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Co-op Newsletter Update by Bill London

There's been a few changes of note in the newsletter lately.

Peggy Pace, one of our two stalwart food writers, is overloaded and must stop her monthly column. We will miss her work, and thank her for her volunteer commitment. Luckily, Pamela Lee is continuing with her food stories. But, we could use a second food columnist, if you want to give that a try.

Theresa Beaver has stopped her gardening column as well. We would love to see someone continue the good gardening stories she wrote for the newsletter. If you want to give that a try, let me know.

Linda Canary has taken over the role of profile writer. Her work has been exemplary, and I'm very glad she's promising to keep going. Actually, she will continue not only to write the volunteer profiles, but also do a monthly profile of the Coop's business partners (see the first one in this issue).

Eric Goodman is the Co-op's

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new photographer. He shot the cover photos of the Taste Fair last issue, as well as the picture of the volunteer profiled in August. He's taking the volunteer shots and other photos as needed.

Welcome to all the new volunteers, and thanks to those who shared their talents with us. If you want to help to make this newsletter work, contact me at 882-0127.

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Post Summer News

by Kenna S.Eaton **General Manager**

This is not just another "What I did this summer" article, but on the other hand I do want to let members know how the Co-op's General Manager spent her summer.

I have been interested in attending a school for cooperative managers for some time, and this year my dream came true. The University of Wisconsin has a Department of Cooperative Studies that sponsors a two-week intensive course specifically for managers of natural food co-ops.

For two weeks I was surrounded by thirteen people who do the same job I do in co-ops spread around the country. East coast, West coast and the MId-West were well represented by a wide variety of co-opers.

Our course covered a wide range of subjects with focus on: marketing, co-operative management, financial planning, and personnel management

As part of my class work I have a project to complete by the new year. Although it will probably evolve, it is focusing on ways to monitor our financial situation. I am looking forward to returning to Madison, Wisconsin, next year to give an oral presentation of my project and to attend four more days of classes.

As the year progresses I will be writing in our Newsletter in more depth about some of the things I learned, but if you'd like to see my notebook or ask in-depth questions please come by the Co-op or call 882-8537.

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The Bazaar is up and running....

by Kenna S. Eaton, G.M.

Well, not quite. But we have started the season by sending Kristi and Laura, our two most experienced buyers, to the Gift Show in Seattle.

Kristi and Laura will spend two FULL days perusing the delights of the world of gifts at the Seattle Trade Center. The have a large budget and orders to find "cool and groovy" stuff for Moscow 's gift giving season.

If you haven't experienced the Holiday Bazzar at the Co-op before you are in for a treat. The second floor of the store is transformed in to a wondrous spectacle of beautiful, useful, environmentally friendly, neat, and interesting gifts nestled amongst a quiet, warm atmosphere. We've got a fireplace, music, food and helpful staff lined up to help make this the easiest year ever to find the perfect gift for friends and family

So plan on shopping in your own personal Holiday store, upstairs at the Co-op starting November first.



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New of the Board

by Kristi Wildung

During the last couple of months the Board of Directors has seen some personnel changes. One of our members, Mark Becker, resigned his position during our June retreat. Mark felt that his energy would be better spent by directly volunteering his time in the store.

I mentioned in my last article that a new board member, Paul Weingartner, was elected at our June retreat to fill one of two of our vacant positions. With Mark's resignation, we were still two members short, but I'm happy to report that we have filled those positions and are now happily functioning as a full board. Welcome aboard to our newest members Kevin Kane and Mary Butters. They were voted in at the July board meeting.

Kevin Kane comes to us from Athens, Ohio where he was a graduate student in the chemistry department. He moved to Moscow to take a position as a post doc in chemistry at the University of Idaho. During his graduate studies, Kevin served on the research committee for graduate students where he participated in fund-raising events and managed the graduate student budget. Kevin wanted to join the board to return something to a community; he feels its important that members participate in our Coop. He likes to play Irish music on his guitar and fiddle and is a committed home brewer. Kevin has chosen to serve on the relocation committee and the ad hoc vision statement committee.

What can I tell you about Mary Butters? She's a familiar face around these parts and we are very honored that she has chosen to share her energies with our board. Mary has been a member of our Co-op from the get-go. In 1986 she founded Paradise Farm Organics, providing fresh and organic foods to our local and nation-wide community. She has a lot of experience in the raising of a business, and will be a great assistance to us during the process of writing our business plan. Welcome aboard to both of our new members.

So we're full, now what? We are in the process of developing a business plan, writing a new and improved mission statement, evaluating our General Manager, reviewing our staff policies and procedures, rewriting our bylaws, developing a budget for 1997, improving our nomination and election processes, and looking in depth at the way in which the board governs itself. Is there any way we can get it all done by next March? You bet.

Here's the updated list of our Board Members:

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Fresh from the Produce Department by Laura Church

Recently we had a note on the request board that read as follows "I noticed the Bornt Family Farms pre-packaged organic carrots are labeled "Produce of U.S.A." on some and "Produce of Mexico" on others. <u>Organic</u> produce from <u>Mexico</u>? As if? What are Mexican organic standards? 1 year free of DDT? Will you verify Please?! Thanks"

I appreciate whenever questions about labeling arise, since it gives us an opportunity to answer!

