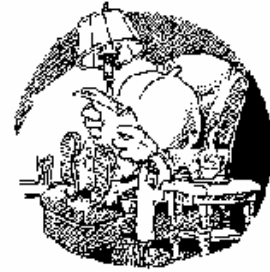




The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next two Growers meetings (board meetings) will be on Tuesday, July 31st at 7 pm, and Wednesday, August 15th, 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, August 6th, 6:30 pm, at 380 Howard Ave.

RED AGAVE EXPANSION – INPUT WELCOME

The board has been presented with an opportunity to increase our revenue by expanding the Red Agave space into our current kitchen and bathroom (around 120 square feet). As an organization, we don't have a lotta money. This expansion would provide growers with an estimated \$10,000 over the 7 year term of the current lease. This new money would be used to pay for, among other things, building a new alter-abled-accessible bathroom and a new kitchen for the co-op in the current couch/play area, and (drumroll please) sanding and refinishing the market's floor.

No decision has been made by the board as yet. We are currently in the process of gathering bids and other cost and revenue information. During this period (and really, at all times) we welcome public comment. Please talk to the board's coordinator liaison, Samuel, with comments. You can e-mail Samuelrutledge@gmail.com, talk to him at the market, or (if you absolutely can not get in touch in any other way) leave a phone message at 683-8250.

Because a similar issue was discussed several years ago and a decision was made at that time to move forward with a much larger restaurant expansion (which didn't happen because Red Agave changed their minds), and because a timely decision is essential, the board has agreed to make this decision at the board level, taking community input into full account. We will keep you apprised of further developments.

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.

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 the 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.

OVER

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.

GIVING TREE CLASSES

Herbs for Massage Jul 30 - Aug. 13, Mondays 5-9pm, Cost \$119 (Includes all supplies)

You may register for this class (Course #11000) through ExpressLane on LCC's website (www.lanec.edu), on the LCC main campus or at LCC's Downtown Center. See page 56 in the Summer "Aspire" class schedule. Herbs for Massage is an introduction to herbs which are especially appropriate to massage. Topical and some internal use will be covered. Students will make herbal products for massage and other uses. Qualifies for 12 hours of Continuing Education for LMTs. Classes will be held at GivingTree Farm Herb Company, 1490 Jefferson St., Eugene.

Herbs for Massage II Aug. 20-Aug. 27, Mondays 12-4pm, Cost \$80 (Includes all supplies)

Intermediate-level herbs with practical uses for massage. Students will connect directly with living plants and make herbal creations with useful applications for massage and other uses. Prerequisite: Herbs for Massage or previous herbal studies. Qualifies for 8 hours of Continuing Education Units for LMTs. This class is offered privately and will be held at GivingTree Farm Herb Company, 1490 Jefferson St. in Eugene.

Currently, there is room in both classes, although to take the intermediate-level class, you must have completed a beginning class or have studied herbs previously. Please inquire. Although these courses are geared towards massage, they are open to everyone. *Deadline to register for Herbs for Massage II is Tuesday, August 14th.* If you have questions, please contact us via email (givingtree@earthlink.net) or by calling us at 344-7534

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