

1960s



castle yonder

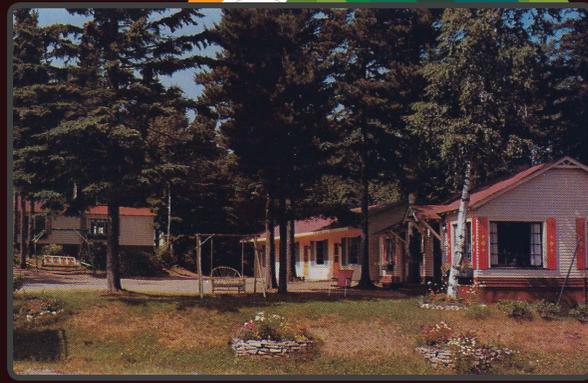


Colorized from a Betsy Bowen sketch

CCWFC found its origins at a farmhouse called Castle Yonder, located in the Good Harbor Hill neighborhood just west of Grand Marais. Back then, a few families and neighbors would venture out to the Big City Beyond the Woods (Minneapolis) to buy bulk bags of beans, rice, and tubs of peanut butter.



Go-Fer Cabins



1976



east end of town

We left the Castle Yonder basement and got our first storefront at *Go-fer Cabins* on the east end of town. The stock was purchased with money advanced by our owners. We began establishing operating procedures and writing our first bylaws.

- 60 OWNERS
- \$3544 SALES
- ALL VOLUNTEERS

Rolled Oats cost \$0.18/LB in 1976.



east end of town

1978

We moved to the old Sears building where *My Sister's Place* now stands.

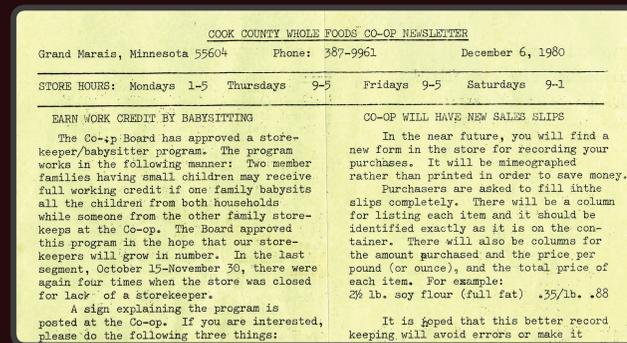
- 125 OWNERS
- \$22,000 SALES
- 1 PAID STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



east end of town

1980

Work credit was offered to volunteers who would baby sit so others could watch the store.



One of the first CCWFC newsletters



The first downtown location in the early 80s

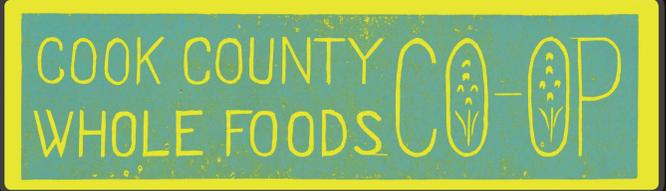
downtown

1982



- 165 OWNERS
- \$48,000 SALES
- 1 PAID STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

We moved downtown to the old kitchen of *Mabel's Café*. We stayed in that spot for 24 years.



Header from a 1986 newsletter

The 1960s & 70s

The 1980s



Fisherman's Picnic, 1986

1986

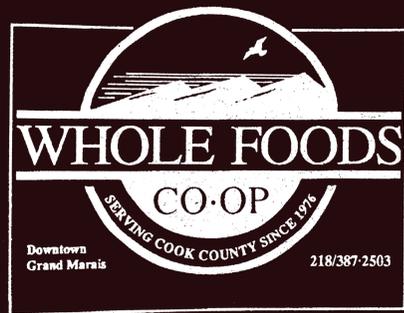
Ruth Harvey became our store manager. Handwritten receipts were replaced by our very first cash register.

1987

- 165 OWNERS
- \$48,840 SALES
- 1 PAID STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



Storefront, 1st and Wisconsin St. (formerly the kitchen of Mabel's Cafe)



Late 90s newsletter header by Maryl Skinner



- 390 OWNERS
- \$135,000 SALES
- 2 PAID STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

1995

Dominique Holz became our general manager.



Inside the store, early 90s

1991

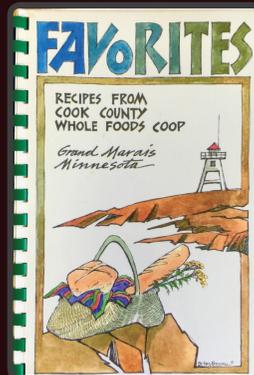
Judy Peterson became our general manager.

- 320 OWNERS
- \$100,000 SALES
- 2 PAID STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



1992

The first computer was purchased for bookkeeping. We produced our first CCWCF cookbook, *Favorites*, with original art by Betsy Bowen.



First CCWFC cookbook

1996

We added a paid assistant manager position. Ownership dues were \$12 a year.

1997

Amy Henrikson became our general manager.

1999

To bring in the new millennium, CCWFC got its first computerized cash register, an Apple iMac computer.



- 479 OWNERS
- \$193,000 SALES
- 4 PAID STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



Storefront, mid 90s



Produce cooler, mid 90s

The 1980s

The 1990s

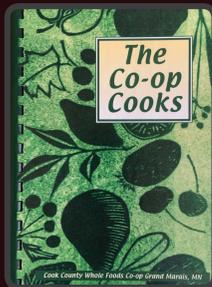


Moving the produce coolers in



2000

The second cookbook, *The Co-op Cooks*, is published.



Rolled Oats cost \$0.75/LB in 2001.

2001

In 2001, our 25th Anniversary, CCWFC moved into the old *Cascade Kayaks* building on the *East Bay* of Grand Marais.



- 550 OWNERS
- \$331,134 SALES
- 7 PAID STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Produce aisle in the East Bay store, 2008



The East Bay store in 2008



2006-10

Bob Greenberg & Kelly Rauzi served as general managers.

2005

CCWFC joins NCG (National Cooperative Grocers).

2006

- 1039 OWNERS
- \$1,200,000 SALES
- 22 PAID STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



Local students made this mural over 5 years, 2003-08



Keeping Highway 61 clean since 1990



Mural detail



CCWFC in 2014

2010

Jennifer Stoltz became our general manager.

rebuild!



2012

The roof was leaking and the building deteriorating. Tearing the old building down and rebuilding in its place was the only clear solution. During construction, we moved to a temporary location west of town in the old bowling alley.

- 1600 OWNERS
- 1,800,000 SALES
- 20 PAID STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



Mural detail



2013

The doors opened to our new building, and our dedication to environmentally sustainable practices, healthy, affordable foods, and wholesome business practices deepened.

- 1737 OWNERS
- \$2,250,000 SALES
- 20 PAID STAFF



2016

Still growing strong in 2016: we had another record-breaking year in sales, introduced co+op basics® to increase affordability, offered new scholarships, more local options, increased wages, and got rooftop solar panels. Yup, the Co-op gets greener with age...

Rolled Oats cost \$1.39/LB in 2016.



2016: CCWFC wins a Sustainability Star from NCG

FORTY YEARS

AND GROWING STRONG

- 2244 OWNERS
- \$4,056,925 SALES
- 30 PAID STAFF

The 2000s

The 2010s