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Bottles and Bags, Bans and Boycotts

By Daniel Burke

First bottled water, then T-shirt-type plastic bags: two popular items removed from the Food Coop by a majority vote at the past two monthly General Meetings, in April and May respectively. The bottled water ban was two years in the making. The plastic bags were tossed after more than a year of debate.

Over the years, many products—including some popular ones—have been pulled from the shelves. Some were banned indefinitely, others boycotted until conditions were met.

Boycotts Must Be Part of Wider Struggle

According to General Coordinator Joe Holtz, bans and boycotts are possible because of the stability of the Coop's membership, not to mention its political commitment.

"If we were really struggling economically, and that means struggling to get enough members to help pay the bills, to help share the expenses of running this place—because that's what we do as members—then I think we wouldn't be any less pure or righteous if we decided to do an education campaign instead of a boycott," he says. "Because it could be that we would be killing ourselves, and no one wants us to kill ourselves, because then we'd never boycott anything again."



But the days are long gone of worrying about an exodus of members disgruntled by a lack of variety on the shelves. And the Food Coop can sell—or not sell—according to ever-evolving standards that are often far different from those at your average supermarket.

A Little History

Holtz recalls some of the more poignant boycotts:

Chilean grapes, Pepperidge Farm cookies, Tropicana juices, Nestle products, Domino sugar, GE light bulbs, Coca-Cola drinks (including

Minute Maid and Odwalla). At one point, the Coop boycotted all products from Colorado. All were removed for political reasons, each removal being intimately connected with the current events of the time.

Some of the items eventually returned, signaling that conditions were met. For others, substitutes were found. Currently, the Coop still boycotts Coca-Cola and Nestle products.

Many boycotts originate in the form of a resolution, approved with a majority vote at a General Meeting. Others have started in a less official manner, without a vote, such as when the Coop began to boycott all South African goods because of apartheid. As Holtz recalls, "It was such a no-brainer, obvious, that it never got voted on." That boycott was eventually resolved with the fall of apartheid in 1994.

Boycott Guidelines

According to the Coop's "Boycott Policy History" guidelines, parts of which were passed at the General Meetings of April and July 1987, a boycott proposal must be published in the *Linewaiters' Gazette* a month before it is discussed at the General Meeting. The stocking of the item must "upset a significant number of Coop members,"

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A Novel Approach to Literary Acclaim

By Gayle Forman

For poet and now novelist Robin Messing, success came very quickly—and then very slowly.

The New York City native—whose lyrical and beautiful debut novel *Serpent in the Garden of Dreams* was published last month—never actually intended to be a writer. As a child, she always kept a notebook handy to jot down poems (her first verse was published when she was in second grade), but in college she



PHOTOGRAPH BY ANN ROSEN

Brooklyn poet and novelist Robin Messing

studied experimental psychology. After graduation, however, she went to work in a neuropsychology lab and "realized it wasn't for me."

Early Days at the Coop

After college, Messing joined the Park Slope Food Coop. Around that time, she heard well-known Beat poet Anne Waldman speak. "She just struck me as the quintessential poet," says Messing, who approached Waldman, who in turn told Messing about the free workshops at the Poetry Project at St. Mark's Church in the East Village. Messing started attending and began working with Waldman's then-husband, the poet Lewis Warsh.

As Messing's interest in poetry grew, she incorporated it into the burgeoning Park Slope Food Coop. It was during the early days at the Coop, when it was less a grocery store than a weekly

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Next General Meeting & Annual Meeting on June 24

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The next General Meeting and Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

The agenda is in this *Gazette* and available as a flyer in the entryway of the Coop. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

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Coop Event Highlights

- Thu, Jun 5 • Food Class: Doggy Diets** 7:30 p.m.
Fri, Jun 6 • Film Night: Personal Velocity 7:30 p.m.
Fri, Jun 20 • The Good Coffeehouse: Female Voices of the African Diaspora 8:00 p.m.
Sat, Jun 28 • Pocketbook, Purse, Bag and Shoe Exchange 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Look for additional information about these and other events in this issue.

Truly a Child’s Play—Babywearing Hits the Stage

(Along with Co-sleeping, Breastfeeding and Baby Sign Language)

By Elsa Haas

If you choose baby slings, breastfeeding and a (carefully prepared) king-size bed over strollers, playpens, bottles and cribs, do you get a happier baby who cries less and doesn’t suffer from insomnia? Is Jean Liedloff, an observer of tribal cultures, right in that our civilization’s

Member Contribution

woes stem in part from how we treat our babies? At the Coop, you’ll see lots of babies in slings. Not so much on Staten Island, where our family lives (yes, we com-

mute weekly to shop at the Coop). Slings at the Coop make it easier to get through the crowded aisles, and help keep babies and small children from screaming their heads off. Some parents wearing them for practical reasons may not be aware of the history behind their growing use. In 1975, Jean Liedloff’s *The Continuum Concept* proposed that parents in our culture consider doing like the natives (she had lived among the Yequana of Venezuela, stumbling into observations of their way of life after joining a failed diamond-hunting expedition).

I first read Liedloff’s book in 1985 after dropping out of college to work at the now-defunct homeschooling magazine *Growing Without Schooling* in Boston. It was only in 1999 that our son was born, and by that time a babywearing subculture had grown up around books by Liedloff and others (for example, Dr. William Sears, M.D.). Babywearing often goes hand-in-hand with co-sleeping—my show will address the co-sleeping controversy.

REALITY
Why does the baby cry?
(Dressed in his brand-new, powder-blue, flame-retardant pajamas)
Why does the baby cry?
(Freshly-laundered, recently-fed, newly-changed, just-burped

and provided with a night light)
Why does the baby cry?
(In his safety-sealed crib)
All smoke detectors in working order
Temperature medically adjusted by thermostat
Baby monitor on
Emergency numbers in the speed-dial
Loving parents at the ready)
Why, oh WHY does the baby cry?
The baby cries
In the jungle or on the savannah
The baby cries
As the marauding beasts edge forward
The baby cries
For protection

The baby cries
To signal his tribe
The baby cries
(Hearing no heartbeat
Touching no warm skin
Mouthing no soft breast
Breathing no shared breath)
The baby cries
Alone in the wilderness

Elsa Haas and cast will be performing her show, “Wearing My Baby: A Stone Age Mommy on Staten Island,” at the St. George Theatre, 35 Hyatt Street, Staten Island, on June 14 at 10 a.m. For info, contact Elsa at ElsaHaas@si.rr.com or 917-750-2643. ■

