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The Bloomingfoods Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of a permanent General Management Team, comprised of Dee Bohler and Phil Phillipy. Dee and Phil have been filling the position in an interim role since last February and have done an amazing job pulling the cooperative back into financial stability. Simultaneously, they have worked hard to build leadership within the cooperative, improve company morale and foster a strong sense of teamwork throughout the organization.

The Board has been incredibly pleased with their work and dedication through an extremely tough period. Their emphasis on building teams and bringing staff members together from throughout the organization has helped shift our culture to be more positive and cooperative. We also are impressed by their tremendous willingness to learn, as well as their willingness to work alongside any member of the staff whether it's running a register, making a sandwich, or assisting a customer. I encourage you to take a moment to congratulate Dee

and Phil on their new roles.

-Maggie, Board President

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All night on April 30, our cashier Abbey had been watching the live-updating Positive Change screen go up and up, hoping to see it break the \$10,000 mark. Co-op shopper Kate R heard her speaking about her hopes and with just 40 minutes to spare in April before we closed for the night, she stepped up to make a \$115 round-up for the Community Kitchen, bringing our total for the month of April to \$10,005.87!! Thank you to all our shoppers and staff who helped us break all previous Positive Change records!!

**\$10,005.87 IN MAY!**





For the month of May, round up for [Hoosier Hills Food Bank](#)! Hoosier Hills Food Bank provides over three million pounds of food annually to over 100 non-profits serving people with low incomes and personal challenges, children, and seniors. HHFB member agencies serve an estimate 7500 people each week and 25800 individuals annually. They distribute food in eight Indiana counties. Established in 1982 in Bloomington, they are a proud member agency of the United Way of Monroe County, an affiliate of Feeding America, and a member of FISH.

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This May 11th, in over 70 countries around the globe, we celebrate World Fair Trade Day and the hard work, resilience, and innovation of small-scale farmers and artisans.

You may already be aware of some of the basics of fair trade: Fair prices paid directly to farmer organizations, premiums for organic production and community development. Beyond that the fair trade movement is also supporting small-scale farmers as they tackle climate change, one of the biggest issues of our time.

From coffee to cacao, from mint fields in India to shea nut trees in Togo, small-

scale farmers are combining traditional regenerative organic farming practices with new innovations. The result: the kind of food and farming systems that we need to build resilience and tackle climate change.

Join us on Saturday May 11 in celebrating fair trade! We'll have great deals on La Riojana wine and olive oil, and you can meet Rachel from Equal Exchange from 10-12:30 at our Near West store to learn more about the benefits of buying fair trade.

Support Fair Trade every day by shopping the following brands at the co-op:

[Alter Eco](#)

[Alaffia](#)

[Dr. Bronner's](#)

[Equal Exchange](#)

[Theo Chocolate](#)

[La Riojana Wines](#)

[Frontier Co-op](#)

[Honest Tea](#)

[Do Good Organic](#)

And learn more about Fair Trade by visiting the [Fair World Project's](#) website.

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The logo features the word "LOCAL" in a large, bold, white sans-serif font, where the letter "O" is replaced by a white location pin icon. To the right of "LOCAL" is the word "FOCUS" in a similar bold, white sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a solid blue rectangular background.



During the month of May, we're celebrating LOCAL by featuring Dreamer's Delight MeSorrel Jamaican Tea. We're switching things up a bit! This month, you can enjoy 25% off on this great local product **every single day of the month!**

Click [here](#) to read more about Michael from Dreamer's Delight. You can meet Michael and try this delicious Jamaican tea at the following dates and times:

Thursday May 9th at the East store (4pm - 6pm)

Saturday May 11th at the West store (10am - noon)

Wednesday May 22nd at the West store(4pm - 6pm)

Saturday May 25th at the East store (2pm - 4pm)



### What's in That Lotion? with Frangipani Body Products

Wednesday, May 8 | FREE | Bloomingfoods East Patio Room | 6-7pm

Do you wonder if the products you put on your skin have the same great ingredients as the food you put in your mouth? Join Tracy Land from Frangipani Body Products as she shares what unhelpful ingredients can lurk in your skin care products. Learn how to spot these ingredients and what to look for

instead. After the presentation, we will create a safe and effective clay face mask for you to take home!