Before we purchase any produce labeled as Organically Grown, we check with our distributor to make sure that they have all the proper paper work on file to support these claims, whether the produce is grown in the States or elsewhere.

The certification of South American produce is a little complex.

In Mexico the growers use an American third party to certify them for resale in the States. In Chile, the certification of O.G. is done by a <u>third party</u> called PROA (Corporacion de Promocion Organica Agoropecuria). They are members of IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculturre Movements), like all U.S. organic certification agencies. PROA's organic standards are in accordance with IFOAM regulations and international organic guidelines. PROA has been reviewed in the U.S. by Oregon Tilth and the Washington State Dept. of Agriculture Certification Program, and it has received approval from both organizations. In Argentina, the government has enacted a law governing O.G. labeling standards that is also in accordance with IFOAM.

All third party certification is taken seriously by everyone involved, but you, the consumer, provide the important support needed by only purchasing properly labeled O.G. produce and asking your supplier for verification We have asked our distributor to pass on the written organically grown certification and expect to have it in the store soon.

So, thanks for asking!

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September is Organically Grown Month by Kenna S. Eaton G.M.

Throughout the newsletter this month you will find articles and information relating to Organically Grown food products.

September is the month designated to honor this growing area of food production.

While there is a lot of misnamed food out there, I think it is important that you understand the implication of these terms.

As we've been saying for years now, there's ten reasons (at least) for buying Organically Grown food. If you choose organic, you:

- 1. protect future generations
- 2. promote biodiversity
- 3. protect water quality

- 4. prevent soil erosion
- 5. save energy
- 6. keep chemicals off your plate
- 7. help small/local farmers
- 8. protect farm workers
- 9. support a true economy
- 10. eat food that tastes good

At the Co-op we have a commitment to "Organically Grown," both in the food we make (bakery, deli and juice/espresso cart) and the food we sell. This means that we will carry O.G. whenever possible, and always chose to carry the O.G. over the conventionally grown if we have to make a decision. Our selection of O.G. food is the largest and the best on the Palouse. Stop by and buy some today!!!

Staff Volunteer Profile: Bonnie Hoffman by Linda Canary



She says people think of her as "the girl behind the counter." A brown-eyed girl. A girl with very long brown hair. A girl who's "thirty-ish," has three kids, and has seen a lot of water go under the bridge. Rough water. But, "I'm still an optimist, a Pollyanna type. A completely ordinary person."

"Hmmmm," I murmur.

"It's true," she says, "I'm a bit of a homebody. I make jam and pesto, read books, and can talk about my kids forever. I like to be with my kids."

Raised in suburban San Jose, California, she married young, straight out of high school, became a ballerina, then a mother. Bonnie is part Choctow, part Cherokee and has only been to church in the woods. She inherited her love of nature from her Dad who first showed her Idaho when she was a kid. She remembers saying, "This is where I'm going to live when I grow up."

But first she lived in Nevada. "I left one man and went to Nevada, and followed another man to Idaho." I told her about the book I'm writing called, <u>Men I have Followed Home</u>, and we had a good laugh. Anyhow, she, like many of us, loves Moscow because of the Renaissance Fair, the Co-op, and the community here that has enough time to stop and talk .

Bonnie has worked at the Co-op for six years and loves watching the passage of time. "I've watched as people meet, get married, have children, and seen those newborns go to school. I love that part of being behind the counter." The Co-op is the best job she has ever had: the flexibility, the caring and supportive atmosphere. "I don't think I'll ever be able to hold down a 'normal' job again," she laughs. She's now holding three positions: cashier, head janitor, and most recently, volunteer coordinator. "I want to match up all the interesting creative,talented people I know with all the positions here at the Co-op. Everyone has something to give."

Seems as though Bonnie has a lot to give. She's going to train as an EMT in November and eventually follow a course in Nursing. "That takes a lot of strength," I say. "I can do it," she replies. Of course. This is someone who supports three kids and still wants to hike the Pacific Trail. An ordinary person.

No TV in her house. Just books, two cats, a cockateel and a parrot who shouts, "What??" "Hey, I've met the parrot," I exclaim, "Does he still mimic the phone ringing and then pretend to be the answering machine?" "Yes, that's Louie." One time she was on the phone with her mom and Louie was doing his "What??" routine in the background. "Will you please just answer that child!" her mother demanded. "Just answer that child," I ponder. That child. That girl within. That girl behind the counter who says, "I'm teaching my kids to be kind to each other and to the planet." And, "There are no such things as mistakes, only learning experiences." That brown-eyed girl behind the counter who asks me when I'm there, "Have you found everything you need?" and laughingly adds, "Spiritually, mentally, emotionally?"

Next time I'm going to say, "Yes, I think so, and thank you Bonnie, for reminding me that I can find it all here right in front of me." If I slow down, lead an ordinary life, and enjoy the simple pleasures that are everywhere.

Co-op Business Partners: Fred Seidel at the Beanery by Linda Canary

Editor's Note: With this profile, Linda Canary inaugurates a series on the Co-op's business partners (the stores that offer discounts to Co-op members). For a complete list of all the business partners, see the back page of this newsletter.



the back room bakery of the Beanery. He was just kind of standing there watching the bread mixer do its thing. He was paying attention. Which is why the bread is so good there. He also personally hand roasts all the coffee beans that get ground there.

