



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, June 27th at 5 pm, and Monday, July 17th at 6:30 pm. If the meeting is not at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building, look for us downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building. --Milton Takei

2006 CONSENSUS/FACILITATION TRAINING

The annual Growers Market Consensus/Facilitation Training will take place on Monday, June 26th from 6-9 pm at the Round Table upstairs in The Growers Market Building. This workshop is Free and open to everyone! This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the process of Consensus, its history and development, philosophy and values, some fundamental elements, when and how to use them, and some techniques for effective facilitation. We do need to know in advance if you are planning to attend so that our trainer, Lysbeth from Alpha Institute, can prepare accordingly. Please RSVP to Aya at 554-4407 or aya@quirkweb.net if you plan to attend.

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 Guereña, Fruit booth day pass co-coordinators.

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

BUYING LOCAL AT THE MARKET

The co-op coordinators' meeting recently discussed the possibility of Growers buying more local produce. With the exception of the Hey Bayles! farm, we have not had a lot of luck in hooking up with local people growing organic food. As of this writing, oil prices are at about \$70/barrel, possibly a sign that the world has reached a peak (or plateau) in global oil production. At some point, fuel costs might make a significant impact on food prices. If you have any ideas for what Growers might do, I suggest talking to a coordinator.

TONIGHT! A MOTHER'S TALK ON WAR

Please join Oregon WAND as we welcome Sara Rich, mother of a daughter who's enlisted but has refused to return to Iraq for another tour of duty. Sara will share her stories, her daughter's insights and the truth of what's really happening not only to Iraqis, but to women soldiers stationed there. Thursday, June 8, 7-9 pm Program, 6:30 Reception, Mcnail-Riley House, 13th and Jefferson, FREE, Info: 343-7970

BLUES FOR BISCUIT BENEFIT FOR THE CASCADIA WILDLANDS PROJECT FRIDAY

Blues for Biscuit will feature local bands J. Reily and the Dahman Beck Band. Rock. Blues. More upbeat, soulful music that you can shake a stick at. Doors at 8, music at 8:30 Friday, June 9, Cozmik Pizza (8th & Charnelton), \$5 and up donation, all proceeds go directly to protecting wild forests and Biscuit Roadless Areas! If you aren't a CWP member yet, jump on board with the one-night-only \$10 membership special! There will also be a raffle for a 5-person rafting trip down the McKenzie River!

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WANTED

For small non-profit founded in 1986 that unites 100 groups internationally for human rights and alternatives in mental health. Clerical worker sought with long-term dedication to social change. Part-time with basic health benefits. Required: Macintosh familiarity, computer proficiency and three years of office experience. Helpful: Database, fundraising, web, writing, reception, bookkeeping, activism skills. Please e-mail resume to admin@mindfreedom.org by deadline of Monday, 12 June 2006. Equal opportunity employer. [No inquiries without resumes please.]

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 EPW see: www.eugenepeaceworks.org. You can also pick up the flyer from the EPW office upstairs in the Grower's Building. 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>

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.