

MARKET MUSINGS

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We were so fortunate this fall to have had unseasonably warm weather for the last few weeks of the outdoor Market. It's fortuitous that we now move indoors to the Cultural Centre approximately once a month now that it's beginning to feel like winter. Our first indoor date is this Saturday, November 22 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Aurora Cultural Centre at 22 Church Street. At the time of going to press, the following are the vendors who have confirmed their attendance: Farmers will include 19th Avenue Farm, Oakridges Finest, Snowden Farm, Pioneer Honey and Kind Organics. Food vendors will include Rob's Good Foods, Catharina's Kitchen, Dos Mariachi, Sasha's Sweets, and Jan's Country Pantry. Bakers will be represented by Boulangerie St. George, Rustic Bread, Nutmeg Bake Shop and Nicolle's Cakes. Tawse Winery will be joining us as will Green River Coffee and Sassy Teas. Among our talented jewellers you will find Elderberry Boutique, Carrie's Creations, Eurasia Jewellery, Green Leaf Designs and Limitless Jewellery. Artist Katie Argyle of Out of My Mind will be joining us again as well as artisans SDD Flags, Catch My Drift, Plaid Raspberries, The Bear's Den, Captain Ted's Knick Knacks, Eva Designs, Kibo Soaps and Heartsease Company. Please bear in mind that there are sometimes circumstances that arise which prevent a vendor from attending the Market at the last minute but this list is accurate at press time. Several of our vendors will accept special orders for Christmas gifts, so if you wish to place an order with any of our vendors to be ready in time for the holidays, I suggest that you do it soon. Many of our talented and creative vendors have unique and one-of-a-kind pieces that would make excellent gifts. The Aurora Farmers' Market is delighted to announce that we have just added an additional date to our indoor Market calendar. For the first time this December 6, we will be hosting an indoor Market at the Armoury Building. As you may know, the Town of Aurora has recently purchased the Armoury Building and is making it available to us. This is the only date this season that we will be there as all our other indoor dates will be at the Cultural Centre as before. As reported in this paper last week, we are in discussions with the Town concerning the possible use of the Armouries as the future home of our indoor Market; however nothing has yet been decided and there are many questions yet to be answered and logistics to be worked out to determine if the idea is indeed viable. Keep reading this newspaper to learn of developments concerning the future uses of this historic location. In the meantime, the Farmers' Market is very excited to be hosting an indoor Market in the Armouries on December 6. Please be sure to mark this date on your calendar to come and see your favourite vendors in this remarkable venue. Of course, you'll be seeing us first at the Aurora Cultural Centre this Saturday. The remaining indoor Market dates are January 17th, February 21st and March 28th, all in 2015. If you are a regular Market visitor then you already know what a great group of talented people we are. However, at the recent fall Markham Fair, three of our vendors distinguished themselves: Gillian and Nick of Family Kitchen were awarded Best Outdoor Booth where they sold their delicious soups; Melodie and Mike Howard of Howards Farm won two first place ribbons and a second place ribbon for their exotic Lavender Orpington chickens (gorgeous) and I won 6 ribbons divided between my baking and preserves?all in all, a very respectable showing for the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair vendors.

See you at the Indoor Market!