"Do you have a college degree?" he asks me. "Uh-huh," "Oh, then it would take me over an hour to teach you. Normally, it's a fifteen minute thing." We laugh.

Now Fred didn't want to tell me how to write this article, but he does want the focus to be on the Beanery and not his personal life. So, just one line with the stats: his name is Fred Seidel, he's almost fifty (in November), was raised in Baltimore, educated at Penn State, and did radio/computer stuff before he came here. I forgot to ask about his marital status. Oh well, I did ask him though, how many cups of coffee he drinks a day. He just laughed deliriously. Fred found out about the Beanery "by accident." Since I believe in synchronicity, I see the universal logic behind all the steps that brought him here. And like many people, I'm glad he's here and I like the way he's doing business. When I tell him that, he says, "I love the people here. Love the bookstores. Love the community feeling."

And he's done so much to enhance that community feeling. Especially significant to me is the way he has embraced the high school aged person. He's encouraged young artists to paint the chairs (and what gorgeous pieces of art they are now). He's invited punk rock bands to play and drumming circles to happen. Poetry readings, wedding receptions, political parties. Art. Music. Plays. Good coffee, good food, good people.

Soon you'll be able to surf the Internet there. His attitude is, "It's all something to try."

Like he's trying this 10% discount to Co-op members. "The more people who use the discount, the stronger it makes both businesses. We're all in this together. If we don't support each other, who will?"

So, next time you're at the Bean, remember your Moscow Food Co-op membership card and ask Fred if he has any kids. I forgot to ask him that, too.



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Pears

by Pamela Lee

The pleasure we take in food is often intricately linked to memories of and nostalgia for meals past. As I write about pears, I'm hoping I'll be eating and cooking with plenty of fresh, ripe juicy Washington pears this year, and not just remembering the experience from years past. I'm somewhat concerned because I've just learned that Washington's pear production is expected to be the lowest it's been in about thirty years, since the harvest of 1955. I'm guessing that the blame lies with the inordinately wet and cool weather we had in the spring. Pears may be amongst the very oldest of cultivated fruits. Some 10,000 years ago, pear remains were left, fossilized, in an Ice Age dwelling in Switzerland. Food historians believe pears originally grew in Eurasia, in the Caucasus Mountains between Russia and Turkey, and that they were then spread by Aryan tribes - west into Europe and east into India. A Sumerian text from 2750 BC describes a poultice (that was applied to the body) made from mashed pears, thyme, figs, oil, and ale. Homer expressed the Ancient Greeks' fondness for this luscious fruit when he called pears "the gift of the gods". Ancient Roman records reveal that as many as 38 varieties of pears were known, eaten, grown, and propagated across the vast Roman Empire. We know that a pear was a customary way to end a Roman meal. The ancient Romans also pickled pears and preserved them whole in vessels of honey. Pears were also cultivated in the ancient east. Chinese documents refer to pears as far back as 1000 BC. Third century Chinese documents enumerate the many varieties of pears grown in the Chinese Empire; sixth century documents record propagation technique. The European pear was introduced to North America through several routes: Spanish friars, traveling the old mission trails north, brought pears to California. French trappers introduced the Iroquois Indians to the pear. English settlers brought pears with them to Massachusetts as early as 1629. One pear tree, planted in Massachusetts in 1630, lived 250 years! Though France is

the leading pear producer for the European countries, the Western States (California, Oregon, and Washington) have become major world suppliers of both European and Asian pear varieties. Though today some of the commercial pear varieties grown in the U.S. are hybrids, crossing a European pear with an Asian pear, the Asian pear is not itself a hybrid. And though many Asian pears are grown in the orient, Asian pear varieties were carried to this country by Chinese prospectors during early gold rush days. Today, over 5,000 varieties of pears are grown throughout the world's temperate zones.

Selecting and Storing Pears

Pears are one of the few fruits that ripen successfully off the tree. Pear get mealy if they are allowed to ripen on the tree. They must be picked before the onset of ripening. The fact that pears are picked when they are green and hard means they can more easily be shipped. But once purchased, pears require watching; they can move from unripe, to perfect ripeness, to over-ripeness, to spoiled with surprising speed. Pears come in such a range of hue that color is not a good indication of impending ripeness. A better guide is that a pear should be ready to eat when the flesh near the stem end yields slightly to gentle pressure. A ripe pear should smell fragrant, sweet, and fruity. If a pear feels distinctly soft and mushy on the outside, you can pretty much count on the fruit being disappointingly overripe. When selecting a European pear variety, look for smooth unblemished skin, without dents or bruises. The fruit should feel firm and slightly under ripe. Store at cool, room temperature, allowing the pears to ripen naturally. The ripening process can be sped up by placing the fruit in a sealed brown paper bag with a ripe stone fruit (such as a plum, nectarine, or peach). Conversely, the ripening can be slowed down by wrapping each pear individually in wax or tissue paper, then storing them in the refrigerator or a cool dry place.

