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Cedar Street Here We Come!

The Sequim Open Aire Market's outdoor 2009 season begins Saturday, May 9th on Cedar Street in downtown Sequim. From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each Saturday through October, a number of the Peninsula's best artists and hand-crafters join together with local farmers and food producers to create a true community gathering. *Live music* fills the air each week while Market visitors enjoy breakfast and lunch, shopping bags bursting with fresh, locally-baked *bread, produce, cheese and flowers*. The selection of locally-made products is unsurpassed, as is our vendors' *quality and craftsmanship*.

We look forward to **numerous special events** this year, including:

- Opening Day and Irrigation Festival Celebration on Saturday, May 9th
- Friends of the Fields annual Strawberry Shortcake bonanza in June
- Family Day at the Market on Saturday, July 4th with special music, entertainment and programs just for kids
- Lavender Festival Celebration, Saturday and Sunday July 18 and 19th
- Labor Day Weekend Kickoff on Saturday, September 5
- Clallam Farm Tour Celebration on Saturday, October 3rd
- Farm-only setups in the square, 9:00 - noon October 10th - October 31st

An up-to-date calendar of all Open Aire Market events, plus detailed information about all Market vendors, musicians and community organization partners can be found on our website, www.sequimmarket.com.

See you on Cedar Street!

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A Letter from the President

Ready.....Set.....What do you mean you're not ready yet? We open in just a few weeks! Oh, I see, you're concerned about the downward trend in the economy....and, then there's the closure of the Hood Canal Bridge...Right? Granted those are some very sobering concerns and we may be facing a tough year.

But, let's ponder, for a moment, the positive side to all of this. Many communities, including ours, are finally realizing the benefits and importance of purchasing their produce and other products locally. Local produce, live plants, baked goods and other locally-prepared products are fresher and more wholesome. All handcrafted items, artwork, etc. at the Open Aire Market are sold to the consumer by the original creators, thereby giving consumers the ability to ask important questions about how things are made, i.e.; were pesticides or insecticides used, was lead-free paint used, etc.. This empowers the purchaser, leading to more informed choices.

Over the last 5 years, or so, the Sequim Open Aire Market has continued to evolve and grow, making our Market one of the best in Washington State. In particular, this year we've started a "Youth Program" whereby the young people in our community are afforded the opportunity to "learn and earn". Also, beginning this year we've begun what we call the "Backyard Harvest", providing a means for small scale farmers, community and backyard gardeners to sell their extra produce affordably.

This is truly an exciting time for all of us. Not only do we offer the freshest produce, highest quality plants and flowers, the best tasting homemade foods, but our jury system, ensures that the Market's craftsmen and artisans are the finest in their respective fields. I am so proud to be a part of this organization! We are a tough, but caring group. So, put a smile on your face, project a positive attitude, (even if you're not there yet), offer a helping hand when needed and have fun! If we work together as a team, we can't lose!!

Will Rogers once said "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there!" So, what are you waiting for get busy, we have work to do!

And,....I'll see you at the Market!!

Carol S. Smith

Market Classifieds...Canopies, tables, successful Market businesses...

For Sale: White canopy with all 4 sides, 3 tables @ 6' plus fitted blue table covers. Cost new over \$500, asking \$250. Also selling 5x8 covered trailer, hardly used, \$1400. Call Chuck Howerton 582-3788.

For Sale: White canopy plus leg weights, \$135. Call Laurel Bentsen at 582-0305.

Viva La Crepe! Is for sale: Possible move forces the sale of this successful and fun business. Sold with EVERYTHING you need to hit the ground running for the very first market day. You just need to provide the food and apply for your permit. Work markets, fairs and special events; easily make back the sales price within the first season. Also included: Viva La Crepe! Crepe Mix product line. Excellent compliment to the market operation. Produce your own crepe mix for retail, wholesale, and online sales. Included in sale: All equipment to set up a successful, portable crepe making operation suitable for any outdoor events. Complete set-up for the Viva La Crepe! Crepe Mixes. Full Training.