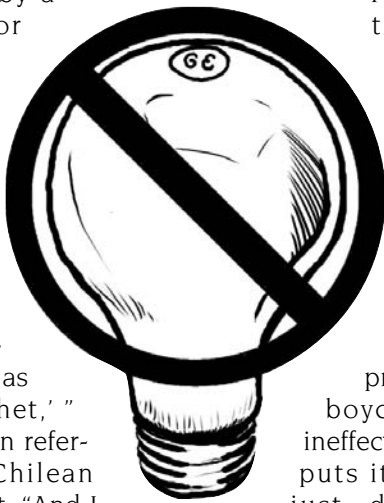


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and that anger also must be mirrored by a regional or national campaign. “Some-one once said to me, ‘Why do we have this stuff from XYZ country? It’s got a dictator that is just as bad as Pinochet,’ ” Holtz recalls, in reference to the Chilean grapes boycott. “And I said, ‘Well, that’s a really interesting thing. I think the reason is that no one ever brought it to the General Meeting.’ So that’s a very simplistic answer—no one ever brought it to the General

Meeting. Well, why didn’t anybody ever bring it to the General Meeting?” The dictator in that unnamed country could have been as bad as Chile’s Augusto Pinochet, but without a larger organization signaling a protest, the Coop boycott would be ineffective. Or, as Holtz puts it, “If the Coop just decided we’re going to do what’s right in isolation from the rest of the world, then we’re going to be a drop in the bucket and we’re just going to hurt ourselves.” An active boycott, accord-

ing to the 1987 guidelines, must have a representative and must undergo re-evaluation at each October’s General Meeting to remain in effect. This component, however, seems to be a victim of collective lethargy—a regulation enacted and then quickly forgotten. “I think it might have happened once or twice,” Holtz said. “And then it stopped.” ■



PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP

Product Return Policy

The Coop does not “exchange” items. You must return item and repurchase what you need. Returns of eligible items will be handled at the Second Floor Service Desk within 30 days of purchase only when accompanied by the PAID IN FULL receipt.

Please use the following guide to determine if an item is eligible for return:

Produce (fresh fruits & vegetables)	May not be returned with the exception of coconuts, pineapples and watermelon. Even if the claim is that the item is spoiled or that it was purchased by mistake, produce cannot be returned except for the three items listed above. The produce buyer may be contacted on weekdays by members to discuss any other claims for credit.
Books	May not be returned.
Juicers	May not be returned.
Bulk items & bulk items packaged by the Coop	May not be returned. Members may contact the bulk buyer to discuss any other claims for credit.
Refrigerated items Frozen items	May not be returned unless spoiled.
All Other Products (not covered above)	A. Other products may be returned if they are spoiled or defective and the category is not specified above B. Other products may be returned if they are unopened, undamaged and therefore can be sold again. C. Other products may not be returned if they are opened or unsellable, and were purchased by mistake or not needed.

The Diversity & Equality Committee (DEC) is dedicated to improving human relations and communications through impeccable interpersonal interactions, policies and procedures in the Coop.

The goal is to work toward preventing and eliminating discrimination in the Coop and to promote the ideal of equal and respectful treatment between all Coop members and paid staff regardless of each individual’s different identity. The DEC also aims to provide advocacy for individuals who feel they have experienced discriminatory practices in the Coop.

Voicemail (888) 204-0098

E-mail psfcdiversity-cpr@hotmail.com

Contact Form or Letter: DEC Contact forms are available in the literature rack in the ground floor elevator lobby. Place a completed form or other letter/note (anonymously if desired) in a sealed envelope labeled “Attn: Diversity and Equality Committee” and use one of the three methods listed below to get it to the committee.

Mail Park Slope Food Coop
Attention: Diversity & Equality Committee
782 Union Street
Brooklyn, New York 11215

Mail Drop Box Which is located in the entryway vestibule on the ground floor under the flier caddy.

Membership Office Mailbox The DEC has a mailbox in the Membership Office on the second floor of the Coop.



Candidates for Board of Directors of the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc.

One full three-year term is open.

To vote you may use a proxy or be present at the Food Coop Annual Meeting on June 24, 2008.
Every member should have received a proxy package in the mail in late May.

You will have the opportunity to meet the candidates at the Annual Meeting.

Candidate Statements:

(Statements are unedited and presented in alphabetical order.)

Bill Penner

I am writing to ask for your support for reelection as one of the six members of the Board of Directors of the Coop. My candidacy has been endorsed by the Coop's General Coordinators.



I have been a member of the Coop for eight years. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors for the last two years, I have served on both the Receiving Committee and on the CHIPS Soup Kitchen Committee preparing meals with food donated by the Coop. In my life outside the Coop, I am a 45-year-old architect with my own architectural firm which I started six years ago in Brooklyn, and last fall I became the new father of a beautiful baby girl. Prior to receiving my degree in architecture, I apprenticed as a chef and cooked professionally for 6 years. The Coop is an important part of my life, it is a place where I connect with my passion for food and realize the significance of food and food production in our society as a cultural, environmental, and eco-

nommic force of incredible importance.

Because the Coop is a corporation, it is required to have a board of directors. Our Board of Directors meets every month in public at the General Meeting. At the Meeting, any Coop member can bring an item for discussion or make a proposal to be debated and voted on by the Coop membership present. At the end of the Meeting, the Board of Directors vote on taking the advice of the membership. This is how the Coop combines its corporate structure with its town hall style of democracy.

In my opinion, there is often confusion as to the primary role of the Board of Directors in the Coop's decision-making process. I see the Board's role as one of oversight rather than one of advocacy. As such, I focus on maintaining a thorough knowledge of open issues and concerns of the membership by attending General Meetings, reading the *Gazette*, and staying in contact with General Coordinators. I make a particular effort of familiarizing myself with the monthly financial statement, and I believe being well informed of the financial condition of the Coop is one of my biggest responsibilities as a board member.

This is important because the Coop's continued financial stability maintains low prices, which enables many people to benefit from fresh wholesome food while supporting the Coop community and values. The amount of money that members save shopping at the Coop is substantial, in fact it is in the millions of dollars each year. This savings is true power for people of all economic backgrounds and allows members to make healthy decisions for themselves and their families while supporting the environmental and the social mission of the Coop.

I have been honored to have had the opportunity to serve the Coop as a member of Board of Directors for two years. The late President of the Board, Israel Fishman, used to say that the Coop saved his life—the different view points and different people all working together for a common purpose gave him the perspective and patience to see beyond himself towards what was really important. I am reminded of this cherished thought each time I attend a meeting and when I shop.

Cooperatively yours,
Bill Penner ■

Albert Solomon

It is true that it has branched out in other directions,



but my main point since 1992 when I joined was and remains: An Assembly of Elected Delegates. And by that I mean proportional representation. People ask me what would be different under an assembly of elected delegates. Here are just a few things since I joined in 1992.

- The pension plan
- The Governance Committee
- The Milquetoast Board of Directors
- The atrium
- Item pricing
- The *Gazette*
- The Disciplinary Hearing Committee
- The Chair Pool Committee
- The Agenda Committee
- The Personnel Committee

The process would be many times more transparent and accountable. And the Rulers would have just as much influence over the process, maybe even more. Only the representatives would have names in contrast to just walk-in people, most of them going for workslot credit. Also the Meeting would have some real authority—because the delegates would represent actual people!

How can you govern by the town meeting? The answer is you can't, so the Rulers hold sway without even the normal accountability they would have if there were a board of directors. Our direc-

tors have so little power that they don't even sign an oath of secrecy.