Asian pears, sometimes called "apple-pears", resemble apples in their shape and in the firm, crisp texture of their flesh. Depending on the variety, Asian pears range in color from a pale yellow to a deep golden yellow to a nutty brown. Asian pears are usually found in the market in a very near ripe to a fully ripe state. They should be feel firm to the touch, with crisp flesh, even when they are ripe. Avoid Asian pears that are at all soft or mushy; they've likely gone bad. Wait for the skin to turn a uniform color. A brown-skinned Asian pear should be uniformly brown, with very few pale green patches. A ripe yellowskinned Asian pear should also have uniform color, with very few or no pale green or whitish-yellow spots. Store Asian pears in a tightly sealed plastic bag in the refrigerator. They should keep, in the refrigerator, for up to two weeks.

> Some European Pear Varieties Anjou: Available October - January. Named after the Anjou region of France. A large, thin-skinned yellowish

green pear. Texture mediumgrained to coarse. When underripe, good for cooking and baking. When ripe, eat fresh or uncooked in salads.

Red Anjou: October - January. Medium-sized pear with a squat neck, mottled reddish skin with speckled areas of tawny-green. Firm textured, sometimes dry and mealy, subtle flavor of nuts or spice. Good cooking pear. When underripe, use in slow-cooked dishes, baked goods, or chutney. When ripe, good for dessert or in uncooked salads.

Bartlett: July - November. Large, bell-shaped pear with light greenish yellow skin, sometimes has a red blush. Sweet, succulent, juicy flesh with fine texture. Definite pear flavor and fragrance. Ideal for eating, dessert, and fruit salads. Highly perishable; doesn't ship well when at all ripe. When underripe, good for quick cooked dishes.

Red Bartlett: August - November. Somewhat smaller than the greenish yellow bartlett, but has similar juicy texture and flavor. Use when color accent is desired. **Bosc:** August - March. A medium to large pear with russetgold skin and a slender form. Firm texture, medium-grain, crisp flesh with a nutty flavor. When ripe, it can be juicy yet firm, though can sometimes be dry. Ideal for cooking and baking.

Comise: August - November. Medium to large fruit. Medium yellow color with areas of light green. Fine texture, mild flavor, not too sweet. Good for green and fruit salads. When underripe, use for cooking and baking.

Packham: July - October. Sometimes called a Bartlett Packham; this is a large pear. Once ripe, it is distinctly yellow. Finegrained, moderately juicy, "carrotlike" in flavor. It is excellent for cooking and baking.

Red Crimson: July - October Medium to large pear with deep red skin and creamy white flesh. Fine grained, juicy, buttery texture. Sweet floral undertones. Excellent eaten raw or in cooked or baked dishes.

Seckel: August - February. Tiny firm pear with thick skin. Sometimes called the "sand pear" because of its gritty texture. Medium-green to russet colored skin, yellow-white flesh that is sweet, flavorful and juicy . Firm flesh makes this pear ideal for poached dishes, for canning, preserving or pickling.

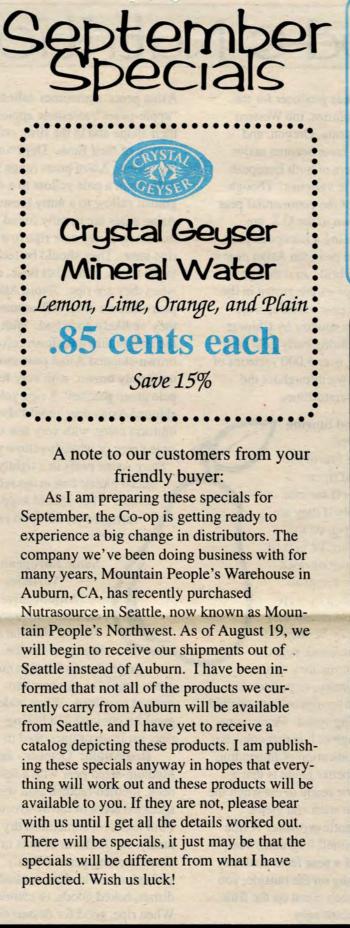
Some Asian Pear Varieties Chojuro: Available August -December. Small to medium-sized pear with golden brown skin and crunchy white flesh. Sweet and crisp. Good for snacking, leafy green and fruit salads, and savory dishes.

Hosui: August - January. Small to medium-sized fruit. Yellow-gold when semi-ripe; warm toasty brown in color when fully ripe. This deeply flavored fruit is said to have hints of brown butter and butterscotch. Good in desserts, salads, and eating fresh.

Shinko: August - January. Medium to large in size. When ripe, has a rusty gold skin and a crunchy white flesh. It is very crisp and juicy, but not too sweet; apple-like, tart undertones. Good when used in savory baked and cooked dishes.

Shinseiki: August - January.

