Market Matters St. Johns Farmers Co-op Newsletter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SJFM! THE MARKET HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE IT'S INCEPTION...

- Fall 2007: gathering of vendors hold an initial "market" at Masonic Temple
- 2008: vendors move from the Masonic Temple to the Lions' Club. Volunteer Steering Committee is created to organize the market.
- July Nov. 2008: Steering Committee's first full-season, recurring Saturday "St. John's Farmers' Market"
- Steering Committee becomes "Friends of the St. John's Farmers Market"
- November 2010: St. John's Farmers' Market becomes a Co-op, with 25 vendor and consumer members
- 2011: SJFM Co-op begins managing the market.
- 2012: Planning begins to look for a larger market site
- Winter 2017: SJFM changes from a seasonal to a yearround market
- July 2018: St. John's Community Market officially opens at 145 Freshwater Road.



QUICK CO-OP FACT

The SJFM Co-op was formed November 2010. It had a founding membership of 25 vendor and consumer members; currently we have 250+!



- A co-operative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise".
- Co-operatives are based on the values of self-help, selfresponsibility, democracy, equality, and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, co-operative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility, and caring for others".
- Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

DID YOU KNOW...

- "The Waffle Lady" is one of the original 2007 market vendors
- Many past/current vendors now have storefronts and have sold across NL. Canada, the world
- Consumer/vendor members can avail of special offers from other co-ops
- Market-goers can use the CRA grassy area



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BIRTHDAY MARKET WEEKEND!

2-Day St. John's Farmers' Market with almost 70 vendors! Market Passport for kids (prizes while supplies last!), kids crafts and tree saplings activity!

Saturday 22nd 9am-4pm:

9am: Loot Bags (first 200!)

All Day: SPCA (community room)

9am-12pm: Face Painting (Create-a-face)

9:30am: Opening Ceremonies & Cake cutting

10:15am: Sophie Angnatok and Ashley Dicker (Inuit throat singers and drum dancers)

10:30am: Yoga (Shakti Yoga on CRA grass)**

10:30am: Ol Billy Bob Boy (performer)

12-4pm: Face Painting (Squishy Cheek Designs)

12pm: Infrared (performer)

1pm: Christian Howse (performer) 2-3:30pm: Glass Blowing Demo

(East Coast Glassworks)

Sunday 23rd 10am-4pm

10am: **Loot Bags** (first 100!)

All Day: Goats (Button Adventures)** 10am: Kevin Hartley (performer) 10:30am-2:30pm: Bouncy Castle**

11am-3pm: Hoppy Homes

(community room)

11am: Alison (performer)

12pm: Tyler Humby (performer) 1pm: Maia Mckeown (performer) 2-3pm: Eldin Husic (performer)

** activities are outdoors / weather dependent Note: schedule accurate as of time of publishing Check out www.sjfm.ca for the latest!