Joe Holtz's proxies. We used to elect directors at annual meetings, but Joe Holtz (the Supreme Ruler) held 200 proxies, so if anyone he didn't want ran he could vote his proxies. I almost single-handedly put an end to this shameful exclusivity by acquiring my own proxies and refusing not to vote them. I also sent two separate briefs to the Chair Pool Committee. But no one ever credits me with the change! Years later Carl Arnold, a Management supporter, changed the election of directors to a mail ballot, mooting the whole sorry question of proxies and allowing thousands instead of hundreds to participate in the elections.

But it made no difference because directors were still neutered by the informal yet effective pledge to only ratify the actions of the Meeting. It is even frowned upon if directors call each other on the phone! So much for your input into important policies of the Co-Op! So now more people are voting for powerless directors! Another word for which is, uh, disenfranchisement!!

Although my main thrust is an assembly of elected delegates, I see the Board of Directors as another representative body. As a director, I would propose resolutions to the Board, forcing it to act as the Statutes intended, or at least to vote down my proposals.

The mantra of the Rulers is that any effort to override the decisions of the Sacred General Meeting is an act against the Co-Op. But this is merely a smoke-screen to hide the near-total blackout in visibility and accountability brought about by this smoothly pernicious system.

The big policy they don't have to tell us about is that we are a food store and not a social experi-

ment. This policy was applied to the delay in construction and rejection of the plans for the new building which included an atrium, a focus of attention and sociability. It was applied to the cheese case. It was applied when we started selling red meat. Did you or I ever vote for that big policy? Don't you think maybe we should? \$300,000 was wasted in the construction process, according to some. Did you vote for that?

Another biiiiiiiiigggg policy of the Rulers is indefinite expansion, coupled with minimal storage space and maximum turnover. Do the Rulers ever discuss these questions? Why should they, when there is no one to oversee them? Don't these requirements preclude more and better social actions by the Co-Op? You bet they do!

Not a policy itself but a result of these policies was to buy the Building Next Door. They really wanted that. They disparaged every alternative suggested—funding satellite co-ops (which they couldn't control so directly), renting warehouse space, which would affect our turnover policy. After it was denied in a referendum they rammed it through again as soon as they could. Yes, we know what their policies are, but they never have to defend them or even articulate them!

Since we have a longer election season this year, give me a shout-out or better, write a letter in support of Co-Op Democracy!!

A. Solomon
Loyal Supporter of the Co-Op
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The Role of the Board

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the monthly General Meeting has been the decision-making body of the Coop. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a board of Directors.

The Bylaws of the Park Slope Food Coop state: "The portion of the Board of Directors meeting that is devoted to receiving the advice of the members shall be known as the General Meeting. ...The members who gather to give advice to the directors may choose to vote in order to express their support or opposition for any of the issues that have

come before the meeting."

The Board of Directors, which is required to act legally and responsibly, conducts a vote at the end of every General Meeting on whether to accept the advice of the members as expressed in their vote(s) during the GM.

The Election Process

Each year the Coop must, by law, hold an Annual Meeting. This is the only meeting where proxies can be used. Those members who cannot attend the Annual Meeting may be represented, if they wish, by a proxy.

If you submit a proxy but come to the Annual Meeting in person, your proxy will be returned to you when you register.

Members who have a current membership as of Saturday, June 14, 2008 are eligible to vote in the election of Directors at the Annual Meeting either in person or by proxy.

Proxy packets were mailed to members in mid-May. If you did not receive a packet, please call the Membership Office or pick one up at the entrance door of the Coop. ■

WHAT IS THAT? HOW DO I USE IT?

Food Tours in the Coop

I brought my kids with me
to shop at the Coop (oh my)
my son blew in on his scooter
the doors opening magically before him
my daughter chanting and skipping on one foot

I tried to organize all this energy
into a shopping cart
but apples kept falling
and rolling on the floor
the aisles seemed unusually narrow
by checkout they had eaten
\$8.50 worth of raspberries

Other parents backpacked their children,
some wrapped them in long bandages
against their bodies,
others pushed them in carts,
one mom navigated with what
looked like a front-end loader
—her baby in the bucket

Mine (ahem) helped me shop.
It was chaotic
not the orderly march from aisle to aisle
we tend to envision
whatever the reality
But they filled the cart
with whole foods: vegetables, fruit and grain,
some fish, yogurt - hot dogs!

Amid the giggles and horseplay
they performed this necessary task:
feeding the family

our babies
ourselves

by Myra Klockenbrink

Mondays	June 16 (D Week) July 7 (C Week) July 21 (A Week) Noon to 1 p.m.
and	1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Sunday	June 8 (B Week) June 29 (B Week) Noon to 2 p.m.

You can join in any time during a tour.

[PFC Bylaws: "Article IV, Officers: §3. The President and Vice-President shall be, at the time of election, directors of the corporation."]

**For answers, see page 10.
This issue's puzzle author:
*Stuart Marquis***

A Novel Approach to Literary Acclaim

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food-distribution center. But it was also a flourishing community and arts scene, and Messing and another member named Kip Zegers decided to start a Coop poetry series.

"It was up the rickety stairs in a little room. I think it lasted maybe a year, but it was great. We were such a little community there," Messing says.

Learning from Allen Ginsberg

After a year of working with Warsh, Messing decided to go to the Naropa Institute in Boulder, Colorado, to study with Allen Ginsberg.

"It was a big lecture class," Messing remembers. "At the end of the class, he asked for someone to type his dream journals. I went up to him and had the nerve to say 'I'm a really good typist and I'll type for you but in exchange you have to read my work.' And he said okay. We'd sit at his kitchen table and he'd hand me some journals and he'd look at my work."

When she returned to the city, Messing was suddenly a hot poet, her work being lauded and recorded, along with Ginsberg and William S. Burroughs, on John Giorno's Dial-A-Poem series.

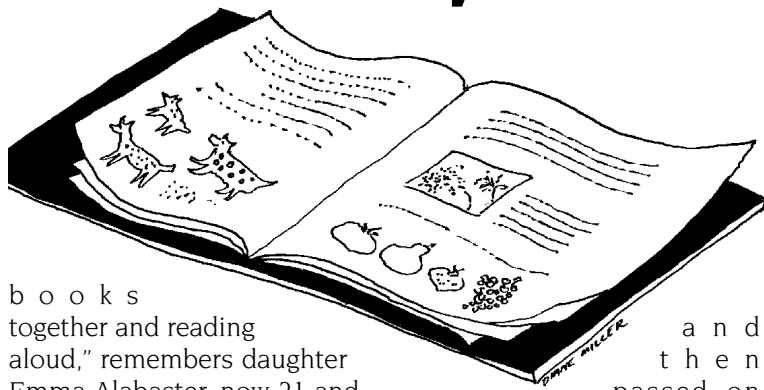
"All this kind of happened without my asking. I was on the scene and recognized very young. I'd do a New Year's reading at St. Mark's Church. I'd come off the stage and Ginsberg would say: 'I love that poem you wrote about the nails.' " As Messing reminisces about this part of her life, she appears half wistful, half surprised, as if she hadn't realized the splash she'd made so early on.

