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# a local co-op

## Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2022!

The year has started well here at the Co-op. We now have 1,046 members, thank you to those that have recently joined, and welcome to the Co-op family. It is heartening to know that our Co-op is still needed, is thriving and is serving its community. We look forward to seeing you in the store soon, and thank you for your continued support. Here's to a healthy & happy 2022.

In 2021 \* red We supported ..Local Bakeries ...Local Dairies Local Meat Farmers 24...Local Produce Farmers 29...Local Food & Beverage Vendors **13...**Local Wellness & Household Crafters 87....New Co-op Members bringing us to 1038 Member-Owners **44%...**of all your dollars spent in the store stayed local, directly supporting our local economy Thank you!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A BIKE RACK.

Do you have a metal bike rack that you are not using anymore? Are you creative and handy with a saw and would like to try to make a wooden

one for us?

We would love to offer a bike rack for our cycling customers, and support their efforts to reduce car use.

Please let us know if you can help. Email <u>lucy@chatham.coop</u> or come to the store to discuss.

THANK YOU.





The Co-op is accepting monetary donations on behalf of

#### Wayne Sirlin

whose house was destroyed in a fire

Wayne has been an integral part of the Chatham Co-op and greater Chatham area for many years. His kindness, generosity and loving spirit have impacted all who have had the pleasure to live and work alongside him.

Due to a number of reasons, the fire insurance on his home of 26 years was not in effect at the time of the fire. At nearly 70 years old his present income does not support obtaining a bank loan. The extent of damage from the fire requires that it be torn down, rebuilt, and refurnished. He is not sure how he will do this yet, but he has faith that God will provide all that's necessary through

the good will and generosity of loving souls in our greater community.

In advance he wants to express his utmost gratitude to all the caring people who will keep him in their thoughts and prayers or who would like to further support him in his unexpected journey in whatever manner expresses their caring, abundance and generosity.

Donations can be made directly in the store at the register or in the collection box by the front door, or you can click the link below to donate. There is no amount too small. Thank you.

Donate here

#### Back by popular demand.

Spijk from Rocky Hill Forge will be returning to the Co-op on **Saturday 19th February, from 10am-4pm** to offer knife sharpening. Save the date! The last event was a huge success and we are happy to be able to offer this again. There's no need to book ahead, just show up with your knives and he will work his magic.

Here's a little more information about Spijk, and what he offers-

Rocky Hill Forge is an Upstate New York based blacksmithing, silversmithing, and knife sharpening company. For the past four years we have worked to return to traditional methods to accomplish contemporary goals. Our knives and iron components are all hand made in a traditional coal forge using only a hand hammer.

We cut the wood for our handles and cutting boards in the forest of upstate New York. It is harvested using axes and hand saws and cured in a temperature controlled environment to prevent warping.

All precious metals used are hand formed with a hand hammer and anvil and polished with hand tools.

Our knife sharpening is done entirely with traditional Japanese whetstones to accommodate each knife's individual edge geometry. Visit his website <a href="http://rockyhillforge.com">http://rockyhillforge.com</a>

Email: Spijk [at] RockyHillForge.com

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### **NEW PRODUCT**

We are happy to announce that we are now stocking Sfoglini Organic Pasta. This is a great dried pasta, that has the taste, and texture, of a fresh pasta. There are many interesting varieties and shapes, let us know which one is your favorite!

Here's some more information for you real foodies-

"Here's the thing about Sfoglini pasta: It combines the very best of Italian technique and American ingredients. What does that mean? For starters, it means traditional bronze dies and plates on everything we make, which results in the beautiful, rough texture on your pasta (which makes the sauce stick!). In addition, we slow-dry every one of our pastas at a low temperature to preserve both flavor and nutrients.

On the sourcing side, we're talking fifteen organic durum semolina pastas, always made from the best in North American organic grains. Plus, keeping it close to home, a series of New York State grain pastas made with organic whole grain, rye, emmer, einkorn, and spelt flours. Beyond all that, Sfoglini truly loves our local and small farms, so we produce various seasonal pastas throughout each year. " Find out more here <u>http://Sfoglini.com</u>

We hope you enjoy!





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