Syracuse Real Food Co-op
2013 Annual Spring Meeting Minutes

On Tuesday 24th July the Syracuse Real Food Co-op held its annual Spring Membership meeting in the backyard of the Co-op building. Those attending were able to view the progress of the Permaculture Co-op Backyard Project, facilitated by The Alchemical Nursery owner and SRFC member, Frank Cetera. This initiative is set to revitalize the area behind the building into "a friendly, functional and fruitful place for co-op workers and members alike".

It was a warm summer evening, and over 20 people gathered for an informal ice cream social to celebrate the shared enthusiasm for the SRFC and to indulge in the variety of ice creams from the store, offered for enjoyment with an array of delicious toppings.

There was no formal business to conduct, so Board President, Thane Joyal, welcomed everyone and talked enthusiastically of the national cooperative movement and current trends in sales. She urged members and shoppers to shift a portion of their other retail spend towards purchases at the SRFC, where they were able to, emphasizing the difference this makes to the financial success of a store.

Thane then led all present in a fun group introduction activity and asked that we each identify our favorite products from the store. An interesting range of responses! From Wake Robin yoghurt, to Lara bars, Kombucha, to Bean Dip, and the sandwich selection – all highlighting our fondness for the store and everything it offers. The youngest participant at the meeting fervently declared that she loved everything!

"GO CO-OP!"
Respectfully submitted by Julie Longmore, Secretary, SRFC Board of Directors.