Turning to Prose

It would take many years, however, for Messing to evolve into the next phase of her literary life. In her 20s, she fell into, and then out of, a relationship with a novelist. This sparked her interest in writing longer-form prose, but the dissolution of the relationship broke something in her. "I fell apart. I lost my confidence. Because [of] my childhood, because of a lot of different things. I just lost my faith in myself."

She got married and had a daughter. For the first eight years of her daughter's life, writing took a back seat to working a day job as a teacher and raising a child. Though her own literary aspirations may have been on hiatus, her love of the written word was not.

"We were always reading



books together and reading aloud," remembers daughter Emma Alabaster, now 21 and also a Coop member. "When I was in middle school, she felt my education in public school wasn't giving me enough great books, so she organized a mother-daughter book club with some friends of hers."

When Emma was eight, Messing began the long road to publishing a novel. She worked on a book about her upbringing for several years, then went to grad school for her MFA in the mid 1990s, shelved the novel about her family, and began working on the book that was to become *Serpent in the Garden of Dreams*. It would take four years to write a first draft because she had a full-time

and then passed on the book.

Eventually, Messing parted ways with the agent, went back to the manuscript for another revision, and submitted it to a few independent publishing houses, one of which was The Permanent Press. "It took nine months for anyone there to read it," Messing says. "They asked for more. It took another nine months for them to accept it for publication, and then a year and a half to actually publish."

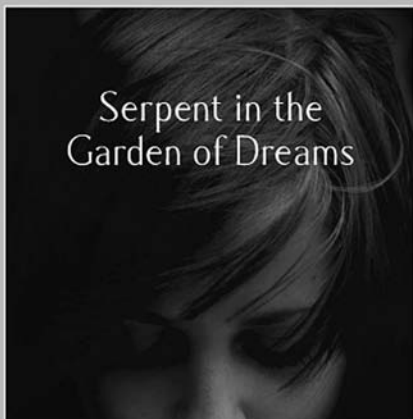
The book is a slender volume that jumps back and forth between past and present-day Brooklyn as a woman named Tidly attempts

to recover from a devastating breakup and come to terms with her dysfunctional relationship with her mother. It has the poet's touch all over it. Its lush images read like poetry, yet the story is also accessible and readable and, in places—in particular, the main character's recorded musings—raw. Brooklynites will savor how the borough is a character in its own right; the nostalgic Brooklyn of Messing's childhood (dead-end streets where kids can play dodge ball on the road and catch fireflies in a jar) contrasts with modern-day Park Slope, which has been her home for most of her adult life.

Some 25 years after Messing captured the poetry world's attention with her verse, she's now caught the attention of the literary world. The writer Phillip Lopate has praised her novel as "sensitive, exquisitely observed," and National Book Award finalist Joan Silber raved that *Serpent in the Garden of Dreams* is "a novel of great beauty that has much to say about the painful complexities of obsession, possession, loss and love."

Seeing these blurbs for the first time was the ultimate affirmation for Messing. She had done it. She had published a novel. "When these writers I admired so much said these lovely things about my book, it was such an honor and so important to me," she says. "I felt that I'd been accepted." ■

Serpent in the Garden of Dreams by Robin Messing is published by The Permanent Press and available at Amazon.com. You can read an excerpt at Messing's web site, www.robinmessing.com



a novel
ROBIN MESSING

job and a child she was now raising mostly on her own.

"It's been interesting and informative to watch her struggle between having a full-time job and trying to do her writing," Emma says. "I remember times when I was young on the weekend and she'd be writing and I'd bother her. I didn't understand. Other people who aren't artists don't understand why she's not free on weekends. She has lost friendships because of her commitment to her writing, but I think it takes that kind of discipline to create."

Years to Get Published

Once the novel was finished, Messing signed with a high-powered literary agent, who submitted the work over a period of two years. Responses from editors came back complimenting the work for its beauty, but saying it was not commercial enough. One famous editor called Messing the most talented writer she'd seen in years—

The Environmental Committee has a blog!

Please visit often for timely news and information from the PSFC Environmental Committee.

We're blogging about our activities at the Coop, as well as environmental events of interest at the Coop and beyond.

Find us at:
<http://ecokvetch.blogspot.com/>

Pocketbook, Purse, Bag and Shoe Exchange

This exchange is a community event that is ecologically responsible and fun. Why support the consumer market and buy, when you can share bags that have already been well loved?

Reuse, renew, recycle.

FREE
Non-members
welcome

Saturday, June 28
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
in the meeting room

To bring Pocketbooks, and Shoes...

- Do not leave items in the Coop before the hours of the exchange.
- Bring up to 15 items only
- Bring gently used, clean purses, pocketbooks and shoes that you are proud to be able to exchange with a new owner.

(Unchosen items will be donated to a local shelter.)

WORDSPROUTS

The Park Slope Food Coop's Reading Series Authors Wanted

Wordsprouts—The Park Slope Food Coop's Reading Series—is planning its fall season now. We're looking for Coop members who are published authors interested in leading writing workshops at the Coop or in reading their work at a local bookstore. Members who participate in Wordsprouts receive workslot credit.

If you're interested please send your book info and/or workshop ideas to PJ Corso at paola_corso@hotmail.com.

COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shopping Hours:

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.
Saturday
6:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.
Sunday
6:00 a.m. to 7:30* p.m.
**Shoppers must be on a checkout line
15 minutes after closing time.*

Childcare Hours:

Monday through Sunday
8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Telephone:

718-622-0560

Web address:

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GAZETTE

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The *Gazette* welcomes Coop-related articles, and letters from members.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions MUST include author's name and phone number and conform to the following guidelines. Editors will reject letters and articles that are illegible or too long. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar opposite.

Letters: Maximum 500 words. All letters will be printed if they conform to the guidelines above. The Anonymity and Fairness policies appear on the letters page in most issues.

Voluntary Articles: Maximum 750 words.

Submissions on Paper: Typed or very legibly handwritten and placed in the wallpocket labeled "Editor" on the second floor at the base of the ramp.

Submissions on Disk & by Email: We welcome digital submissions. Drop disks in the wallpocket described above. The email address for submissions is GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Receipt of your submissions will be acknowledged on the deadline day.

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Recipes: We welcome original recipes from members. Recipes must be signed by the creator.

Subscriptions: The *Gazette* is available free to members in the store. Subscriptions are available by mail at \$23 per year to cover the cost of postage (at First Class rates because our volume is low).



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Friday
Jun 20

8:00 p.m.

very
The Good Coffeehouse
COOP CONCERT SERIES

A monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Park Slope Food Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture

Female Voices of the African Diaspora

(curated by Jenny Hill)

Kaissa

Two amazing bands featuring vocalists **Kaissa** (from Cameroon) and **Tamar-kali** (Geechee Goddess).