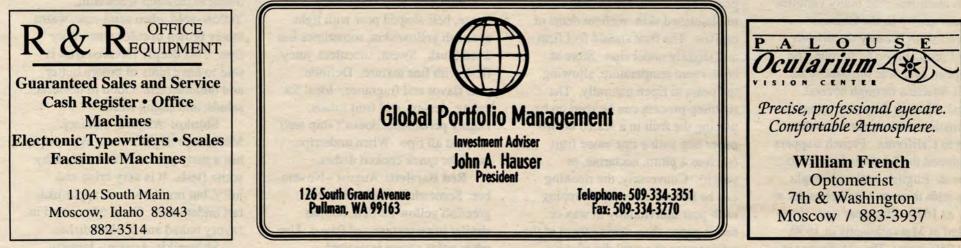


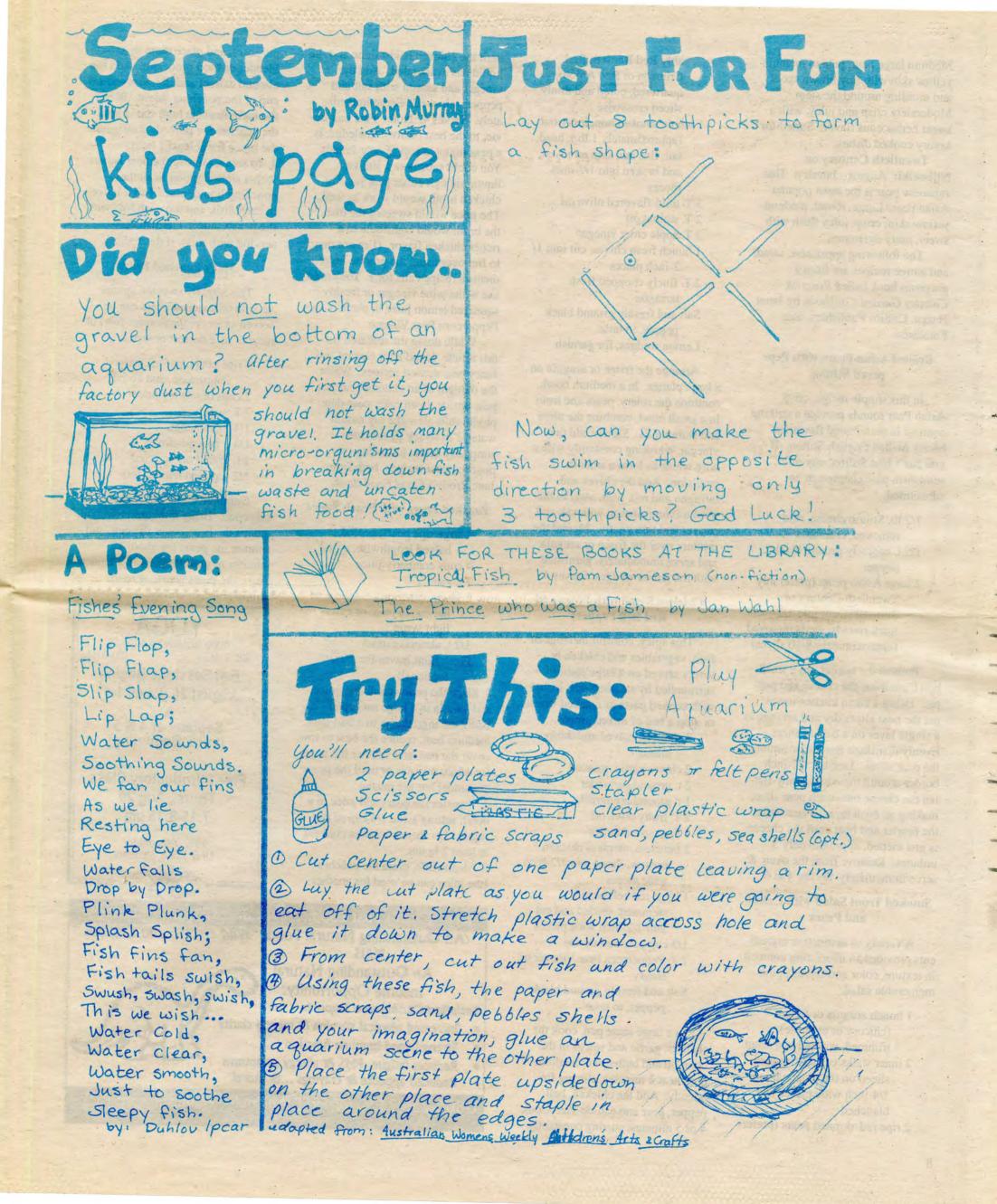




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Medium large pear, pale to medium yellow skin with tiny brown spots and mottling around the stem. Moderately crisp and juicy, with a sweet herbaceous flavor. Suited for savory cooked dishes.

Twentieth Century or Nijisseiki: August - January. This Japanese pear is the most popular Asian pear. Large, round, mediumyellow skin; crisp, juicy flesh with sweet, nutty overtones.

The following appetizers, salad, and entree recipes are from a gorgeous book called *Pears: A Country Garden Cookbook* by Janet Hazen, Collins Publishers, San Francisco.

Broiled Asian Pears with Peppered Stilton

In this simple recipe, crisp Asian Pear rounds provide a striking contrast in texture and flavor for barely melted English Stilton. If you can't find Stilton, any mild, semi-firm blue cheese can be substituted.

- 1/2 lb. Stilton cheese, rind removed, crumbled
- 1/2 t. coarsely ground black pepper
- 2 large Asian pears (preferably Twentieth Century or Shinseiki), cut into 1/2-inch thick rounds, seeds removed (approximately 8-10 slices)

Preheat the broiler. In a small bowl, combine the cheese and pepper. Using a clean kitchen towel, pat the pear slices dry and arrange in a single layer on a baking sheet. Evenly distribute the cheese among the pear slices. Leave a 1/2-inch border around the edge, gently flatten the cheese onto each pear slice, making an even layer. Place under the broiler and heat until the cheese is just melted, approximately 3 minutes. Remove from the oven & serve immediately. Serves 4 to 6.

