



NEW GENERAL MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Co-op Member-Owners,

It gives us immense pleasure to announce that Andru Moshe has joined the Co-op in the position of General Manager.

Andru brings with them a wealth of experience in all aspects of Retail Leadership- their journey began at Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op in Northern California and from there continued into Local Food and Sustainable Agriculture programs- Andru co-founded the Adopt-A-Farmer program, and sat on the Board of Directors for the Ecological Farming Association as well as Slow Food Sacramento.

Our Co-op is thriving and growing and we are ready to move into its next phase of life. We are excited for Andru and their relevant experience and expertise to guide and lead us into this new phase.

The new Leadership model is-

General Manager- Andru Moshe

Marketing- Lucy O'Leary

Grocery Buyer/Bookkeeper- Leandra Keefe

Facility Manager- Chris Keefe

Cafe Manager- Petch Tranberg Bennett

Produce Manager- Laura Reed

We hope you'll join us in wishing Andru a very warm welcome! Please introduce yourself when you're next in the store.

This change was initiated by long-term Store Manager, Leandra Keefe. Since Leandra started working at the Co-op in 2015, she has been committed to helping the store be as great as it can be, and she has worked diligently and tirelessly to help the Co-op grow into its full potential. The Co-op is a true hub in our community, serving not only as a local grocery store, but as a place where people come together in a way not found in many other places. Leandra has listened, responded and acted on ideas, suggestions and insights, and these actions have brought the store to the very healthy place that it is today.

Through this listening, and her insights, Leandra was able to see that the Co-op was ripe and ready to move into its next phase of life, and that would require a leader with extensive knowledge and background in Retail, and Co-op management.

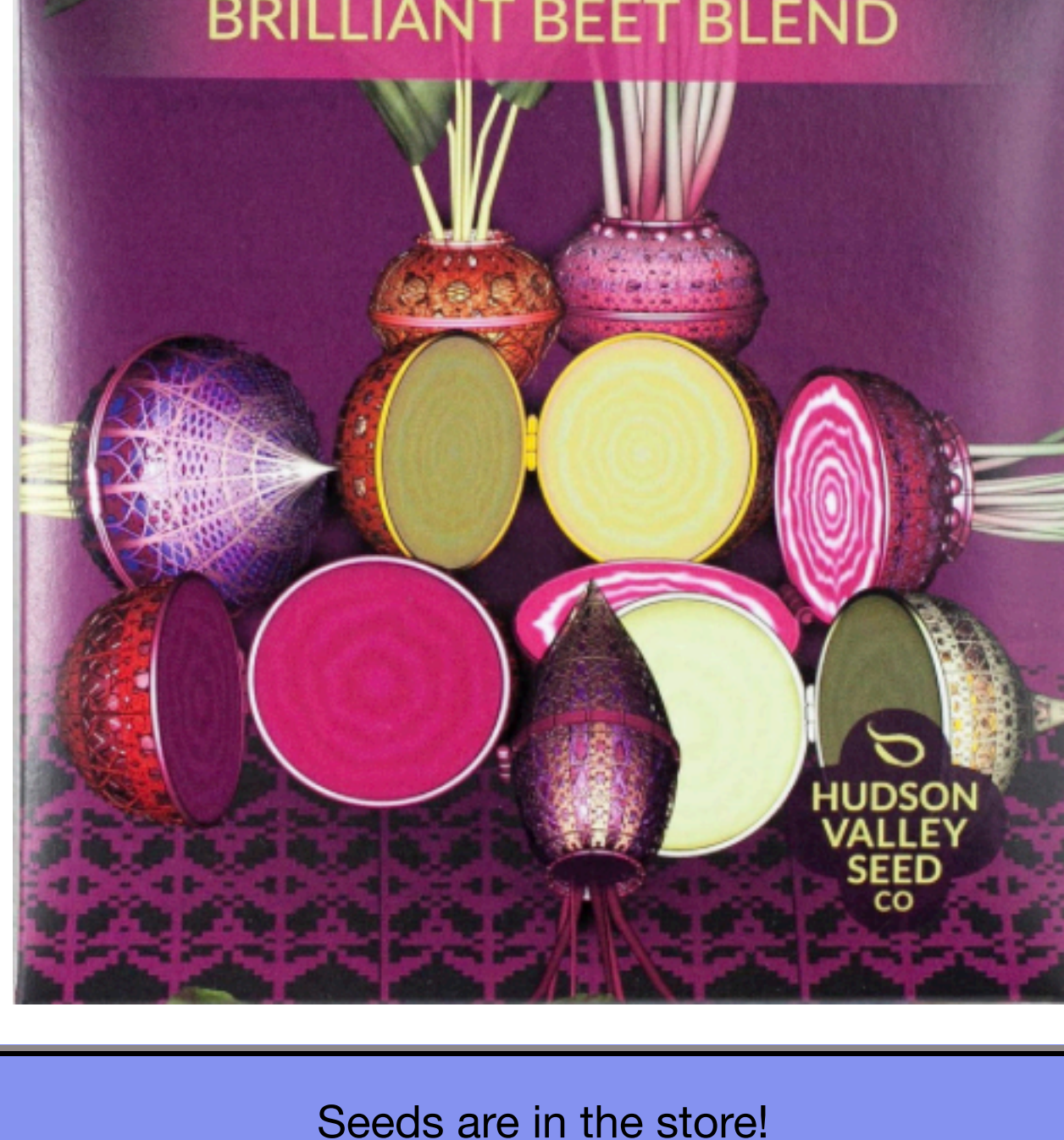
Leandra and our Council decided the next steps would be hiring a new General Manager. Enter Andru!

