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join us for

THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING



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Board Report

from Maggie Sullivan

Board President



October is my last month as president of the Bloomingfoods Board of Directors. It's hard to believe it has been three years. Okay, let's be honest; sometimes it feels like it has been three lifetimes. My time on the board has been intense and at times harrowing but it has also been deeply rewarding. I am very grateful for the wonderful people who have worked beside me to bring our cooperative through some dark times and back into the light. It has been a true pleasure getting to know my fellow directors and I greatly appreciate their willingness to step up and pitch in well beyond the original (volunteer) job description. Likewise, it has been inspiring to watch Dee and Phil, our general management team, motivate and empower the Bloomingfoods staff to become an effective, efficient, and optimistic team. I have also enjoyed numerous encounters with owner-members who are passionate about Bloomingfoods and willing to spend their time making a difference. Our conversations - even the heated ones - have strengthened my sense of community and increased my general faith in humanity. Co-op people really are the best people. A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who has reached out to me and to each other to build a true community. We have gone through some challenging times and I am proud of the way we have supported each other.

I hope you will join me in celebrating at the Bloomingfoods Annual Meeting on October 10th at the Fields Clubhouse. I trust you have already taken the time to vote or will be voting soon to ensure you are well represented by our incoming board members. There is plenty of work left to be done and we all have a role to play, however large or small. Let us face the future together.

Maggie Sullivan

Board President, Bloomingfoods Board of Directors

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF MEETING:

2019 BLOOMINGFOODS ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Doors @ 6 pm

Meeting @ 6:30 pm

The Clubhouse at the Fields

1333 S Fenbrook Ln

Bloomington, IN 47401

**Bloomingfoods owner-members: Join us to hear
about the year in review as well as what lies
ahead for your co-op!**

FREE FOOD

CASH BAR

LAST CHANCE TO VOTE

**RSVP by Thursday, October 3 at
www.bloomingfoods.coop/2019rsvp**

2019

ANNUAL ELECTION

September 19

October 10

Voting is one of the most important responsibilities owner-members have and it's a vitally important role to govern their business. No distant shareholders pull the strings of power. We elect our fellow owner-members to hire management and steer the future of our co-op.

Voting in your co-op election is a serious act of democracy. Whomever you elect, and whichever Positive Change recipients you choose, the most important thing is that you do it.

In this election period, there are two important matters you have the opportunity and responsibility to vote on: 5 new board members and the 2020 Positive Change roster. Elect, decide, choose. This is real, tangible power you hold as a member of this co-op. Thank you for voting!

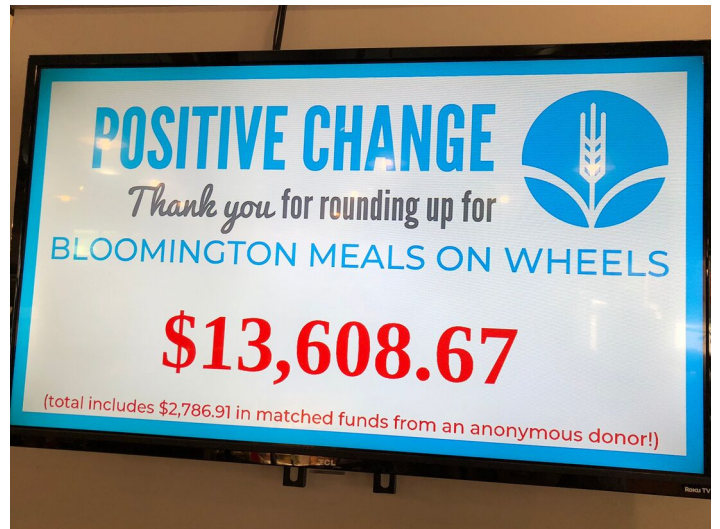
The 2019 Voters' Guide is available now in-store and online.

**Click here to
view the 2020
Voters' Guide**

POSITIVE CHANGE

Thank you for rounding up for

BLOOMINGTON MEALS ON WHEELS



Thank you, thank you, thank you! Because of an anonymous donor matching first-week fundraising, we were able to completely smash all previous Positive Change records and raise more than \$13,500 for Bloomington Meals on Wheels in September! We're so thankful for our community of helpers and givers!



Learn more about BMOW at www.bloomingtonmealsonwheels.org

Bloomingfoods Presents:

A Fair Trade Film Series

in partnership with IU Food Institute & Global Gifts

October is Fair Trade Month! 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 farmer practices with new innovations. The result: the kind of food and farming systems that we need to build resilience and tackle climate change.

