

Kate Gridley

Why I serve on the board - I serve on the board of the coop because it's my favorite place to shop and I want to support its mission and values. I trust the products on the shelves; I love the amazing folks who work there; and I love the business model, a cooperative of which we can all be member-owners. MNFC pays a living wage and delivers not only good food, but community and cooperative values. During the pandemic, I felt safe at the coop: in an odd way, the smells, colors, and familiar faces (mostly eyes, because we wear masks), made me feel better about the state of the world.

My favorite Co-op item - This is impossible — there are so many. Everything that is local, fresh, and organic. I particularly enjoy it when I know the farmers and producers, and the lay of the land from whence came the food.

About me - I am a painter, a mother, a wife, and an involved community member. My favorite place to be is outside, either hiking, or in my vegetable garden. At the end of summer, you will find me outside, putting up jams, jellies, pickles, and tomatoes on a large camp stove.