

March 2014



MEMBER-OWNER & AMBASSADOR MISSION

It's up to YOU to get TWO!

Our co-op has set a goal of reaching 300 member-owners by March 31. Why?

- At 300 member-owners the HGC can begin the commissioning of a market analysis that will define details such as store size and identify possible and optimal locations.
- Then, at 600 member-owners, the commissioning of a full, detailed business start-up plan can begin. This report will become the roadmap for the HGC to open, operate and flourish and guides the management for the first five years of operation.

Thank you for helping us reach almost 200 co-op member-owners!

By you helping us gather two more members, we are that much closer to our co-op goal! Co-op talking points, membership information and more co-op news can all be found on our [website](#).

GREEN YOUR SPRING AT THE HEALTHY HOMES AND GARDENS EVENT

The Healthy Homes and Gardens Event will be held on **Saturday, April 26 at Bandlands Sno-Park (772 Kinney Road, Hudson) from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. The event is sponsored by the UW-Extension St. Croix County Home and Community Education Club (HCE).

The day will include sessions on gardening (pallet and straw bale), garden art, landscaping for butterflies and bees, healthy household cleaners, CSA gardens, and backyard chickens. The day will also include door prizes, book sale and quilt raffle.

Admission is \$15 and includes all sessions, lunch and door prize drawings. Proceeds from this event will go towards the HCE fundraising project for Bookworm Trail at Homestead Park on Perch Lake.

Walk-ins are welcome and you can also pre-register. For more information call (715) 531-

1930. Doors open at 9:30 am. Coffee, juice and pastries will be available for sale.

VISIT THE HUDSON SPRING SHOWCASE

HGC will be at the Spring Showcase held on **Sunday, May 4 at the Hudson Sports & Civic Center (1820 Hanley Road, Hudson) from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm**. Free admission. Come and say 'hello' to your fellow member-owners, board of directors and volunteers! Visit the [Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau](#) for more information.

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

HGC is now accepting submissions for the Hudson Grocery Co-op t-shirt design contest. This contest is open to everyone and people of all ages are encouraged to submit their design.

Designs are intended to print on the front of the t-shirts. Your original design concept can be one-color or multiple color, drawings, paintings, photos, digital files or other medium. For the entry form with contest rules please visit our blog on the [website](#).

Entries will be posted on [Facebook](#) for comments and sharing. The top five semi-finalists designs will be posted online where everyone can vote for their favorite design.

The winning design will be used on t-shirts throughout 2014 for volunteer and member activities and events. The winning designer will receive 1 free shirt and a \$20 honorarium.

The submission deadline is Friday, April 25, 2014.

ON THE BLOG

Board Members Attend a Co-op Conference for Development, Management and Sustainable Access to Healthy Food

On February 27th through March 1st, two Hudson Grocery Co-op board members had the opportunity to attend the Up and Coming, Up and Running conference held in Bloomington, Indiana. Hundreds of individuals from dozens of start-up co-ops came together to learn from industry experts, share stories and suggestions. In co-op spirit the conference attendees welcomed the delicious lunches prepared by Bloomingfoods Market & Deli, the town's grocery co-op which opened in 1976.

Read the full story on the [blog](#).

HGC COMMITTEES SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

As the saying goes, many hands make light work. Do you have an hour or two a month that you could devote to bringing this co-op to reality? More information & committees are listed on the [website](#).

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