Leandra will still be here at the Co-op- do not worry! She will be helping Andru's first weeks be a good transition, and will move into a new role as our Grocery Buyer & Bookkeeper.

We are sure that you will all join us in giving Leandra a very heartfelt THANK YOU for her unwavering commitment to Chatham Co-op, and all that she has done to make it the wonderful store that it is today.

Everyone at the Co-op is excited to move into this new phase together.

HUDSON VALLEY SEED CO



Seeds are in the store!

Soon it will be time to start planning your planting for the year (if you haven't already!), and what better way to grow vegetables and blooms than with the Certified Organic seeds from Hudson Valley Seed Co

From their website-

"Welcome to the Hudson Valley Seed Company: your source for heirloom and open-pollinated garden seeds and beautiful garden-themed contemporary art. On our site, you'll find photos and artwork that stoke your horticultural imagination—along with tips to make your garden dreams a reality."

Stop by the store soon to see the wonderful varieties that we have available to inspire your imagination for your bountiful Summer garden.

Featured Photos-

BRILLIANT BEET BLEND: Contains Detroit Dark Red, Cylindra, Bulls Blood, Chioggia and Golden Detroit Beets.

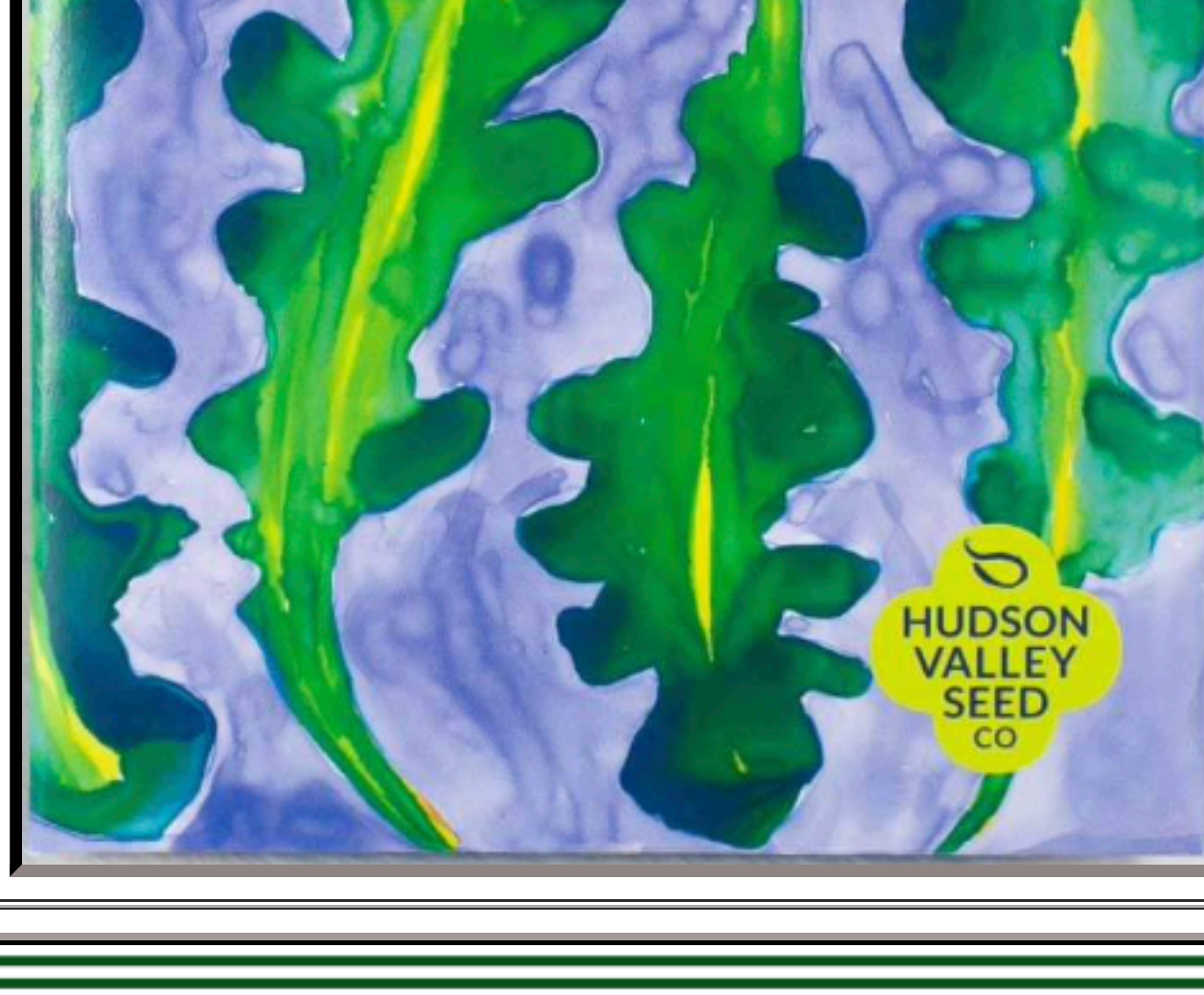
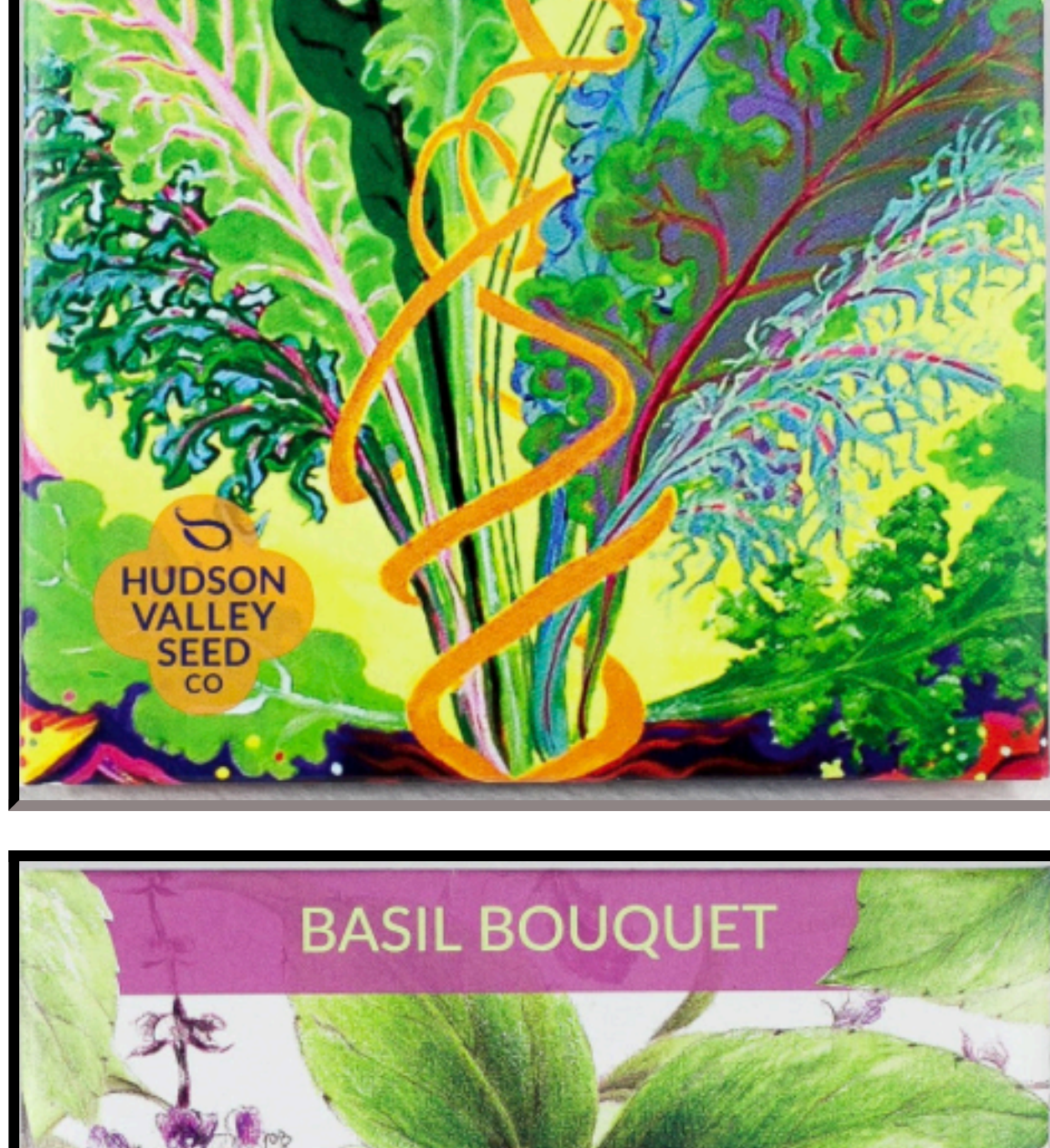
ALL STARS KALE MIX: Mix of Russian and Siberian Kales in shades of green and red.

