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Meet Your GM Team



Dee & Phil, our General Management team, have been working hard to build leadership at Bloomingfoods, improve staff morale, and foster a strong sense of teamwork throughout the organization. This month, let's learn a bit more about Phil!

How long have you been with the co-op and in which roles have you served before now?

Phil: I have worked for the co-op since August 2000, when I was the front of house manager for the Encore Café. I have worked as perishables buyer/manager at East, Commissary delivery manager, East receiving manager, Elm Heights location manager, assistant operations manager, and West location manager.

What are you happiest doing when you're not working at Bloomingfoods?

Looking for (and finding) snakes.

Do you have any skills, hobbies, or talents that most people don't know about?

I am an amateur herpetologist, a Tai Chi instructor, and I like to write Haiku.

What's your favorite band/musician?

I love early Black Flag. Lately I have been listening to a lot of Django Reinhardt, and also The Stooges.

What's your favorite co-op item and why?

Local, in-season tomatoes blow my mind.

What's your favorite food or meal in general?

Avocados. I eat avocados every day.

What are your goals for the co-op, and what do you hope to contribute in your role as GM?

My goal is to help lead a healthy & sustainable Cooperative that has a positive impact in our community. In my 19 years at Bloomingfoods, I have seen the Co-op change lives and bring people together. I very much want to see that continue.



Thanks to our owner-members, staff, and shoppers for helping to raise \$9,583.15 for the Hoosier Hills Food Bank! From Jake Bruner, HHFB Development Director: "When summertime rolls in food becomes uncertain for some of the most vulnerable in our community, youth and the elderly. Often times resources are also slim for the Hoosier Hills Food Bank and that's why its

so exciting and important for local businesses to step forward and help out just like Bloomingfoods through their Positive Change campaign!"

\$9,583.15 IN MAY!



For the month of June, round up for [Sycamore Land Trust](#), a nonprofit headquartered in Bloomington that protects and restores natural areas and provides environmental education in southern Indiana. The amount of land under permanent protection by Sycamore has grown from 38 acres when it was founded in 1990 to 9,777 acres (and counting!) today. Land conservation is one of the key ways to combat climate change; through active land stewardship projects such as controlling invasive species and planting native trees and other plants, Sycamore's work provides habitat for endangered and protected species, 35 miles of hiking trails at public nature preserves, and erosion control for cleaner water and soil for Hoosiers. Sycamore also provides free environmental education to more than 6,800 people per year including dozens of schools.

CO-OP DAY



It was a beautiful day yesterday for our Tuesday Market Kickoff/Co-op Day event! Thanks to all who came out to make the first Tuesday farmers' market of the year a great time. The co-op provided watermelon slices for a buck and grilled veggies while folks gathered to appreciate the bounty of locally-produced goodies. Congrats to Aaron W for winning the vermicompost bin!

LOCAL FOCUS



Join us in celebrating our June Local Focus vendor, [The Chocolate Moose](#)! Enjoy 20% off every day in June on their beloved locally-crafted ice cream. They offer lots of vegan and non-vegan ice cream pints, available at all three Bloomingfoods locations!



[Intro to Homeopathy with Graham Montague](#)

Wednesday, June 19 | FREE | Bloomingfoods East Patio Room | 6-7pm

Are you curious about Homeopathy? Graham will introduce the history, basic philosophy, and how homeopathy compares to the conventional medical mode.

We will explore the doctrine of similars, the concept of potency, and the administration and dosage of remedies. A selection of popular remedies will be

considered and discussed along with the indications, cautions, and contraindications for their use.

Graham Montague graduated as a Naturopath in 1984 in London. He later became a faculty member of the London College of Classical Homeopathy. Graham has worked at the [Center for Wholism](#) in Bloomington for 15 years.

Interested in offering a future class? Contact Bobbi at bobbi@bloomingfoods.coop



The 30th Annual Bloomingfoods/City of Bloomington Salsa Contest is scheduled for Saturday, August 3. Got a killer salsa recipe? Enter in up to three different categories: Raw, Cooked, and Specialty. Entry packets are available at Bloomingfoods East and Near West for \$5 each. This year, each entry packet comes with a free \$5 co-op gift card! One entry per person per category. Check out the [Facebook event page](#) for more details!



Are you passionate about the future of Bloomingfoods? Do you have great ideas or business experience that you'd like to share with the co-op? We are seeking candidates to fill three positions this fall. Joining our dynamic and energetic Board of Directors could be a great way for you to contribute to the future of Bfoods!

Pick up a candidate packet at any Bloomingfoods location or [download one here](#). Completed packets are due by June 14th, voting will take place in the fall, and terms will begin with the October meeting. More information, including a detailed timeline, can be found in the packet.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. We look forward to working with you!

Jacob Schumacher
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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. Agendas and past meeting minutes can be found on [our website](#).

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

- Thursday, June 27
 - Thursday, July 25
 - Thursday, August 29
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Deep Roots Garden Center is fully stocked with all the garden plants and supplies you could want! Organic, locally-grown veggies, herbs, and annuals, along with a wonderful assortment of native perennials, shrubs, and trees make up the bulk of their offerings, but they also have indoor plants and hanging baskets, as well as excellent tools, soil amendments, and potting soils.

They're open 10-6 everyday but Monday, at Bloomingfoods East.

www.DeepRootsGC.com



Summer Garden Walk

Bloomingfoods is now selling tickets for The Bloomington Garden Club's 30th annual Summer Garden Walk! A \$10 ticket gets you access to the 2018 garden walk which will take place on Saturday, Jun 8 and Sunday, June 9 from 10-2pm each day. Proceeds of the annual Summer Garden Walk benefit children's

gardening programs and civic planting and beautification.

Naturally Rooted Vendor Fair

Sunday, June 9 from 11am-4pm

Bloomingfoods East Community Room

FREE!

Join Naturally Rooted for this quarterly gathering of high caliber, nature inspired and local, handmade goods here in Bloomington, Indiana.

Hub Farm Stand

Thursday, June 20th 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, June 20th 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!

Parks & Recreation Gardening Classes

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

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