Kaissa is known for her highly engaging vocals and pulsating African/Western rhythmic backdrops. Originally from Cameroon, by way of Paris, Kaissa fuses African and world music, singing lyrics with a message, speaking out against war and injustice.

Tamar-kali

Tamar-kali harnesses gut-based, hardcore-tinged rock with the honest melodic inflections of soul, a passionate expression of her South Carolinian Geechee roots and Brooklyn punk/soul upbringing.

These two artists will present their original music, along with **Jenny Hill** on saxophone and flute, **Patrice Blanchard** on bass, **Maciek Schejbal** on drums, **Todd Isler** on percussion, and others.

53 Prospect Park West [at 2nd Street] • \$10 • 8:00 p.m. [doors open at 7:45]

Performers

are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit.

Booking:

Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

Childcare

is available from Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture for a nominal fee.

Monthly on the...

Third Thursday
June 19
7:00–9:00 p.m.

Last Sunday
June 29
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Second Saturday
June 14
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

On the sidewalk in front of
the receiving area at the Coop.

RECYCLING

PLASTICS

What plastics do we accept?

• #1 and #2 non-bottle shaped containers and #1 and #2 labeled lids. Mouths of containers must be equal width or wider than the body of the container.

• All #4 plastic and #4 labeled lids.

• #5 plastic tubs, cups & specifically marked lids and caps (discard any with paper labels).

• Plastic film, such as shopping and dry cleaning bags, etc. Okay if not labeled.

ALL PLASTIC MUST BE COMPLETELY
CLEAN AND DRY

We close up promptly.
Last drop offs will be accepted
10 minutes prior to our end time
to allow for sorting.

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WORKSLOT NEEDS

Meat or Bulk Inventory
Monday, 8:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Work with Receiving Coordinators Bill Malloy or Ron Zisa to accurately count and inventory meat and bulk products. Must have good hand-writing, be able to do basic arithmetic (weights, fractions, addition), be reliable and have good attention to detail.

Paper Recycling
Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.

Do you have a large vehicle and want to help the Coop be a good green citizen? Collect recycled paper from the Coop, bag it, load it into your vehicle and drive it to the paper recycling center. You need to be able to lift and work independently. Reliability a must as you will be

the only person coming to do this job on your day. The recycling center is located at 165 43rd St in Brooklyn. If interested, please contact Adriana Becerra at gmcredit@psfc.coop or drop by the Membership Office to speak to her.

Attendance Recorders or
Make-up Recorders
Thursday, Friday, or Sunday

The Coop needs detail-oriented members to help maintain attendance recorders for Coop workers. You will need to work independently, be self-motivated and reliable. Good attendance is a plus. Members will be trained for this position, and staff members are available for further assistance. Workslot requires a six-month commitment. Please speak to Lewanika

Ford-Senghor or Cynthia Pennycooke in the Membership Office if you would like more information.

Office Data Entry
Tuesday or Thursday, A week,
4:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Are you a stickler for details, accurate on the computer and like working independently? If this sounds like you, then Office Data Entry will be your perfect shift. You will receive training, and Coop staff will always be available to answer questions. Please speak to a Ginger Hargett in the Membership Office if you would like more information. This workslot requires a six-month commitment.

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COOP CALENDAR



New Member Orientations

Monday & Wednesday evenings: . . . 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday mornings: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday afternoons: 4:00 p.m.

Be sure to be here promptly—or early—as we begin on time! The orientation takes about two hours. Please don't bring small children.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

June 19 issue 7:00 p.m., Mon, Jun 9
Jul 3 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Jun 23

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

June 19 issue 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jun 11
Jul 3 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jun 25

General Meeting

TUE, JUN 24, ANNUAL MEETING

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.
The agenda appears in this issue and is available as a flyer in the entryway.

TUE, JUL 1

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the Aug 26 General Meeting.

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside the Park Slope Food Coop
FRIDAYS 2:30 p.m. with a replay at 10:30 p.m.
Channels: 56 (TimeWarner), 69 (CableVision).

ALL ABOUT THE
GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the open monthly General Meetings have been at the center of the Coop's decision-making process. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a Board of Directors. The Coop continued the tradition of General Meetings by requiring the Board to have open meetings and to receive the advice of the members at General Meetings. The Board of Directors, which is required to act legally and responsibly, has approved almost every General Meeting decision at the end of every General Meeting. Board members are elected at the Annual Meeting in June. Copies of the Coop's bylaws are available at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday,
June 24, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month.

Location

The temple house of Congregation Beth Elohim (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

How to Place an Item
on the Agenda

If you have something you'd like discussed at a General Meeting, please complete a submission form for the Agenda Committee. Forms are available in the rack near the Coop Community Corner bulletin board and at General Meetings. Instructions and helpful information on how to submit an item appear on the submission form. The Agenda Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan the agenda for the GM held on the last Tuesday of the month. If you have a question, please call Ellen Weinstat in the office.

Meeting Format

Warm Up (7:00 p.m.)

- Meet the Coordinators
- Enjoy some Coop snacks
- Submit Open Forum items
- Explore meeting literature

Open Forum (7:15 p.m.)

Open Forum is a time for members to bring brief items to the General Meeting. If an item is more than brief, it can be submitted to the Agenda Committee as an item for a future GM.

Reports (7:30 p.m.)

- Financial Report
- Coordinators' Report
- Committee Reports

Agenda (8:00 p.m.)

- The agenda is posted at the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

Wrap Up (9:30-9:45)

(unless there is a vote to extend the meeting)

- Meeting evaluation
- Board of Directors vote
- Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM
and Receive Work Credit

Since the Coop's inception in 1973, the General Meeting has been our decision-making body. At the General Meeting (GM) members gather to make decisions and set Coop policy. The General-Meeting-for-workslot-credit program was created to increase participation in the Coop's decision-making process.

Following is an outline of the program. For full details, see the instruction sheets by the sign-up board.

• Advance Sign-up Required:

To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet in the elevator lobby.

Some restrictions to this program do apply. Please see below for details.

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

Each member may take advantage of the GM-for-workslot-credit program two times per calendar year.

• Certain Squads not eligible:

Eligible: Shopping, Receiving/ Stocking, Food Processing, Office, Maintenance, Inventory, Construction, and FTOP committees. (Some Committees are omitted because covering absent members is too difficult.)

• Attend the entire GM:

In order to earn workslot credit you must be present for the entire meeting.

• Childcare can be provided at GMs:

Please notify an Office Coordinator in the Membership Office at least one week prior to the meeting date.

• Signing in at the Meeting:

1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.

2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

• Being Absent from the GM:

It is possible to cancel without penalty. We do ask that you remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations.

• Is it FTOP or a Make-up?

It depends on your work status at the time of the meeting.

• Consider making a report...

...to your Squad after you attend the meeting.