BASIL BOUQUET: Beautiful and delicious arrangement of Genovese, Lemon, Cinnamon, Purple and Thai Basils.

ARUGULA: Bright and potent green, delectable in the cooler months.

This is just a taster- we have many more seed packets in the store- including Blooms for Bugs!

Hudson Valley Seed Co Website



CLICK ON THE REAL! DEALS IMAGE ABOVE TO VIEW OUR FEBRUARY SALES FLYER.

Our Member-Owners are entitled to a further 10% off the Sales price if they place a Special Order **BEFORE THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH?**

Orders received after the 10th will receive the advertised Sales Flyer price.

More ways to save at your local Co-op!

COMMUNITY ROOM EVENTS



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10TH
11am - 12:30pm

'Search for the Holy Grain'

A talk by Koen van der Meer from Lightforce Bakery in Philmont NY

Founder of Lightforce Bakery, Koen has operated several natural foods bakeries in the Netherlands and the USA during his 40 years of baking. In 1981, in search of an alternative to both yeast and sourdough bread, he began to develop a method of making bread using a leaven he created from sprouted organic Barley (Latin: Ordeum, Order of God) which has an abundance of enzymes that help to break down gluten. Using this leaven with original grains such as spelt, rye and einkorn, that are not degenerated like modern wheat, makes it possible for many gluten sensitive people to eat bread again.

- Our spiritual journey with bread. An esoteric history of bread from Zarathustra to Melchizedek to Christ.

Topics covered-

- The seven traditional principles of making bread that nourishes. How life-giving bread has been destroyed by modern agriculture and baking methods.

- The alchemic process in bread making. The future of bread as a life-giving substance that supports a new consciousness

All donations are welcome in support of ongoing research and development.

Suggested: \$10 - \$20

SAVE THE DATES!

February 10th

11am-12:30pm

'Search for the Holy Grain'

with Koen van der Meer from Lightforce Bakery
(see flyer above)

February 17th

11am-12pm

Gainen Shield (Nature's Truth)

Monthly meeting to establish a group for the protection of Nature with Daniel Taylor

February 24th

12pm-1:30pm

The relationship between Environmental Estrogens, The Human Endocrine System and Breast Cancer

With Patricia Bowden-Luccardi- Womens Holistic Health speaker and Breast Thermography expert

March 30th &

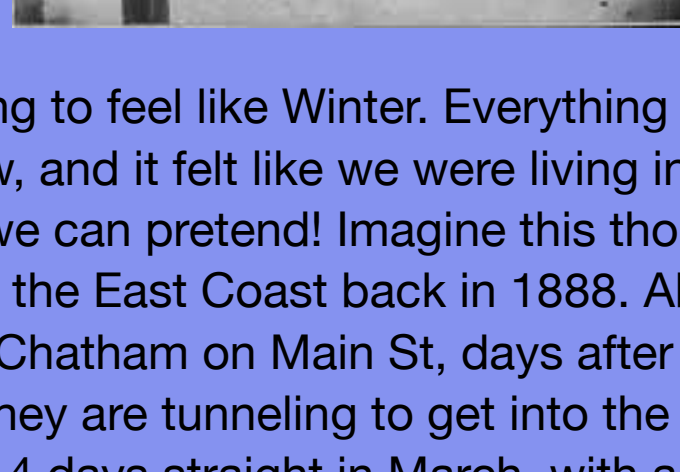
April 27th

11:30am-3:30pm

Knife Sharpening with Spijk from Rocky Hill Forge

(Detailed descriptions of these events can be found on our Online Calendar- see link below)

CLICK HERE FOR OUR ONLINE CALENDAR



It's finally starting to feel like Winter. Everything was blanketed in heavy, wet snow, and it felt like we were living in Narnia for a day or two- well, we can pretend! Imagine this though, the Winter Blizzard that hit the East Coast back in 1888. Above is an image of residents of Chatham on Main St, days after the Blizzard had ended. They are tunneling to get into the buildings.

It snowed for 4 days straight in March, with a culmination of approx 40 - 60 inches.

Some of the heavily impacted areas didn't melt until July! Thanks to Chatham Village Historical Society for the photo and information.

The ground is chained in frozen iron

Snow crystals glued on pine cones

Overhang embroideries of polished ice

The wind shakes and shatters them into millions of pieces

Slowly more brightness toward longer days

A new light is born across a white landscape

With its beauty and bliss a squirrel in a pine tree

Thoughts and reflections about how beautiful it is.

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