This month, join us in celebration of Fair Trade Month with a four-part film series. Attendees will learn about the importance of the movement, enjoy a film, and leave with actionable steps to take to support fair trade in their everyday lives. We hope you can make it! Here's the schedule:

Connected by Coffee

Sunday, October 13 - 3pm

Bloomingfoods East Community Room

The True Cost

Wednesday, October 16 - 7pm

IU Food Institute - 405 N Park Ave

Banana Land: Blood, Poison, & Bullets

Sunday, October 20 - 3pm

Bloomingfoods East Community Room

The Price of Sugar

Wednesday, October 23 - 7pm

United Universalist Church of Bloomington



In October, round up for BLOOMINGFOODS COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY FUND



Bloomingfoods Cooperative Community Fund is a national endowment that allows food co-ops to invest into a fund that is used for cooperative development initiatives across the United States. Currently, over 40 food co-ops participate in the fund. This is a fulfillment of Cooperative Principle #6: Cooperation Among Cooperatives.

One local benefit of that investment is annual interest income that we use to award an annual gift to a local non-profit organization. A committee made up of Board members, co-op staff, and owner-members decides on the awardee based on a rotating theme: Cooperatives, Food & Hunger, Building a Thriving Community, and Environmental Sustainability.

To date, the BCCF has awarded \$2000 to local non-profit organizations, with \$2000 more to be awarded at this year's Annual Meeting on October 10. Past recipients are the Farm to Family Fund and the Center for Sustainable Living.

Join us at the Fields Clubhouse to find out about this year's winning organization!



Waverly Miller

at Bloomingfoods Near West

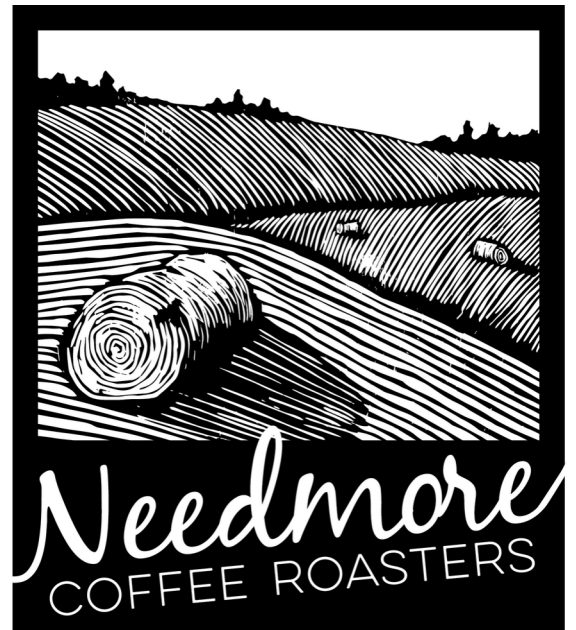
Join us in welcoming local artist Waverly Miller to our Near West store's Artist Showcase space! Be sure to check out her works now through December 31 and consider buying a piece or two to support local art! Here's Waverly's artist statement:

Hello! Thank you for taking the time to look at my pieces~ To tell you a little about myself, I have been drawing my whole life. However; after a long creative slump, I picked it up again about a year ago and haven't stopped since. I am now a graphic design student and art is a way for me to express my thoughts and emotions.

I gain inspiration from nature, people, music, different countries, and other miscellaneous objects that spark my creative interest. I feel when you really look at the details you see beauty in the simplest things. I hope my art can allow you to see my perception of the world, through your own eyes. Thank you again!

For sales inquiries email wsheamiller@gmail.com; follow Waverly in instagram: [@satinmarble](https://www.instagram.com/satinmarble)

October LOCAL FOCUS



This September, join us in celebrating a brand new vendor at the co-op, Needmore Coffee Roasters, based out of Bloomington, Indiana! For the entire month, save 20% off on their entire line of coffee beans!

Needmore Coffee Roasters is a woman-owned small-batch coffee roastery in Bloomington, Indiana dedicated to roasting organic, ethically-sourced coffee from the finest small-scale farmers around the world. Katie Mysliwiec started Needmore Coffee in 2014 and the Needmore coffee bar & roastery was opened on the East side of town in 2017. You can now find Needmore Coffee beans at Bloomingfoods East and Near West! Be sure to stop in during one of Needmore Coffee's product demos and try some fresh-brewed, locally roasted beans! Learn more at www.needmoreroasters.com





It's almost that time again! The co-op will begin accepting Thanksgiving holiday pre-orders in-store and online beginning Tuesday, October 15. This year, we're excited to offer dinner packs to make your whole meal easy!