Interested in offering a future class? Contact Maggie at [maggie@bloomingfoods.coop](mailto:maggie@bloomingfoods.coop)

Click [here](#) for the full schedule.

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## Win a set of Ortlieb Bike Panniers!

From May 13 - 17, you can participate in our Bike Month giveaway in partnership with [Bikesmiths Bicycle Shop](#)! Post a photo of your bike in front of the co-op on Instagram or Facebook, tag Bloomingfoods and Bikesmiths in your post, and you'll be entered to win a brand new set of Ortlieb panniers!



## ...and another giveaway!

Now through May 17, enter to win one of two beach cruiser bikes, courtesy of Honest Tea! We'll be giving away one bike at Near West and another at East. Enter in-store





only, no purchase necessary, one entry per customer per day. Winners will be chosen on May 17. Good luck!



## From your Board President

The Board had planned to host an owner-member forum on May 21 but we have decided to postpone until later in the summer when we expect to have updates on development plans for the East side. The developers, Trinitas, are working on a revised plan for the East store (and K-Mart) location and anticipate having a new proposal in August or September. They are still very excited about the possibility of working with Bloomingfoods and as they get further in their process we will have more information to share about future options.

You may remember that this time last year we launched our "Save for Summer" campaign. We were worried about weathering the sales slump that happens every summer when the students leave town. I am happy to report that this

year we are in much better financial shape with a healthy cash reserve and a plan to match our expenses to our sales through the summer months. Whew! Thank you for stepping up last summer and for your continued efforts to support the co-op by paying with cash and shopping Bloomingfoods first.

Want to help steer the direction Bloomingfoods takes over the next three years? Consider running for the board! Packets are available in the stores and [online](#). Owner-members are always welcome at our board meetings (Thursday May 30th at 6:30pm in Dimension Mill) and our Perpetuation Chair Jacob Schumacher is also happy to answer questions – [jacobs@bloomingfoods.coop](mailto:jacobs@bloomingfoods.coop).

Prefer to get involved on a smaller scale? The Owner Member Communication Committee (OMCC) is recruiting owner-members to help improve communication between the Board and the general membership. The committee meets monthly to discuss different strategies for engagement such as forums, tabling, and social media as well as providing a platform for Board members and owner-members to discuss current issues. If you would like to participate, please contact committee chair Corbin Baird at [corbin@bloomingfoods.coop](mailto:corbin@bloomingfoods.coop).

Thank you again for your support of Bloomingfoods!  
Maggie

## Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings

Regularly scheduled monthly board meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted. Board Meetings are open to co-op owner-members and guests of the board. Familiarity with the Bylaws, Policies, and the Policy Governance Method will enhance your understanding of the board meeting process.

**Meetings will be held at Dimension Mill (624 N Madison St) unless otherwise noted.**

- Thursday, May 30
  - Thursday, June 27
  - Thursday, July 25
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[Parks & Recreation Gardening Classes](#)

[Bloomington Community Farmer's Market:](#) Saturdays at Showers Commons, April - November; Tuesdays on North Madison near Bloomingfoods Near West, June - April

[Hub Farm Stand](#)

**Thursday, May 16th from 4-6 pm**

**Mother Hubbard's Cupboard**

**1100 W. Allen St.**

Join MHC for the first Hub Farm Stand of 2019! Stop by on Thursday, May 16th from 4-6 pm to purchase fresh produce, handicrafts, eggs, seedlings, and more from Hub community members, all at fantastic prices! We'll have live music and freshly-prepared snacks available. All community members are welcome and this event will be family-friendly!

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