Smoked Trout Salad with Celery and Pears

A variety of distinctive ingredients provides an interesting contrast in texture, color and flavor in this memorable salad.

- bunch arugula or frisee (chicory or escarole), trimmed, washed and dried
 inner stalks celery, trimmed, sliced on the diagonal into 1/4-inch wide pieces and blanched
- 2 ripe red-skinned pears (prefer-

ably Red Bartlett, Red Crimson or Red Anjou), quartered, cored and thinly sliced crosswise

- 1 whole smoked boneless trout (approximately 1 lb.), head, tail, fins and skin removed, and broken into 1/2-inch pieces
- 3 T. mild-flavored olive oil
- 2 T. walnut oil
- 3 T. apple cider vinegar
- 1 bunch fresh chives, cut into 1/ 2-inch pieces
- 2 T. finely chopped fresh tarragon
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste Lemon wedges, for garnish

Arrange the frisee or arugula on a large platter. In a medium bowl, combine the celery, pears and trout. In a small bowl, combine the olive and walnut oils. Slowly add the vinegar, whisking constantly with a wire whisk to form a smooth emulsion. Add the chives and tarragon and mix well. Add to the trout mixture, season with salt and pepper and toss gently. Mound the mixture over the frisee or arugula and serve immediately, garnished with the lemon wedges. Serves 4.

Chicken Saute with Pears and Red Bell Peppers

This spicy, colorful melange of fruit, vegetables and chicken is lovely served on a large platter surrounded by steamed rice, tossed with cooked pasta or cracked wheat, or atop a bed of mixed greens.

3 shallots, halved and thinly sliced

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 t. ground coriander
- 1 t. ground fenugreek
- 2 T. fruity olive oil
- 1 T. unsalted butter
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, sliced into 1/2-inch wide pieces
- 1 large red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch wide pieces
- 1/3 cup pear eau-de-vie
- 2 T. Peppercorn Pear Vinegar or
- sherry Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In a large saute pan, cook the shallots, garlic and spices in the olive oil and butter over mediumhigh heat 3 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the chicken, bell pepper, pear and eau-de-vie. Cook 4 or 5 minutes, stirring constantly, until the chicken is just done and the liquid has evaporated. Add the vinegar and season with salt and pepper; mix well. Serve immediately. Serves 4. Note: Pear eau-devie, to the best of my knowledge, is a pear liquor, a sort of pear brandy. You could substitute a similar liquor, though either pear juice or chicken broth would work as well. The juice would sweeten the dish, the broth would contribute to a richer chicken flavor. (I'm not one to fret over using the precise ingredients a recipe calls for.). You could use white wine vinegar or freshly squeezed lemon juice in place of the Peppercorn Pear Vinegar.

While doing the research for this article, I read a lot elegant and fancy pear dessert recipes. While the thought of an almond pear tart, pear upside down cake, pear-date phyllo rolls all make my mouth water, I'm struck by the utter simplicity of the following two poached pear recipes, both from Jane Brody's *Good Food Book*.

Poached Pears with Peach Sauce

4 large ripe pears, peeled,

- halved lengthwise, cored 4 cups cranberry juice 2 t. vanilla
- 1 16-oz. can peaches (slices or halves) in juice or extralight syrup
- 1/2 t. almond extract

Fresh mint leaves for garnish (optional)

 Place the pears, cranberry juice, and vanilla in a large saucepan.
 Bring the ingredients to a boil over medium heat, reduce the heat to low, cover the pan, and simmer the pears for 15-20 minutes or until the pears are tender but not mushy.
 Transfer the pears and juice to a

bowl, setting aside 1/4 cup of the liquid. Let them cool,then chill for at least 2 hours.

3. Meanwhile, drain the peaches (the juice can be used for another



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purpose), and place them in a blender or food processor. Add the almond extract and the reserved 1/4 cup of the poaching liquid. Blend the ingredients at high speed until the peaches are pureed. Refrigerate the sauce for at least 1 hour. 4. To serve, remove the pear halves with a slotted spoon from the poaching liquid, place 1 or 2 halves in each dish, and top each half with the peach sauce. Garnish each serving with mint, if desired.

Spicy Poached Pears

This slightly sweeter, spicier version of poached pears can be served as an companion for fowl or meat or as a dessert or snack.

4 ripe pears, peeled, halved lengthwise, and cored
2 cups cranberry juice
2 T. sugar
1/4 t. cinnamon
1/4 t. ground cloves
1 t. grated orange rind
1/2 t. grated lemon rind

Combine all the ingredients in a saucepan. Bring the liquid to a boil, reduce the heat, cover the pan, and simmer the pears for about 15 minutes or until they are just tender. Serve the pears warm, at room temperature, or chilled.



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A Visit to Stratton's Dairy

by Eva Strand

Sweet tasting milk in reusable glass bottles, cream so thick you have to shake it out of the bottle, half and half that you can whip, and smooth, cool, creamy sour cream that is how I got to know Stratton's Dairy through my purchases at the Moscow Food Co-op. As a matter of fact, that is all I knew about Stratton's until last week when Peggy Adams from the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute and I visited Stratton's Dairy for an interview.

