

# Caledonia Food Co-op Newsletter

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#### **WELCOME!**

It's been great meeting you, our community, hearing your views, discussing all the different aspects of the project and answering your questions. Our founding memberships keep growing! Remember, you can sign up on our website at www.caledoniafood.coop.

Special thanks to **Cafe Lotti**, the **Kingdom Taproom** and the **Red Barn** for each hosting a great event this month. We're excited and encouraged by the support we're receiving from the community.

Keep up with all co-op news at Facebook@CaledoniaFoodCo-op!

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### **Upcoming Events**

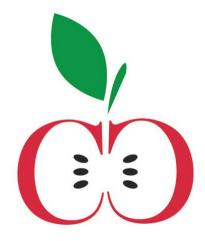
Caledonia Food Co-op at Central Cafe Saturday, December 7, 10-11 a.m.

Join us at Central Cafe (418 Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury) as we answer your questions about the Caledonia Food Co-op!

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Why Should I Become a Member?



#### Member-Owners: A Food Co-op Starts With You.

A cooperative is a group of people working together for mutual gain. The terms member, owner, and member-owner are often used interchangeably to describe an individual who has formally joined a cooperative. In the U.S. alone there are more than 100 million food co-op members.

People are attracted to cooperation because co-ops operate on their behalf with honesty, fairness and transparency. The familiar food co-ops in Vermont and New Hampshire each offer singular shopping experiences that reflect the needs and priorities of their unique ownership and can evolve accordingly. Across the board, these co-ops generate wealth for their communities, provide exceptional access to an incredible variety of food, and cultivate a high quality of life for their members and staff.

As a member-owner of the Caledonia Food Co-op, you have demonstrated your support for a fledgling project. Significantly, you also have an equity stake in the enterprise. Please encourage your family, friends, and co-workers to become member-owners so we can build a store together that will benefit us each individually.

#### What is membership?

Membership is a voice in the process. Membership is ownership and it is one vote at the annual meeting. Membership is access to the co-op newsletter updates and an opportunity to give input through the member survey. Ultimately it is the membership that determines what shape the co-op takes

Membership shows banks, municipalities, grantors, and future members that there is local support for a co-op.

To all our current member-owners, THANK YOU for taking the leap, your support is turning this dream into a reality. Please forward this newsletter and talk to your friends. Together we can make this happen!

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## Become a Founding Member HERE

### Help us build a Food Co-op in St. Jay!

Your founding membership shows that you want to bring high-quality locally-produced food and beverages to St. Johnsbury and contribute to the economic development of the Northeast Kingdom.

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