Park Slope Food Coop
Mission Statement

The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values and principles. Only members may shop, and we share responsibilities and benefits equally. We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor. We are a buying agent for our members and not a selling agent for any industry. We are a part of and support the cooperative movement. We offer a diversity of products with an emphasis on organic, minimally processed and healthful foods. We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others. We support non-toxic, sustainable agriculture. We respect the environment. We strive to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the world we share with other species and future generations. We prefer to buy from local, earth-friendly producers. We recycle. We try to lead by example, educating ourselves and others about health and nutrition, cooperation and the environment. We are committed to diversity and equality. We oppose discrimination in any form. We strive to make the Coop welcoming and accessible to all and to respect the opinions, needs and concerns of every member. We seek to maximize participation at every level, from policy making to running the store. We welcome all who respect these values.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your listings in 50 words or less by mail, the mailslot in the entry vestibule, or GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

**Denotes a Coop member.*

SUN, JUN 8

ZEEMEEUWSIC III!: an eclectic Sunday concert series at the Old Stone House, featuring Kyklos (experimental sextet of guitar/vibes/percussion/electric bass/clarinet/sax & accordion) and Marshall Farr with Urban Edge. JJ Byrne Park, 5th Ave. (btwn. 3rd & 4th Sts). 2 p.m. \$10. For info/reservations: 718-768-3195.

ABOLISH TORTURE: Sister Dianna Ortiz, the torture survivor and founder of Torture Abolition & Support Coalition, speaks at the Brooklyn Ethical Society and receives its annual Peace Site Award. 53 Prospect Park West at 2nd St. 11 a.m.

CITY SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOP: “Determine Your Solar Electric Needs” 1–3 p.m.; “Rooftop Solar Electricity, Can You Have It?” 3:30–5:30 p.m. At 6/15 Community Garden, 6th Ave. btwn 15th & 16th Sts. Each workshop: \$40/door, or \$20/door for City Solar RAY members or garden members. For info, call 347-254-0019 or visit www.citysolar.org.

THU, JUN 12

FREE Introduction class to NVC at the Open Center at 7:45 p.m. A 4-week introduction course to Non-violent Communication by Marshall Rosenberg starts June 19. Please register at www.opencenter.org. Experience the transformative power of compassion. Course will be held by *Dian Kilian (www.brooklynnc.org). Approved for CEUs.

FRI, JUN 13

BROOKLYN WOMEN’S CHORUS: 45 women singing together to create one powerful voice for peace and justice. Directed by *Bev Grant and backed by a band of Brooklyn musicians. At the Good Coffeehouse Music Parlor, 53 Prospect Park West at 2nd St. 718-768-2972. www.gchmusic.org

SAT, JUN 14

GALLERY OPENING/MEET THE ARTIST: Art show titled “In Meinem Wilden Herzen” by *Cordula Volkening. 4–8 p.m. Cordula, an artist for 35 years, created the work for this show since being diagnosed with brain cancer last fall. The show runs from June 13–19 at the Brooklyn Artists Gym, 168 7th St., third floor. For more info, www.myspace.com/cordulavolkening

WEARING MY BABY: A Stone Age Mommy on Staten Island. Free show. St. George Theatre, 35 Hyatt Street, Staten Island. Doors open



10 a.m., show starts 10:15 a.m. Ten-minute walk from ferry. Family-friendly (sound piped to glass-doored lobby in case of restlessness). Blurb: freesummerfest.org Directions: stgeorgetheatre.com or ElsaHaas@si.rr.com / 917-750-2643

TUE, JUN 17

GET YOUR SALSA SWING ON at Park Slope’s Voodoo Lounge. Fun-filled evening includes Happy Hour, Salsa performance, Latin buffet, lessons, raffle prizes and free parking. 138 5th Avenue. 6 – 10 p.m./\$25. For more info, call Melissa at 347-563-8282. Proceeds to the Imani House nonprofit.

SAT, JUN 21

CITY SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOP: “Battery Backup for Emergencies” 1–3 p.m.; “Rainwater Collection and Storage Design” 3:30–5:30 p.m. At 6/15 Community Garden, 6th Ave. btwn 15 & 16th Sts. Each workshop: \$40/door, or \$20/door for City Solar RAY members or garden members. For info, call 347-254-0019 or visit www.citysolar.org

SUN, JUN 22

ZEEMEEUWSIC III!: an eclectic Sunday concert series at the Old Stone House, featuring Robert Secrist (classical guitar, accompanied by Erica’s Rugelach for all!) and Jane Byaela (poetry and music for voice and guitar). JJ Byrne Park, 5th Ave. (between 3rd & 4th Sts). 2 p.m. \$10. For info/reservations: 718-768-3195.

WORKSLOT NEEDS

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Early Morning Receiving/ Stocking Committees

Monday—Friday, 5:30, 6:00, and 7:00 a.m.

Early morning Receiving/ Stocking squads work with Receiving Coordinators to receive deliveries and stock the store. These squads help to unload delivery trucks, organize products in the basement, load carts, and stock shelves, bulk bins, coolers and produce on the shopping floor. You may be asked to stock perishables in the reach-in freezer or walk-in cooler. Boxes generally weigh between 2 – 20 lbs., a few may weigh up to 50 lbs. Other duties include breaking down cardboard for recycling, preparing produce for display, and general cleaning. You will have the opportunity to work closely with our produce buyers and learn a lot about

the produce the Coop sells.

General Ledger Bookkeeping Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Are you a detailed-oriented person who likes working with numbers and is at ease handling a calculator? General Ledger Bookkeeping might be the workslot for you! General Ledger bookkeeping consists of making entries into the General Ledger, running a calculator tape to draw account balances and, finally, balancing the General Ledger. The work must be completed in three separate segments, on 3 separate days, between Thursday evening and Sunday evening, allowing some flexibility in scheduling the work. This is all hand entry work, since the Coop bookkeeping system is not computerized. Good handwriting is a must. Prior bookkeeping experience helps. Prerequisites are: 1) must have been a member in good standing of the Coop for 6 months; and 2) must

make a six-month commitment to the work slot. If you are interested in this workslot please speak to Andie Taras by contacting the Membership Office.

CHIPS Soup Kitchen

Monday, Tuesday or Saturday, 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CHIPS serves a daily meal to the homeless, needy and hungry at their storefront soup kitchen located at 4th Avenue and Sackett Street. Workslots preparing food, helping serve meals and cleaning-up are available to Coop members who have been a member for at least six months. Coop members will work alongside other volunteers at CHIPS. Reliability, cooperation and ability to take directions are vital. Experience with food prep is a plus for working in the kitchen. Please contact Camille Scuria in the Membership Office if interested.

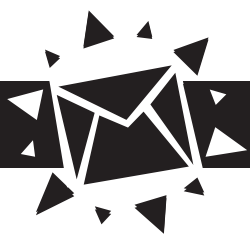
Rebecca Miller, Writer, Director, is an American film director, screenwriter and actress. **Personal Velocity: Three Portraits** was a winner of the Independent Spirit John Cassavetes Award and Grand Jury Prize at Sundance. Miller’s other films include **The Ballad of Jack and Rose** and **Angela**, both of which she wrote and directed. She is the daughter of playwright Arthur Miller and Austrian photographer Inge Morath. **Personal Velocity: Three Portraits** is an adaptation of a collection of short stories. Winona Ryder, Robin Wright Penn, and Julianne Moore will team up for an upcoming comedy/drama called **The Private Lives of Pippa Lee**, which Miller is adapting from her own upcoming novel of the same name.

