

A number of local farmers markets will start in May for the 2011 season. The Bellingham Farmers Market (below) launched in early April. PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA ST. CLAIR



LOCAL *Farmers Markets*



Find local farmers, artisans and more at your local farmer's market, a one-stop shopping place for everything local. From their farms and studios to your family's table, experience the wealth of Northwest bounty, so close to home.

Some markets have been established for years, while others are fairly new or just starting entirely. However long they have been held, all markets should hold one true ideal: make available the community's locally-grown and made goods to the residents, and those who

visit. Most operate each Saturday, but you'll also find a few communities who put on mid-week markets on a smaller scale.

Following are some of the farmers markets in our region. Please confirm hours before your visit. Additional listings will be published online at grownorthwest.com.

Anacortes: Saturdays starting May 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Depot Arts Center, 7th & R Avenue. Operating for more than 20 years, the 2011 season opens on May 14 and runs through October. In addition to vendors, you'll find lunch, kids booth, and events such as chef demonstrations. Membership and vendor fees apply. For more information, contact Market Manager Keri Knapp at (360) 293-7922 or visit

www.anacortesfarmersmarket.org.

Arlington: Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Legion Park, 114 N Olympic Ave. This market features fresh produce, flowers, crafts, prepared food, and other entertainment. For more information, contact Mark Lovejoy at (360) 435-9272 or arlingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Bellingham/Fairhaven: Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Depot Market Center, Railroad & Chestnut, and Wednesdays starting in June from noon to 5 p.m. at the Village Green / www.bellinghamfarmersmarket.org/. Featuring approximately 100 vendors, buskers and organizations the Saturday market runs through December. Events include Chef in the Market, kids activities and more. Vendor fees

apply. The Fairhaven market runs on a smaller scale from June through September. For more information, visit bellinghamfarmers.org.

Blaine Gardener's Market: 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at H Street Plaza. Started in 2009, the Blaine Gardener's Market features over 25 vendors and takes place on the H Street Plaza overlooking Drayton Harbor. The market opens for the 2011 season on May 28 and runs through October. No membership or vendors fees apply. For more information, call (360) 332-6484.

Bow Little Market: Volunteer-run markets on Thursdays starting July 7 through Oct. 6, 1 to 6 p.m. at Old Highway 99 at Bow Hill Road. Call (360) 724-3333 or email