Ward and Joyce Stratton started processing milk in 1966 in the present location on Johnson Road east of Pullman. In 1994 their daughter Karen and her husband Wayne took over the business. Today Stratton's has about 50 cows, 10 calves and produces 1600 gallons of milk per week. They have two full-time employees, 3 or 4 parttimers and of course all the work that Karen, Wayne and the other family members put in.

What is it like to run a small dairy like Stratton's? Well, it starts early—milking time is 5 AM with a second milking at 4 PM. The whole milk is collected in a large tank, and processing takes place every other day. Unfortunately, the day we visited was not a processing day, but Joyce gave us a full tour of the processing facilities and with a little imagination we could easily see the milk being separated, pasteurized,



homogenized, cooled and bottled. The whole milk holds a 3.6% butterfat content before it is separated into cream, half & half, 2% fat milk and skim milk. The different grades of milk are then pasteurized.

"It is our way of pasteurizing that makes our milk taste fresher than the milk from most other dairies", says Joyce Stratton. At Stratton's, the milk is heated to 147 degrees for half an hour instead of the more commonly pasteurizing sequence at 160 degrees for one minute. Pasteurizing at a lower temperature leaves more taste in the milk, there is no question about that.

The heated milk is then cooled in a heat exchanger and homogenized to disperse the fat in the milk. Then, time for bottling, another step where Strat-ton's differs from other dairies. Stratton's uses heavy duty half gallon glass bottles that come back to the dairy for cleaning and refilling.

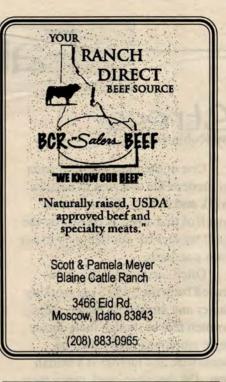
"We have had some of our glass bottles since the start", says Wayne, "but we still have to replace bottles every year". Last year the dairy had to buy 2500 bottles in order to replace lost bottles. Besides drinking more milk, Wayne strongly encourages the Stratton's customers to return the milk and cream bottles. Returning bottles is both resourceful and helps keep the milk prices

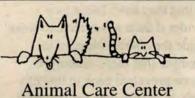
down.

I did bring a camera to the interview but found it difficult to get any good pictures in the dark milk processing facilities. I was not out of luck though, because Tony, Karen and Wayne's daughter, was kind enough to bring out into the daylight the youngest addition to the dairy: BS, the two-week old calf. If you feel the need to know what BS stands for, give me a call, you may be surprised!

BS lives on mothers milk for the moment but at about six weeks of age she will be started on hay. If she is lucky she will stay on milk for up to eight months. In three years, BS will be eating alfalfa, hay, and barley mix, and producing milk for the dairy. Maybe she will have calves of her own. By the age of eight, her best milking years are over and she will be sold.

If you are ready to try some locally-produced milk, cream or sour cream, you can buy some either in Pullman or Moscow. Stratton's products are sold in their store on Johnson Road in Pullman, at the Moscow Food Co-op, or you can even sign up for weekly milk delivery by contacting the dairy.



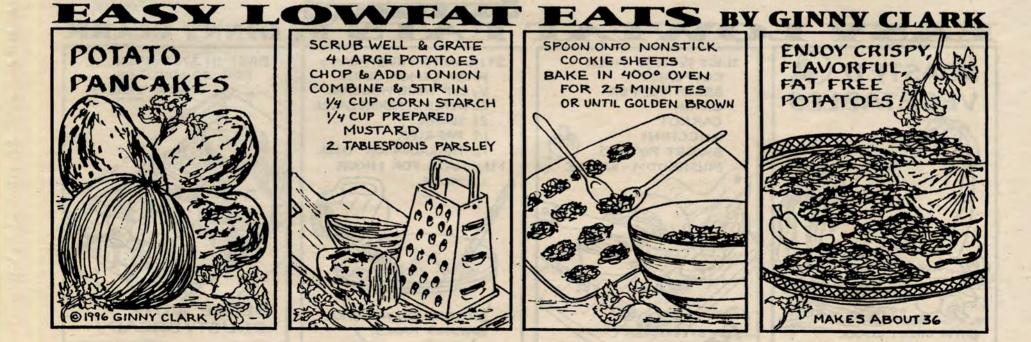


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Family & Friends

Stress by Robin Murray

One of the most stressful parts of modern life is trying to balance work and family. The source of much of that stress is caused by the guilt we feel for not living up to our own standards.

Often our standards can be traced back the 1950's era working father and housewife image. Many women feel as though their choice to be employed rather than be housewife and mother is a selfish one. On the other hand, many men feel that they have failed as a provider if their wives have to work outside the home. We need to remember that these stereotypes became prevalent back in the 50's mostly to ensure jobs for returning World War 2 veterans by pressuring women into voluntary unemployment.

Another source of stress for women is the pressure to "do it all." Remember that old commercial for perfume in the 1970's? It went: "I can bring home the bacon, fry it up in a pan, and never let you forget that you're a man!" Our roles have changed, but our expectations for what we ought to be have not adjusted accordingly. On top of the pressure of being a good worker, being a good parent, and being a good spouse or partner, we have the guilt of not being able to do all those things. Sometimes we just have to stop and assess what is really important, what we can delegate to others, and what we can give up.

