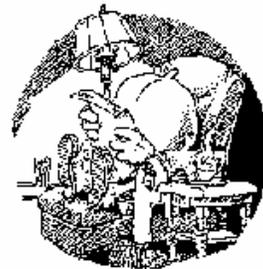


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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

GROWERS 34TH ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 8, 6:30PM UPSTAIRS AT GROWERS

The annual meeting and board election will be held on Friday, April 8th, the new moon. A "state of growers" address will be given and a brief financial report, followed by a board election and cosmic pizzas. Please come, bring friends and potential board nominations. Attending this meeting is how you become a voting member of growers and is a good way to find out what's been going on and is going on now. If you can only go to one meeting this year, this is the one. Get the full growers experience! – Rodney

DRY GOODS NOTES

I'll start with good news! Mountain People's catalogue is so bad it did not have the "OG" symbol on the bulk peas and corn. Steve Shapiro ordered the unnoted brand and the very-helpful-and-equally-frustrated order taker assured me they were, indeed, OG. Thank you Steve!! So OG peas-in-bulk are back. OG bulk corn comes back as soon as the packaged sells out.

Annie's dropped the gallon salad dressings but has come out in liter sizes. These are 2 pound bottles. The per-pound price is the same either as bulk or a full liter bottle. If you don't see any in bulk, gently ask the coordinator on duty. Rising Moon is reworking their ingredients to make their products as OG as possible. We have their pasta sauces and ravioli. Salsa anyone? (thanks Kirk and Jade).

Main Coast Seaweed order is here. Terrific Dulse and some "new to us" varieties of kelp. Linda turned me on to a source of N. California Sea Palm and it will be here soon. Maybe this week.

Over the next few weeks the dry goods corner is going to change a bit. We want to make it easier to find and see things on the shelves. Please be patient and keep your eyes open. Oh, Yeah, if you see a sign posted, read it.

OK, bad news. OG bulk fruit (except our wonderful local organic royal blueberries) has been

discontinued. Please let me know if you want expensive packages. Royal apologizes for the blueberry problem last week. Their freezer went down and they missed a couple of buckets. They'll switch with the usual ones this week.

I'm not ordering Noris milk – it does not sell well. If you want some, put a special order tag up and I'll order it for you. Warning: If you space out a Noris special order, I don't think it is fair to order it for you again. It costs Growers – all of us – too much money when perishable special orders are not picked up!

Also, please refrain from cherry picking dates of OG half-and-half – usually there is only a weeks difference between one delivery and the next. This is ultra-pasteurized and lasts awhile. If the older ones get passed over, they become a loss. Please be kind.

Shampoos – since our bulk selection is so small, do you want some pre-packaged shampoos available? A wider variety? As always, if you like to see an item in here let me know. You can even put a note in my mailbox. Big thanks to Phil for the good work on Tuesday morning deliveries. – Sue

P.S. It isn't too early to think about becoming a summer cashier!

USE, USE, AND REUSE

We could use clean paper grocery bags to store bread in. If you have any extra, bring them on down to Growers.

JUST SAY CHEEEEESE

Strawboss position available: One person needed to join our cheese crew, every other Tuesday evening. Fun, easy and cheesy (in a good way). Call Rachel at 687-6727 for information.

NEW TENANT

Money Is Not Democracy (MIND) is the new tenant in Room 207 of the Growers Market Building. They are working on two campaign finance reform ballot

initiatives for Oregon. The office was vacant for some time, so renting the office is a shot in the arm for Growers finances. -- Milton Takei

AWESOME BIKE RACK!

As a dedicated shopper-by-bicycle, I just wanted to say how much I appreciate the bike rack on the new concrete slab by the loading dock. This is soooo much better than the way it was before. I don't know who had input on the new design, but thank you to whoever did! – Allen

A BIG PUBLIC THANK YOU TO SUE

Sue has helped me with two special orders over the last couple of months that were fairly difficult to complete. In both cases, she went above and beyond all ordinary expectations and kept me informed of the issues involved with completing my requests. I appreciate her effort and the time she dedicated to providing me with feedback. So, I would like to offer Sue a very big and public THANK YOU! Steve Shapiro, Growers Market member.

FOR RENT IN ARTISTS COMMUNITY

Two bedroom house with studio in ARTISTS COMMUNITY: Possum Place Gallery and Studios. Live, work, sell. \$650. + utilities + deposit. Partial work trade. Whiteaker. 683-0626. Thanks, Sterling and Ruth

PEAR BLOSSOM ART AND CULTURAL FEST

The River Road Neighbors Network presents the Second Annual Pear Blossom Art and Cultural Fest Saturday, April 2, from 3pm till 10pm. Free, kid friendly community event at Dharmalaya, 356 Horn Lane. Veggie Potluck at 6.30pm. Share your art, try something new, share food, enjoy local culture, have fun: painting, craft, music, performance, dance, poetry. Come play with your neighbors. A unique event we will co-create and share together! To sign up to do a performance, show your art, or volunteer with set up call michele @ 344-0553. Invite all your friends!! Walk, Bus or Ride your Bike if you can.

TAX REFUNDS -- FREE ASSISTANCE

Do you want your hard-earned money to pay for the war? According to my calculations, a family of four earning up to \$40,200 can get a refund of ALL of their federal tax withholdings for the year. If you had taxes taken out of your paychecks in 2004, then I encourage you to file a return and get a refund. I'll volunteer my time to assist those who otherwise would not file for a refund. No charge, but please donate a portion of your refund to PeaceWorks. Confidential. Steve Leppold 684-5957

BREAD & BARTER

Come and check out the weekly Bread & Barter circle, every Friday 4:30-6:30 at the strawbale in Maitreya Eco-Village (Broadway & Almaden). Bring home-grown, home-made products to trade or sell. Or just bring yourself! In the past we have had sourdough bread, salsas, kim-chee, saurkraut, amasake, homebrew, tinctures, fresh milk (goat & cow) and milk products, greens and produce, herbs, vinegar, kefir, honey, mushrooms, juice, and much more. It's a good place to meet friendly folks and get some great quality, organic food, while supporting local efforts. Social change in action! Free and open to all....stop by and say hi and check it out

THE INVASION -- ONE YEAR AFTER:

Tuesday, April 6th, 4-6:00 p.m., Room 175, UO School of Law (1515 Agate St., Eugene)

Panelists:

Professor of Law **Ibrahim Gassama** will discuss Iraq; Geography Professor **Alec Murphy** will discuss Iran; International Studies Professor **Anita Weiss** will discuss Pakistan. For more information, contact Ibrahim Gassama: 346-3831, igassama@law.uoregon.edu.

JOULES GRAVES: A VILLAGE DANCE WITH FAIRIES. A benefit for Oregon Country Fair Community Village. Saturday, April 2nd, Cozmic Pizza, Family hour 7-8; music at 8. \$9 in advance, \$12 at the door.

HOUSING WANTED

We are still looking for a place to live!!! Cabin, cottage, yurt, land to set up a teepee, low rent house, work trade, cash... Out of town or in. We are looking for a small family friendly TV free, hopefully with a garden place to live. ASAP. Any suggestions, ideas or leads? Thanks, Rob, Anna, Suny Joy Miller 463-8463

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