



The Garlic Press

December 2002

All BFC members are welcome to contribute to the Garlic Press. Please contact Shelly Thomas to submit your article contributions.

Remember - this is your newsletter!

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, November 26, 2002 -

Orders due for Tuesday, December 3, 2002 distribution.

Tuesday, December 10, 2002 -

Distribution day.

Tuesday, December 31, 2002 -

Orders due for Tuesday, January 14, 2003.

Tuesday, January 14, 2003 -

Distribution day.

Order Reminders -

December orders can be dropped off to the co-op mailbox at: 821 Fairway Trails, Brighton, 48116

Northeast Orders

Sue Dick

1674 Hartland Woods

Howell, MI 48843

e-mail: suzie48843@yahoo.com

Outside Vendor Orders

Cynthia Scholes

6556 Barrie Circle

Brighton, MI 48114

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Frontier Orders

Arlene Friskey

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Fenton, MI 43430

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Distribution News

Don't forget to sign your name on the sign in sheet when you arrive at distribution!

Message from A.M. Coordinator -

Submitted by Cindy Damon.

As many of you have noticed, you may be working more than the average four hours on distribution day. Please hang in there. With the new BFC website and Food Link, ordering will become easier, therefore distribution will also become easier (and faster). Thanks for being patient and working through this adjustment period.

Message from P.M. Coordinator -

Submitted by Chris Huxley.

Last month's distribution went very smoothly. The biggest thing (thrill!) was all the help we had putting tables away. Many a gentleman stopped by to help, including Tom Tengler, Jim Brown and Douglas Mechan. I can't tell you how much that helped move things along and we got out of there at a decent time. Also a couple of more workers stayed until the end instead of leaving after their four hours of work. When there are only two of us, it makes for a long clean up. Thanks to

everyone who stayed and helped until ALL the work was done.

We had tons of products on the Extras Table, but by the end of the day, all the unsold things fit into one storage bin. Way to go Co-op Shoppers! We even sold a lot of that extra Egg Nog!

Vacu-Pack available for use -

Suzanne Radelt has graciously offered the use of her "Vacu-Pack" sealer at December's distribution. If you wish to seal your nuts and candies, please bring clean canning jars (half-pint to quarts) and clean, flat lids and rings. The Vacu-Pack removes almost all of the air from the jar and helps keep the nuts and candy fresh. It's a great way to give nuts and candies as gifts. Thanks Suzanne!

Vendor News

December Zingerman's Specials -

Note - Effective November, there will be a slight increase in Zingerman's baked goods prices.

Pies -

- ❖ Perky Pecan Pie, #1461, \$10.00

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- ❖ Pilgrim Pumpkin Pie, #1464, \$9.00
- ❖ Cranberry Walnut Pie, #1463, \$11.00
- ❖ Rustic Apple Pie, #1460, \$12.00

New Flavors of Hamentashen -

- ❖ Vanilla Bean Cream Cheese, #1488, \$.95
- ❖ Apricot, #1505, \$.95
- ❖ Chestnut Cream, #1482, \$.95

Bread -

- ❖ Cranberry Pecan, 1.5 lb. loaf, #1105, \$5.50
- ❖ New! Kaiser Rolls, #1089, \$.40

On Vacation -

- ❖ Heartland Honey Loaf
- ❖ Almond Hamentaschen
- ❖ Blackberry Hamentaschen

Please feel free to contact Cynthia Scholes at 810-220-4482 if you have any questions regarding Zingerman's products.

Ed's Breads -

Due to the closing of "The Daily Grind" Mill, Ed's Breads will no longer carry Organic Whole Wheat bread. Please make a note in your Outside Vendor catalog.

Nuts, Honey and Candy available for December -

Note - Prices may vary depending on quantity ordered and shipping costs. All prices are per lb. 15 lb. order minimum per nut type.

- Almonds Raw - \$2.80
- Almonds Roasted/Salted - \$2.90
- Cashews Roasted/Salted - \$3.10
- Pecans Raw - \$3.60
- Walnut pieces - \$3.00
- Energy Mix Raw - \$2.30
- Double dipped chocolate peanuts - \$2.30
- Chocolate covered raisins - \$2.45
- Holiday Pretzels (yogurt covered) - \$1.90
- Sweet and Salty mix currently unavailable.

Usborne Books -

We ordered a total of 195 books but only received 183. Please check your order as we may have one (order) missing. Back orders will be accepted through December 4th and available at the December 10th distribution. Please call Suzanne Radelt immediately if you ordered books but did not receive them.

Frontier Products -

Submitted by Arlene Friskey.

There are no Frontier catalogs available for our members at this time. Frontier will only give one catalog out per month and would not let us purchase any last month. I will try to buy some this month but the cost is expected to be \$4.00 each. Many BFC members have been requesting catalogs and I have tried for months to get them. Please be patient a little longer. With all of the recent out of stocks, price increases and catalog shortages it was no surprise to learn that Frontier is in transition. They've lost a lot of money this past year and are currently trying to remedy their financial problems.

Frontier Spices -

If you want certain spices at the one-pound cost, please let Arlene Friskey know what you'd like to order (using your Frontier order form) and how many ounces; she will put the rest on the Extras Table. At the November distribution, she put out whole nutmegs, cinnamon and a cider seasoning. All were well received.