Here's a preview of what we'll have on offer for pre-order this year:

Meat

- **LOCAL** Becker Family Farm Whole Turkeys
- Bowman & Landes Whole Turkeys, Bone-in Turkey Breasts, or Boneless Turkey Breast Roasts
- Beeler's Boneless Half-Hams

more meat offerings will be available for in-store pickup!

Sides

- Mac & Cheese
- Sweet Potatoes & Apples
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Bean Casserole
- Cranberry Relish
- Turkey Gravy
- Mushroom Gravy
- Stuffing

sold in 16 oz, 32 oz, or family-size
Sold ala carte or in dinner packs

Pies

- Pumpkin
- Pecan
- Apple

Dinner Packs

For 4: Mashed Potatoes 32 oz, Gravy 16 oz, Sweet Potatoes 32 oz, Green Bean Casserole 32 oz foil pan, Cranberry Relish 16 oz

For 8: 2 Mashed Potatoes 32 oz, Gravy 32 oz, 2 Sweet Potatoes 32 oz, Green Bean Casserole shallow 1/2 pan, Cranberry Relish 32 oz

For 12: Mashed Potatoes (1 deep half pan), Gravy 32 oz & 16 oz, Sweet Potatoes (1 deep half pan), Green Bean Casserole shallow (1 deep half pan), Cranberry Relish 32 oz & 16 oz

Reminder: Gift Card Blackout Dates & Transition



Beginning in October, Bloomingfoods will begin transitioning to a self-hosted gift card program. From October 15th - 17th we will not be able to issue, redeem, or lookup existing gift card balances.

What does that mean for current gift card holders?

In order to complete this transition, our cashiers will be processing gift card exchanges at the register to transfer existing card balances from our old cards to our new Bloomingfoods branded gift cards. Simply bring your current gift cards into any of our stores beginning October 18th and request an exchange for a new card. Our cashiers will then look up your current balance and add that to a new gift card. Easy!

Why are we making this transition?

- Primarily cost. The cost of processing gift cards through a third-party has increased over the years and this move will immediately alleviate that cost. The amount saved is substantial annually and is one of many steps being taken to curb the rising costs of payment processing.
- Brand recognition. Our new gift cards will have unique Bloomingfoods designs that are easily identifiable to gift card recipients.

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to support@bloomingfoods.coop.

Community Connections

Gardening with Woody Plants: Enhance Your Landscape

The City of Bloomington Parks & Recreation department has a great class to offer this October! Join instructor Jonas Carpenter of Bread & Roses Nursery, LLC to discuss soil preparation and planting techniques, how to layer and space plants appropriately, and look at which plants do best in our region.

Wednesday, October 9

Hilltop Gardens at Indiana University, 2367 E 10th Street

\$15 in-city; \$17 non-city. Register here by 10/8.

Hub Farm Stand

Join Mother Hubbard's Cupboard for the last monthly Hub Farm Stand of the year! Stop by on Thursday, October 17 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!

Thursday, October 17

4-6pm

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

1100 W Allen Street, Bloomington

Saturday Farmers' Markets

Bloomingfoods East parking lot - through October

8am - 1pm

Showers Commons - through November

8am - 1pm

Wednesday Morning Farmers' Market

Every Wednesday through October

8am - 12pm

Bloomingfoods East Parking Lot

Shalom Center Fireside Gala

Tuesday, October 29

6pm

Woolery Mill

Co-op Events Calendar

Annual Meeting

Owner-members are invited for a night of fun, food, drink, and music to celebrate the year in review and learn about what's ahead!

Thursday, October 10

doors open at 6pm; meeting begins at 6:30

The Clubhouse at the Fields - 1333 S Fenbrook Ln

Last Day to Vote!

Be sure to place your vote in-store or online for 5 new directors and the 2020 Positive Change roster by the deadline!

Thursday, October 10 at midnight

[Click here to vote online](#)

Thanksgiving Pre-Ordering Begins

Tuesday, October 15

[Click here to preview our 2019 holiday offerings](#)

BCS Board of Directors Meeting

Last Thursday of every month

Dimension Mill (642 N Madison)

October 24 6pm

Fair Trade Film Series - 4 dates

Join us to celebrate and learn about the importance of fair trade! Enjoy a series of film screenings throughout the month.

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LOCATIONS

EAST

3220 E 3rd Street

NEAR WEST

316 W 6th Street

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