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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

THANKSGIVING WEEK GROWERS HOURS

Growers will be open on Tuesday from 5 to 7 and Wednesday is delivery day, open from 2:30 to 7:30.

HELP SPEED THE CHECKOUT LINES

While waiting in line to check out, you can help speed the process up by offering to help pack the current customer's groceries.

Politely ask the person if you can help pack their groceries. While they are unloading and reading prices off to the cashiers, you'll be packing them up, and speeding the process along. The other folks in line will be happy to move your groceries along and keep your place in line.

I've done this on several occasions, and it has helped. Some people will not want assistance, so please be respectful.

On a similar topic, I've been proposing a one-line cashiering system for the last several years. This system, which you can see in action at Jerry's hardware store, speeds up the flow of people checking out. As cashiers come on or off shift, there is no hustling to shift lines, and there is no slowdown if you get caught behind someone with a very large load.

One of the resistance points has been that it is very difficult to assemble volunteers for work parties at Growers. Implementing this system will require some re-design of the produce area, the current cash registers, and some electrical work.

If 6 people will identify themselves and become available for a 1 hour planning session and a 8 hour construction session (over a weekend, either in December or January), it will give added momentum to the project. Please call me if you are interested in participating and have basic carpentry and/or electrical skills.

- Steve Shapiro, 689-7579

GROWERS MEETINGS

The next two Growers meetings (board meetings) will be on Monday, December 13th at 7 pm, and Monday, December 20th, at 7 pm. The next co-op coordinators' meetings will be on Tuesday, December 7th at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend. Look for the meetings in one of the two meeting areas upstairs in the Growers Market Building, or downstairs in the co-op.

THE 2005 WEEMOON CALENDAR will be available starting next week for less than the cover price. Check out this Oregon produced daily planner and calendar near the checkout lines.

STRAWBOSS POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Dairy Strawboss position, every other week 3-4 hours, between 10:30 and 2:30.

Backup Coordinator wanted. Potential to fill in any shift as needed. Call Jeanine 461-1614

ISRAELI REFUSENIKS SPEAK IN EUGENE

WHEN: Friday, November 19th at 5:30

WHERE: Cozmic Pizza, 8th and Charnelton

OR

WHEN: Friday, November 19th at 7:30 pm

WHERE: 150 Columbia, U of O campus, 13th and University

Two of the 5 Israeli teens, who refused to be part of the Israeli army occupation of Palestine and spent 2 years in prison for their convictions, will speak in Eugene about the Israeli occupation and the reason for their refusal to be drafted into the Israeli military. The two are now 20 and 21.

No one knows if a military draft will return here, requiring American youth to face similar decisions. Come learn more about military drafts and decisions of conscience. Come learn more about peaceful responses to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

These speakers, Noam Bahat & Shimri Zameret, are on an American tour sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and the Refuser Solidarity Network. For more information, call 343-8458, ext. 1 or 485-1755 option 2. Sponsored by: U of O Cultural Forum, the Committee for Countering Military Recruitment, a joint project of Eugene PeaceWorks and Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC) and Progressive Responses, a program of CALC.

SHOP FOR A CAUSE

The holidays are upon us, and it's time to Shop for a Cause at the Cascadia Wildlands Project's 2nd Annual Holiday Auction Benefit! Come join the Cascadia Wildlands Project (CWP), auctioneer/ entertainer Ty Connor, and the soulful jazz and swingin' blues of the Orsinger-Crider Duo for a night of holiday shopping, laughing and jazzy music. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages included.

Beat the crowds and bid on items like a guided river rafting trip from Oregon River Sports, romantic B&B stays, theater tickets, restaurant gift certificates, performance art and handcrafted furniture!

All proceeds go directly to the Ancient Forest Protection campaign work of the Cascadia Wildlands Project.

- * When: Saturday, December 4, 2004
6:00PM to 10:00PM
- * Where: Agate Hall, University of Oregon
Agate Street and 18th Avenue
- * Cost: \$15/person or \$25/couple, children 12 and under free!

Tickets available at Tsunami Books, the Cascadia Wildlands Project office (1247 Willamette), the Bookmine (Cottage Grove), and at the door. Call 541-434-1463 or email info@casewild.org for more information.

SOLAR ENERGY INTERNATIONAL presents two special opportunities to study renewable energy technology in beautiful natural settings in Costa Rica! These workshops will be open to only 22 students each, so register early.

Homebuilt Wind Generators

Fundacion Durika, Costa Rica - <http://www.durika.org>
Build wind generators from scratch with Hugh Piggott,
Monday - Sunday, February 21-27, 2005 * Tuition:
US\$650

Renewable Energy for the Developing World-Hands On
Rancho Mastatal, Costa Rica -

<http://www.ranchomastatal.com>

Solar cooking, methane, solar electricity, solar hot water, other RE technologies Monday - Sunday, March 7-13, 2005 * Tuition: US\$650

Each workshop is 7 days long, with the middle day open for local travel, education, or relaxation. Solar Energy International has been sponsoring renewable energy workshops for more than 12 years. Our staff includes

leading experts in the renewable energy world, and our alumni work all over the world in the renewable energy industry. See our Web site at <http://www.solarenergy.org> for information on our full catalog of workshop offerings.

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ORGANIC FARMERS AND GARDENERS UNION:

From the Organic Consumers Association comes news of a new organization: the Organic Farmers & Gardeners Union (OFGU). The postal address is OFGU, 6771 South Silver Hill Drive, Finland, MN 55603, website: <http://www.organicconsumers.org/ofgu/>

WHAT PRE-SALE MEANS

Several have expressed interest in our "Farm For Pre-Sale," saying they will have to look into it someday, so I'd like to clarify. The advantage of getting the 'pre-sale' of a farm is in placing yourself in a good position to qualify for the inevitable loan. No matter what kind of farm you want, the closer it is to providing income, the more likely you will be to get the loan. The ideal thing for the eventual purchaser would be to start whatever you're wanting to do, now. If you can make some money this summer, you will have a tax return to take with you to the loan department next winter. The pre-listing is not to warn you that you have 16 months to think this over, but to allow you to get a head start on being able to function within the needs of your lender. If you are seriously interested, call us now, meet with us, discuss your plans and then we can see how we could help each other. Typically, the most limiting factor in starting a farm is that by the time you purchase the farm, you can't afford the equipment, livestock, plants, etc. It is possible that we can get the equipment and sell it as part of the farm, but only if there's enough lead time to get everything in place. If no pre-sale has been made by planting/hatching time this spring, it will already be too late.- Jane 688-6607

RECYCLE POLITICAL SIGNS

Lane County Waste disposal is accepting plastic political signs for recycling now through Nov 20.

This newsletter was published by the Little White Dog. Send comments or article submissions to garbanzo@efn.org. If you don't have computer access, you can put articles in the garbanzo box at growers. Newsletter copy deadline is 5:00 pm Tuesday. 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 Market: 687-1145