#### Yes! I want to be a Member-Owner!

☐ Full Share of Member Equity - \$150☐ Member Equity Installment Plan (\$15/mo for 10 months)

Return this form with your equity payment to a cashier or mail to: The Old Creamery, 445
Berkshire Trail, Cummington, MA 01026. Make checks payable to: The Old Creamery Co-op

You will receive a member number card and a welcome packet in the mail.

| Name:   |
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| Name(s) of other adults in your household included in this membership:  |
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| Mailing Address:  |
| City:   |
| State: Zip:   |
| Phone:  |
| Email:  |
| Do you want to receive our e-newsletter?  |
| Yes No I already receive it   |
| I accept that my rights as a Member-Owner of the cooperative are subject to the bylaws of The Old Creamery Co-op as they may be amended from time to time. A current copy can be downloaded at www.oldcreamery.coop or I can request a copy in the store. |
| Signature   |
| Date  |

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REFERRAL NAME:

The purpose of the Old Creamery
Co-op is to encourage a vibrant
healthy community and a
sustainable local economy through
a thriving cooperative enterprise.



# Seven Co-operative Principles

- Voluntary & Open Membership
- Democratic Member Control
- Member Economic Participation
- Autonomy & Independence
- Education, Training & Information
- Cooperation Among Co-ops
- Concern for Community



# Become a Member-Owner of our Co-op!

- Special Member Discounts
- A Voice In Our Decisions
- Support Our Local Hilltown Farms,
   Artisans & Businesses
- Pride in Sustaining our Community

Community-Owned, Everyone Welcome!

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# Our Hilltown Community Market

#### Who We Are

The Old Creamery Co-op is a community-owned store. We offer high quality foods and convenience with a wide range of locally-made products and locally-grown organic produce, beer and wine, great sandwiches, coffee, local ice cream, and homemade baked goods. The Creamery is a hub of community, a gathering place, and a values-driven community enterprise. We promote local and regional production, practice environmental sustainability, and welcome and reflect diversity. The Co-op is open to all.



## Our History

The cow on our roof proudly reminds us of our roots—in 1886 this building housed the Cummington Cooperative Creamery, a local co-op of dairy farmers who at one point aggregated from 145 small dairies to produce 20,000 lbs of butter per month. Since then, The Creamery has housed a general store, a restaurant, and more. In 2012, the community organized to purchase the business and it become a co-operative enterprise once again.



## Why Become A Member-Owner?

The Old Creamery Co-op relies on the equity of its member-owners to generate capital and support the general operating fund of the store. In return for their investment, member-owners can vote for the Board of Directors and help make decisions about the store.

Membership is open to all individuals 18 years of age and older, as well as to businesses and organizations.



Visit us at www.oldcreamery.coop and Like us @oldcreamerycoop!

#### Member-Owner Benefits

- Storewide discounts on Member-Owner Appreciation Days and pre-orders
- 2. Access to Co-op Patronage Dividends
- 3. The ability to vote for and serve on the Board of Directors and to have a voice in The Creamery's decisions.
- 4. The opportunity to directly support community priorities, including: creating and retaining local jobs; sourcing food from local suppliers & growers; and fostering local connection and cooperation involving the people, businesses, organizations, and towns of our area.
- 5. Pride in the broad, community effort to keep The Old Creamery a vibrant and sustainable community resource for years to come.

