



THE COOP *Spoonful*

A bimonthly publication for members of the Olympia Food Co-op and its surrounding communities

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Local Savings **BROWNFIELD ORCHARD**

You can use this issue's Spoonful Local Savings Coupon for 50¢ off your purchase of organic apricots from Brownfield Orchard.

The Co-op receives a variety of stone fruits from Brownfield Orchard during the summer season. Overlooking the Columbia River Valley in Chelan, Washington, this 46-acre family orchard has been in operation since Mike Brownfield's grandfather planted the first fruit trees on this fertile soil some 26 years ago.

Mike's father John co-founded the Tilth Producers of Washington and co-created the standards for organic tree fruit certification. Naturally, Brownfield Orchard became one of the first farms to gain organic certification when it began in Washington in 1988.

With fruits ripening in succession, Brownfield operates year-round, allowing their employees full-time work, including off-season pruning. Brownfield Orchards grow, harvest, package and deliver fine fruits to our region. They are one of few orchards that directly market their own fruit, picked ripe and delivered for maximum sweetness and nutrition.

Next to ripen, right after cherries, are the apricots, here for our succulent eating pleasure. The apricot season is short, so now is the time to bring them home! ■

**CO-OP LOCAL
COUPON**

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good for 50¢ off
BROWNFIELD ORCHARD
organic apricots

one coupon per visit
valid thru 7-31-18



FALL 2018 ELECTION

Join the Olympia Food Co-op Board of Directors

Applications due 9PM Sept. 15
Elections run Oct. 15–Nov. 15

Board of Directors (BOD) seats are open to all current members of the Olympia Food Co-op who have a current address on file, and agree to the following commitments:

- Fulfill a three-year term, meeting monthly on third Thursdays 6:30–9:30PM
- Serve on committees such as Finance, Expansion, Co-Sound, Eco-Planning, Standing Hiring, Local Products, and Member Relations.
- Volunteer 10+ hours each month.

The Olympia Food Co-op Board of Directors is the body elected to represent the membership and holds ultimate legal responsibility for the operations and actions of the Co-op. The BOD establishes policies, oversees the operating and capital

budgets, approves plans and recommendations, and sets general guidelines for Staff and Working Members.

How to Apply

Please provide the requested information. Limit your entire response to 500 words. Attach a current JPEG photo of yourself and submit all materials to boardapplication@olympiafood.coop.

- Name
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Why do you want to be on the Co-op Board of Directors?
- What general abilities and skills would you bring to the Board?
- What vision do you have for the Co-op?
- What else would you like to share?

For more information visit www.olympiafood.coop.

For questions or accommodations, please email boardapplication@olympiafood.coop. ■



New Staff Profile: Mark Friend

In which department are you training?
Produce.

Where did you work before the Co-op?

Most recently I worked for Kirsop Farm for 6 six years on both their farm crew and at farmers' markets. During the off-season from farming I did substitute teaching in local schools. Prior to that I was a middle and high school ESL, Reading, and Spanish teacher, working in Wapato, Shoreline, and Everett.

Where have you lived, and what brought you to Olympia?

I was born and grew up in Olympia and I moved back here in 2011. The intervening years were spent living and working in the Bay Area, around Seattle, and in Eastern Washington, as well as traveling to a number of countries.

What do you do in your spare time?

Currently I'm clearing land to create a space to grow vegetables and plant fruit trees. I also love to read and occasionally play African music with friends.

What inspired you to work at the Co-op?

The combination of providing high quality healthy food to people and working cooperatively with a group of people dedicated to the social and community values in our mission statement is irresistible! ■