Wish List

Please note: when submitting wish list items, please include item number, product name, page number and if on sale. Any items missing this information will not be included on that month's wish list. This will help simplify wish list entries. If a product comes only in case quantities, try to order at least ½ case. No guarantees, but this will increase your chances of receiving your product. Also, if 2 people order same type

of product but different brands, the inputer has the option of consolidating the orders. Thanks for you co-operation! - Ed. ©

Wish List for December -

Northeast Co-op Wish List -

#97354, Amy's Burrito Bean/rice/Chs Org, pg. 29
#97330, Amy's Mac 'n Cheese Org, pg. 29
#94762, Berlin Cookie Spelt Raisin Oat, pg. 28**
#97510, Casc Calif. Blnd Veggie Org, pg. 30
#97642, Casc Raspberries Org, pg. 30**
#97566, Casc Blackberries Org, pg. 30**
#17982, Npath Cereal Oaty Bites Org Eco, pg. 39**
#44888, Npath Cereal App Cinn Pouch 8 pk Org, pg. 39**
#16742, Muir Glen Tomatoes Diced Org, pg. 46**
#16710, Muir Glen Tomato Sauce Org, pg. 46**
#17184, Health Val Chicken Broth Aseptic FF, pg. 56
#89552, Yogi Green Tea w/kombucha, pg. 9**
#98416, Rasp. Wholesoy yogurt, pg. 8**
#10244, Bulk Choc Chips Semiswt. pg. 27
#91012, Horizon Choc Milk Org, pg. 21
#60852, Food For Life, Muffin Eng Cinn Raisin 7 sprtd. pg. 28
#97394, Amy's Toaster Pops Strwbry. Org, pg. 30
#97406, Casc Peas Org, pg. 30
#97402, Casc Broccoli Org, pg. 30
#99106, Casc Sliced Peaches Org, pg. 30

** Indicates sale item.

PRODUCE WISH LIST -

#16020, Bananas
#39056, Green Peppers

Members' Corner

Brighton Food Co-op website -

Submitted by Jim Brown.

BFC now has a website! The address is www.brightonfoodcoop.org. If

you have Internet access, you can use the website for a number of things:

- Check on upcoming order and distribution dates.
- Obtain the latest issue of "The Garlic Press" newsletter. Archive issues will also be available.
- Look up phone numbers and e-mail addresses of BFC officers and other members.
- Obtain printable copies of Northeast Co-op and Outside Vendor order forms.
- Download order forms based on two popular spreadsheet software programs (Microsoft Excel, Corel Quattro Pro). After entering your order information into the spreadsheet, you simply save it as a web page, and then send it to the batcher as an e-mail attachment. The web page (html file) takes up very little room, is immune to any kind of virus, and prints out as a neat, easy-to-read table.
- Check the latest Wish List to see what other members want to order.
- Post messages on the Bulletin Board to discuss Wish List items, services you'd like to see provided, food politics, recipes, or any other topic relevant to the membership. There's also a Chat Room where you can engage in real-time discussions with other online members or visitors.
- Obtain information about local vendors and their products.
- Read feature articles written or recommended by BFC members offering opinions or advice on health issues, food politics, environmental issues, etc.
- Link to other websites, which may be relevant to

the BFC membership, including members' own home pages.

- Refer to the BFC Policy Handbook.

Possibilities for the future:

- Provide a "shopping cart" for members to place orders online at the website.
- Provide an online wish list where members can post and review wished for items directly at the website without having to exchange e-mail with anyone.

The website is still under construction and your patience is greatly appreciated. You'll probably see changes each time you visit. Please be sure to sign the guest book when you visit. Your feedback is a valuable tool to developing the BFC website!

BFC e-mail correspondence:

When sending an e-mail message to any BFC co-op member, please be sure to reference your subject line as "Brighton Food Co-op" or "BFC". There are no guarantees, but this may help protect fellow members from catching a nasty computer virus!

Welcome new BFC members!

Please welcome new members Jim and Emily Brown, Ann Berger and Michelle Aigner. Let's be sure to make our new members feel at home.

Annual BFC Membership meeting –

Mark your calendars now! Our annual membership/election meeting will be held on January 7, 2003 from 11:00 – 1:00. All BFC officers' positions are open for nomination. If you have a special skill and time available to devote to your co-op, now is the moment to toss your hat into the ring! Linda Madden, our current Vice President, has decided not to renew her tenure,

so this vital position will need to be filled. Please consider stepping into the VP position, or any other, and make a positive difference within your co-op.

This is a potluck luncheon so bring your favorite dish to pass, your own eating utensils, plates and napkins. A meeting place has not been decided upon yet, but look for details in next month's newsletter.

BFC helping our community -

This time each year, the Brighton Food Co-op makes a small donation to a local charity. At last month's board meeting, we voted to contribute \$100.00 to the Gleaner's Community Food Bank of Livingston.

BFC Officers

President:	Lisa Patton (517) 546-9040
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Treasurer:	Joan Johnson (517) 546-8561
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Batcher:	Dolores Johnson (810) 227-1415
Batcher:	Pamela Kerr (810) 227-6562
Batcher:	Sue Dick (810) 632-7158
Frontier:	Arlene Friskey (810) 714-0275
Bookkeeper:	Ellen Lafferty (810) 227-5199
Syrup, Honey:	Suzanne Radelt (810) 231-9361
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