



The Society

Your Local Farmers Market Society is about people who love fresh local food. With the initial goal in 1995 to create the fun and freshness of weekly Farmers Markets in urban settings. Since then the Society has grown and the Markets have become vibrant Vancouver shopping and social centres.

The Markets are already changing the way many Lower Mainlanders enjoy their food. Once people start coming to the Vancouver farmers markets, they keep coming back. Our shoppers tell us that they're eating more fresh fruits and vegetables and more organic foods.

They comment on the deep sense of community and connection with their food producers. For the first time many are chatting with farmers about their products, growing and preparation methods, and discovering how to prepare new foods.



Through the Markets and our special events, the Society spreads awareness of agricultural issues facing our largely urban society. These issues range from the truths about genetically modified foods, to fair pricing for agricultural products, to the glory of a variety of foods available with a locally-networked food system. If you have questions about how and what kinds of food arrive at your table, a visit to the Markets, and a tour of this website, will bring you some fresh answers.



Membership

Your membership supports the Markets and the on-going activities of the Society. Our plans for future expansion, special events and festivals depend on support from our community.

YLFMS is a non-profit society governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Members, as permitted by the BC Society Act regulations, have the right to attend Annual General Meetings of the Society, vote for Board members and to run for election to the Board.

Other benefits of YLFMS membership:

- free admission and front of the line access to our annual Holiday Market held in December
- discounts at select market vendors
- discounts on market merchandise
- discounts on water and juice at all YLFMS Markets

Stay tuned for more benefits of membership coming soon.



Our Community

At a farmers market, the food is not an end in itself but is a vehicle for building community. The Markets bring numerous social benefits to the community:

- bringing together of diverse communities
- creating alliances between community agencies
- acting as an avenue for community participation
- increasing citizens' pride in and appreciation for their neighbours and their neighbourhood.



At the Market



Shopping is often considered a chore but at the Farmers Market it is fun! Spend time browsing and chatting with friends, neighbours and growers while picking up the best in fresh local food.

The markets are a family-friendly weekly gathering where community members can:

- sample fresh produce, baking and prepared food
- learn about the wide variety of fruits, vegetables and plants available locally
- enjoy live music
- learn about the work of local non-profit groups at our Community Information Tables
- participate in special activities for children
- get garden advice from Master Gardeners

Our markets are bustling centers of commerce, community and education. Shopping at the market increases the economic and social health of our community.

Your support at the market directly benefits our local economy – it means jobs and dollars stay in BC and BC farmers keep farming.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET SOCIETY

Yes! Please sign me up as a YLFMS Member!

\$10.00 All members - 1 person per membership

Here is my \$ _____ donation

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Were you referred by a current member? If so, who?

_____ (referring member's name here)

Would you like to receive the market e-newsletter and special offers and notices via email? (We do not sell, trade or share our membership list)

yes no already receive

Questions or Comments? Please share them here:

Mail this completed form with payment to:

YLFMS Membership Committee

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Market Locations

East Vancouver Farmers Market

15th and Victoria Drive
Trout Lake Community Centre Parking Lot
Saturdays, May to October

Nelson Park Farmers Market

Comox Street between Bute and Thurlow
Saturdays, June to October

Riley Park Farmers Market

30th and Ontario Street
East Parking Lot of Nat Bailey Stadium
Wednesdays, June to October

Winter Farmers Market

WISE Hall, 1882 Adanac Street
November to April

Holiday Market

Heritage Hall, 3102 Main Street
December



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