FREE Non-members welcome

Sabine Hoffman, Editor has passionately edited independent feature films for over ten years. Credits include Rebecca Miller’s films **The Ballad of Jack and Rose**, Rodney Evans’s **Brother to Brother**, Katherine Dieckman’s **Diggers**, Alice Wu’s **Saving Face**, Morgan J. Freeman’s **Desert Blue** and **Hurricane Streets**, Katja Essons’s Academy Award-nominated **Ferry Tales** and Bill Jennings’s **Harlem Aria** (opening in June). She is currently editing Rebecca Miller’s upcoming feature film **The Private Lives of Pippa Lee**. Sabine is an adjunct professor at Columbia University and serves on the advisory boards of the Fusion Film Festival and the Woodstock Film Festival.

A discussion with Sabine will follow. Film curator Alexandra Berger can be reached at isisprods@yahoo.com.

Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop



GREETINGS:

Cheers,
Gerry Da Silva

DEAR MEMBERS:

“Yes, at first I read the first statement from Bill, and I thought “Wow,

LETTERS POLICY

You may submit on paper, typed or very legibly handwritten, or via email to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop or on disk.

Anonymity

Fairness

1. The *Gazette* will not publish hearsay—that is, allegations not based on the author's first-hand observation.

So please vote and also vote for

The above applies to both articles and letters. The only exceptions will be articles by *Gazette* reporters which will be required to include the response within the article itself.

Respect

Letters must not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member's actions. Letter writers must refer to other people with respect, refrain from calling someone by a nickname that the person never uses himself or herself, and refrain from comparing other people to odious figures like Hitler or Idi Amin.



In cooperation
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HI:

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splendid	ruminant
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epiphany	woofer
no	yes

Elizabeth Heisner

DEAR MEMBERS:

Your laurel thrower,
Jesse Greenbaum

Who put up the first cubicle?
Probably it wasn't Rubik.
But we do know the fuzzy date,
Sometime in nineteen sixty-eight.
Forty years ago arose
Fences blocking some from those
Ready and willing to distract
Workers from their working act,
Cutting production,
sinking quotas,
Bringing joy to rival gloats.
Any employee here botching?
On a ladder a spy is watching.
That at least is what the bosses
Told themselves would limit losses
Unaware their production troubles
Stem not from conversational
bubbles
But rather from the office medium
Bringing on unending tedium.
What then has the demi-wall
Accomplished?
Less than nothing at all.
Fences that are six feet high
Prove as redundant as "pizza pie."
Better to cover mouths with gags,
Bosses, and cover heads with bags.
That's the direction you need to go:
Build another Guantanamo.

Leon Freilich



Support a New Coop!

Do you live or work in the Bronx?
Would you prefer to do your workslot on Saturdays?

Then inquire about supporting the South Bronx Food Cooperative!

In accordance with the 6th Principle of Cooperation, the Park Slope Food Coop is offering the SBFC support and consultation by allowing PSFC members to complete their workslot at the Bronx location.

PSFC members will receive FTOP credit in exchange for their help.

To receive credit, you should be a PSFC member for at least one year and have an excellent attendance record.

To make work arrangements, please email ellen_weinstat@psfc.coop or call **718-622-0560**

South Bronx Food Coop
646-226-0758 • info@sbxfc.org

The South Bronx Food Coop is seeking an experienced graphic/web designer to update their website ASAP for work-slot credit!

Must know how to:

- set up online purchasing system
- create edit-able calendar
- incorporate audio & video links
- link websites

Preference for designers who can link database/inventory systems to web sales. Most important—must have cool sense of design!

South Bronx Food Coop
646-226-0758 • info@sbxfc.org
South Bronx Food Cooperative

TAKE OUR SURVEY!

The Diversity and Equality Committee (DEC) of the Park Slope Food Coop is currently conducting a member-wide survey to document and better understand issues of bias and discrimination at the Coop.

We are asking ALL Coop members to take the survey. Your participation will help us to get a broad range of views and perspectives on these issues.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The fastest and most environmentally friendly way to complete the survey is to take it online at:

www.foodcoop.com

(Click on the box on the upper right that says "Take Survey")

If you prefer to complete a paper version of the survey, copies are available at the entrance desk, second floor service desk, and the membership office.

If you have any questions or difficulties with accessing the surveys and/or any special needs, please contact the DEC Committee at

1-888-204-0098

East New York Food Coop

Help a new coop in Brooklyn • FTOP credit available

In accordance with the sixth Principle of Cooperation, we frequently offer support and consultation to other coops. For the East New York Food Coop, we have also offered help in the form of Park Slope Food Coop member workslots.

The East New York Food Coop welcomes PSFC members to assist in its first year's operations.

PSFC members may receive FTOP credit in exchange for their help. To receive credit, you should be a member for at least one year and have an excellent attendance record.

To make work arrangements, please email ellen_weinstat@psfc.coop or call 718-622-0560.

East New York Food Coop
419 New Lots Avenue • between New Jersey Avenue and Vermont Street
accessible by the A, J and 3 trains • 718-676-2721

Hearing Officer Committee Seeks New Members

The Hearing Office Committee is seeking new members. The committee conducts and presides over disciplinary hearings, ensures that hearings proceed in an efficient and unbiased manner and, after a randomly selected Deciding Group has decided whether an accused member violated a Coop rule, determines what disciplinary action should be taken against the member. Applicants should be Coop members in good standing for at least two years, have good attendance records and preferably have judicial, arbitration, mediation or legal backgrounds.

Members of the committee meet and earn workslot credit on an as-needed basis only, that is, when hearings are required. Therefore these members must maintain regular Coop workslots in good standing or be FTOP members in good standing.

The nature of the committee's work requires that all members maintain strict confidentiality with respect to all matters on which they work.

The committee seeks an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop membership at large.

Those interested please telephone Mel Spain of the Hearing Officer Committee at 718-783-7405 or email at melspain@mac.com



The Orientation Committee Needs You!

We are looking for energetic Coop members with a teaching or training background who can work on Monday evenings, Wednesday mornings or evenings, or Sunday afternoons. Orienters lead sessions every six weeks, and on the week mid-way between sessions you must be available as backup for emergency coverage. Only Coop members with at least two years of membership will be considered.

Workslot credit will be given for training sessions. An annual meeting of the Orientation Committee is part of the work requirement.

For more information, contact the Membership Office or write to karen_mancuso@psfc.coop.