The future: "LA CREPE MOBILE" A cute, vintage 1970's Shasta travel trailer just waiting for conversion (or use it to sleep in when doing away-from-home events). Contact: Denise Fry 360-565-0417/dmfry@earthlink.net

Vendors: Pre-Season Reminders

Attendance

You are responsible for coordinating your weekly attendance with Site Manager Joe Irvin. You may phone him at 452-3962 or email at sitemanager@sequimarket.com. We anticipate full attendance this season so be sure to keep Joe informed as far in advance as possible.

Weekly Booth Rent

Please make time to visit Joe at the Market booth to pay your weekly booth rent; he will no longer be able to visit each booth personally. You may also mail your booth rent. Rent is due no later than one week following your setup.

Website Updates

Now's the time to update your photos and/or text at www.sequimarket.com so please contact "The Wizard" Tim Grady at wizard@sequimarket.com with your updates; we are also looking for historical contributions so if any of you would like to write down and submit fun historical Market anecdotes please do!

Parking, Setup, Takedown

Please arrive between 6:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Once you've found your space please unload your vehicle as quickly as possible and then park before returning to set up. At the end of the day, please do not bring your vehicle onto the street earlier than 3:15 p.m. Park your vehicle behind City Hall, along a neighboring street, or in the public lot across Sequim Avenue. **Please do not park in Transit Center lot at W end and retail lot at E end, or in Glory House Fellowship lot.**

Be A Good Neighbor

Get to know your neighbor...lend a hand when you see the need...work together on a creative setup...we all make the Market special through our actions and attitudes. It's not just the product!

Have A Great Season!!!

Welcome New Vendors!

Wild Harvest Farms: artisan goat cheese, duck and chicken eggs

The Cutting Garden: fresh bouquets plus early season starts

Egg & I Fuchsias: fuchsia baskets and plants

Laminations in Time: handcrafted laminate wood products

Magnificent Mud: ceramic art and stoneware

RA Silversmith: hand-smithed silver jewelry

Rainshadow Studios: hand carved wood

Tie Mee: tie-dyed clothing for babies and grownups

The Blooming Brush: hand-painted ceramic items and tile

Laurel Branch Designs: hand-sewn bags and pillowcases

Deer Park Designs: hand-hammered copper

Bangles, Baubles and Drops: hand-crafted jewelry, necklaces, pendants, etc.

Garry Flynn: sand-blasted mugs and art

Olivia Breitback (youth): handmade earrings

QuilBay Seafood: local, live clams and oysters and more

Suzanne Arnold Community Booth Program 2009 Season

Might your local community organization enjoy a free day at the Open Aire Market to help get the word out? If so, we'll provide a space, canopy and table for "your" market day. We'll also highlight your organization in our publicity for the week and feature you on our website. It's a lot of fun!

Call the Market Director at 460-2668 to reserve your space now!

Market Calendar

- May 9** **Opening Day!**
Olympic Disc Dogs 9:30
Naki'i noon-3:00
Friends of Fiji
- May 16** **New Musician...**
Lee Tyler Post 11:00 - 2:00
Sunbonnet Sue Quilt Club,
Guide Dogs for the Blind
- May 23** Dixie-Blue Jazz Band 11-2
Vision Loss Center
Oly/Ktsp Gluten Intolerance
Port Angeles Symphony
- May 30** **New Musician... 11-2**
The Charlie Ferris Show
Friends of Fiji

***Coming in June: Friends of the Fields
Strawberry Shortcake Saturdays!!!***

A Big Round of Applause for...

Val and Nancy Jackson (Whimsical Woods), Mike and Susan Zuspan (Let's Do Lavender), Ruthann Toney (Pacific Northwest Naturals) and Susan Killins (Rockin' Rocks) for staying late to help sweep and clean up after the Spring Preview. Joe and Mark couldn't believe how quickly it all came together and we appreciated your great help!!!

SOAM Board of Directors for putting time, creativity and energy into the Market. Your talent and efforts are vital to our success.

Tim Grady for single-handedly creating www.sequimmarket.com and serving as webmaster ever since. The site you've created represents a real community hub and benefits the dozens of local organizations, musicians and vendors who comprise the Open Aire Market

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