According to a Time/CNN Poll

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taken in 1991, 61% of those surveyed believed earning a living makes it difficult to enjoy the life we're working for. What we need to decide is what are we working for. Is it to have stuff? What good is getting cross country skis if you never have time to go skiing? Are you working to make payments on a car you only use to go to work? Is the stuff serving you or are you serving the stuff?

A number of people feel they need to work extra so they can provide luxuries for their children such as a college education. Let me assure you, there are thousands of us out here who got through childhood and college with more emotional than financial support from our parents and still graduated "Magna Cum Laude." I'm not saying there's anything wrong with wanting skis, or a car, or to pay for your children's education. I'm questioning working for them if it means sacrificing the basic things that make life worth living, such as personal relationships

Many people today are reducing stress by choosing to join the "simplicity movement." These people are cutting down their material success in favor of personal development. Other stress busters include making time for physical exercise like jogging or Yoga and for relaxation activities such as Positive Visualization. The Moscow Public Library has several good books and tapes on how to organize your physical environment to minimize stress. Keeping a journal can be an excellent way to express some of

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Report from Santa Fe by Susan Baumgartner

As I begin my seventh week in sunny Santa Fe, I finally feel centered enough for a little reflection and, much to my surprise and embarrassment. I find that I've turned traitor to my hermit existence.

For those of you who don't know, I spent the last seven years living in a nine by twelve foot cabin out on Fix Ridge in rural Latah County. I didn't have indoor plumbing or electricity, although I did have a limited solar panel/battery system to run my computer and sometimes. if it had been an especially sunny day, to enjoy one hour of electric light in the evening.

After living this solitary existence for so long, I expected to be horrified by the noise and crowding of a city of 70,000 people. Instead, I find myself entranced by it. It's

amazing how easy it is to sleep through almost anything when you're exhausted, and my new job, taking care of my nieces, Susie and Beth, is exhausting. Besides, Santa Fe seems very civilized.

There are trees all around our compound, more than enough sun in this desert country, and at night, all I have to do is walk out the front door to see the moon and the stars.

I've been collecting all these scraps of paper, lists and ads and important Santa Fe phone numbers. I was sorting through them at the kitchen table and made a mental note: I need refrigerator magnets. I thought of the beauty of organization, all this information magnetically suspended for ease of access. And then the enormity of the situation hit me. I actually have a

refrigerator. I have 24-hour-a-day electricity. I can turn on the Mac any time I want and leave it on for as long as I want. I can read as much as I want as late as I want, without suffering from eye strain due to flickering candlelight. I can go to the bathroom when it's raining without getting wet. I'm ruined. I've become civilized. I've been seduced by refrigerator magnets.

Well, I won't panic yet. This could just be a brief urban honeymoon before the reality sets in. Or it may mean that my first priority when I return is to get real electricity for the cabin. Or it could be the start of an embarrassed surrender to physical comfort over the harsher joys of wilderness and an eventual move into Moscow. Something. Meanwhile, I'm still learning and exploring. And tomorrow I'm taking the bus out to the Villa Linda mall to buy some refrigerator magnets.

mine is to them. I simply make a choice to support the institute of marriage and any couple who is seriously committed to entering it. I will happily offer my services as a jeweler and rejoice in their joy. By the time this goes to print, Rebecca and Theresa will be newlyweds. Rebecca, you will get used to wearing that ring. God bless you both!

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Of Weddings and Rings

by Mrs. Robin Murray

Among the greatest joys of my job as a jeweler are the wedding rings. Marrying Michael was one of the best choices I have made in my adult life and I am a firm believer in the sanctity of marriage

It thrills me to play a part in the beginning of a couple's union, even in such a small way as making the rings. I get nervous for the young man who is about to pop the question and present a ring I have made. I get excited for the bride-to-be as I solder her wedding band to her engagement ring just days before the big day. I am touched when a couple has new rings made for their tenth anniversary. What joy! What love!

Today my joy for the couple in front of me was marred by the knowledge that the law won't recognize their commitment. Theresa and Rebecca's union will not be accorded the same privileges and respect Michael and my union commands. They will probably have to fight to get employee spouse benefits for the other, if they get them at all. There will be other, smaller conveniences they will miss out on too, such as when I tell a store clerk looking at Michael's name on an account that I am Mrs. Murray and he responds

"Good Enough!" To many people, this couple's marriage vows will not be "good enough." Worst of all, years from now when they are old women, and they face the sickness part of "in sickness and in health," they are not guaranteed the right to sit by the hospital bed and hold the other's hand the way my father held my mother's through her last days.

I do not understand this discrimination. I've heard no valid argument for excluding these two from the privileges accorded Michael and me. Their love is no less, their commitment is not weaker. I see their desire to stick together as a family no less worthy than any other two adults seeking marriage, who happen to be of different sexes. I believe in God and that the hand of God is at work wherever we find peace, joy, and love. Looking and Theresa and Rebecca, I can see that they have found all three in each other. God is there. No amount of Bible thumping can convince me otherwise.

So what to do? I know that a lot of people, including many of my own friends and relatives, disagree with me. Their point of view is as unfathomable to me as

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