Puzzle Answer

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BED & BREAKFAST

THE HOUSE ON 3rd ST. B&B - Beautiful parlor floor thru on 3rd below 6th Ave. Charming, comfortable apt. private bath, double living room, kitchen, deck, sleeps 4-5 call 718-788-7171 or visit us on the web at www.houseon3st.com

HOUSING AVAILABLE

WINDSOR TERRACE. \$525k. Spacious & Sunny 2BR/2BTH and big L.R. around 1200 ft. Great Coop prewar building. High ceilings, hardwood floors, lots of windows & closet space. Easy parking around the neighborhood. Two blocks away from Prospect Park & the subway stop Fort Hamilton. 718-438-7920.

HOUSING SUBLETS

JULY and AUGUST (dates neg.). Furnished room on ground floor of lovely Prospect Heights brownstone. Share kitchen and bath with retired woman who travels and three friendly cats. Wireless internet. \$800/mo. One month security and ref. Near museum, library, BAM. Near trains, 2/3, Q, 4/5, C. Contact Tasha 917-613-4207 Tashapal@jps.net

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Saturday, June 14
10:00 a.m. at the Coop

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Parent Workshop

Improving Communication at Home



A participatory workshop that will give everyone present an opportunity to share communication successes and frustrations, as well as hear perspectives to move things forward at home.

Sharon C. Peters is the founder and director of Parents Helping Parents, 669 President St., in Park Slope. She has helped hundreds of individual families and regularly leads parent workshops for schools and community organizations. Find out more info at www.phponline.org. Sharon is proud to be a long-time Coop member.

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Saturday, June 14
2:00 at the Coop

FREE
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DETOXIFICATION

The How, When, & Whys of Internal Cleansing

A time-honored tradition, internal cleansing is an intrinsic part of getting and staying healthy. And with estimates of more than 500,000 toxic chemicals and substances in our environment these days, who isn't concerned with the possibility of toxic overload?

Whether you want to lose weight, clear your skin, reduce bloat, ease pain — just about any symptom can benefit from a cleansing program.

Join Diane Paxton, MS, LAc, of Inner Fire Integrative Health Services, as we share information on vital detoxification protocols for everyone:

- Colon Cleansing • Ion-Detox Foot Spa • 21-Day Purification Program
- Elimination Diets • And more

Diane Paxton is a licensed acupuncturist, nutritionist, and colon hydrotherapist with more than 20 years of experience detoxifying people in New York City. She is also a long-time Coop member.


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Saturday, June 14
8:00 p.m.

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THE NOW FILM SERIES

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America: Freedom to Fascism is a compelling and troubling account of how the wealth of our nation was silently passed from its citizens to a handful of powerful bankers in 1913. That's the year the Federal Reserve Act and the 16th Amendment were introduced, giving a privately held corporation the means to control our finances while ensuring its interest payments through the strong arms of the newly-formed Internal Revenue Service. Ever since then, Russo suggests, Americans have been gradually conditioned to accept fewer freedoms and a lower standard of living ... all the while considering debt and servitude as distinctly American values.

Ralph Yozzo is a Coop member and interested in promoting awareness of government/corporate/banking actions on the public good.

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Friday, June 20
7:30 p.m. at the Coop

FREE
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A Workshop On ADULT

(Attention Deficit Disorder)

This workshop will address the diagnosis and treatment of adult ADD. Included in the discussion: What constitutes adult ADD? How is it diagnosed? Is it overdiagnosed? Underdiagnosed? Can one develop ADD as an adult?

Treatment considerations will include discussion of medication, but the emphasis will be on other modalities. Consideration will also be given as to whether and how one might manage one's own ADD symptoms; also information on support groups.


Rick Ruscoll, LCSW, has been in private practice for 20 years, and is a senior counselor at Merrill Lynch EAP. He has presented on Adult ADD, and many other topics.

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Saturday, June 21
1:00 at the Coop

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Acupuncture, Peace, and Justice for ALL!



*Come join our ongoing discussion about affordable healthcare options in NYC and beyond.

*Find out how the "Community Acupuncture Practice" model is reshaping the stigma of "alternative medicine."

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OH SAY, CAN YOU SEE ... WE DESERVE TO BE HEALTHY!

Presented by Robbie Butler, LAc, and Sarah Chase, LAc, of the Brooklyn Acupuncture Project PLLC and the COOP.


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with Susan Martin

Is Your Business RUNNING You?

The SEVEN crucial things you MUST know to get sane about your business, love what you do, and get paid generously for it.

Tuesday, June 24
7:30 p.m.
at the Coop



Are you spread too thin?
Need more clients?
Missing deadlines?
Want to increase profits and productivity?
Are employees unmanageable?

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Susan Martin designed the **Business Sanity Program** to help business owners and professionals make more money with less effort and stress. She maintains a private coaching practice in Park Slope. Susan is a Coop member.

This workshop will to help you:


- Make more money
- Enjoy less stress
- Manage your time
- Think strategically
- And, have time and energy for your life

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Friday, June 27
7:00 at the Coop

FREE
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SCREENING OF MONEY AS DEBT



Money

We earn, spend, and borrow it! We never seem to have enough of it! Does it seem as if it's created out of thin air?

What do we know about it?

How's it created? What gives it value? What's the job of the Federal Reserve?

This animated film is perfect entry for those confused and confounded by the monetary system and want to know how money works.

Philip Botwinick is a Coop member and executive director of Local Energy Solutions, a project of the Five Borough Institute, a not-for-profit organization. The mission of LES is to educate on the topics of energy, economics, and food.


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Sunday, June 29
12:00 p.m. at the Coop

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Nourish Yourself with Integrative Nutrition

Discover a refreshing and exhilarating approach to learning about your health.



In this workshop, holistic health counselor Dages Keates will demystify much of the confusion people experience from all the different dietary theories out there. You will get tips on how to cater your diet to your individual needs, not on one theory or diet style. You will learn to understand your cravings and why you crave certain foods. And you will discover other ways to nourish your life beyond the foods you eat.

Dages Juvelier Keates is a board-certified Holistic Health Counselor (AADP) and the founder and director of Delicious Dialogues, whose mission is to inspire, educate, and support individuals who aspire to live life to the fullest and achieve optimum well-being. She is a graduate of the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, a member of the Yoga Alliance, and a member of the PSFC.

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Sunday, July 6
1:00 at the Coop

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Leisure Education for kids

For Kids ages 7-12, 1:00 to 1:45 • Parents, please join us from 1:45- 2:30

Kick the summertime blues: Stop your kids from being bored this summer (and for the rest of their lives)

What do your kids do when they have nothing to do? In this workshop, Alison Link will help your kids learn skills that will help them raise their awareness about how they spend their time. Alison will help them develop personal agency and a process that will last them a lifetime through engaging in interactive activities. Your children will learn how to consistently identify and choose fulfilling experiences as well as develop and access resources needed to engage in positive, pro-social leisure.

During the final 45 minutes, you and your child will build upon the first half of the program together and will leave with new ideas and a plan of action! Have your child bring in something (an item or artifact) to the workshop that represents what they like to do in their free time.



Alison Link is an adjunct professor, international presenter, consultant, and specialist in leisure education, Park Slope resident, and Coop member. Her work serves people throughout their lifespan, from children through seniors.

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