

PROSSER FARMERS' MARKET



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Saturday May 3, 2008!**

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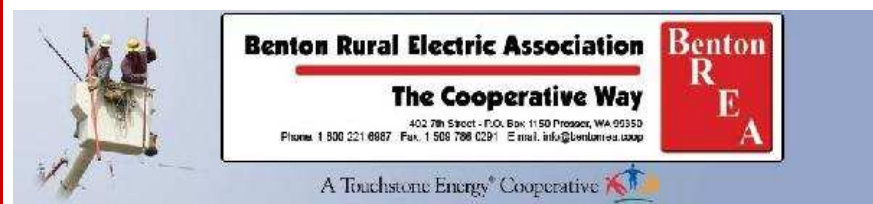
New Look for the Market Website

Our revamped site is still at prosserfarmersmarket.com!

Check out the newly designed format and up to date information on what is happening at the Market!

Message From The Market

Annual Meeting The Prosser Farmers Market Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the Benton REA Conference Room in Prosser from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The meeting began with a "social time" and ended with the business meeting. Agenda items included the 2007 business reports and election of 2008 Board Members and Officers.



Benton REA Support

A heartfelt thank you goes to the Benton REA and Manager Chuck Dawsey for continued support of the Market since its inception. Benton REA recently offered to host, free of charge, the new Prosser Farmers Market website. Previously in 2000, Chuck and Benton REA were instrumental in helping the Market obtain a USDA grant administered by the Northwest Cooperative Development Center; and REA continues to provide much appreciated guidance and assistance.

Buggirl's Garden & Tucker Gardens



Bug Girl's Garden

Visit Our Vendor Page

2008 Board Members

Sue Derryberry, *President*
Kathy Aubrey, *Vice President*
Linda Hall, *Treasurer*
Elaine Tucker, *Secretary*
Gary Ballard
Barb Becken
Becky Jansen
Dave Donovan
Tina Murphy
Rene Groom, *Asst Mkt. Man.*
Jamie Calley

Associate Members

Steve Becken, *City Rep*
Sharon Crosby, *PEDA Rep*

Newly elected members
this year are Rene
Groom, Assistant
Manager; and Jamie
Calley of Greenehill
Farms. Thank you for
your willingness to serve
and Welcome
Aboard!

Invite you to their **3rd Annual Spring Plant Sale** on Saturday April 19th from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. You'll have a wide variety of **bedding plants, perennials, herb & veggie starts, planters, trees, shrubs** and much more to choose from. The location address is 161901 W. Richards Road in Prosser. For More Info go to www.mysite.verizon.net/buggirlsgarden.



Grant Award Funds Enhance the Market

The Project for Public Spaces Grant Award proceeds received in 2007 have been used to acquire much needed assets. Purchases included a variety of items to enhance the Market. A refrigerator was purchased for food storage; adjustable tables to display the Market Booths' bakery items, cheeses and baskets; mobile, and upright propane patio heaters for use during the cooler months. All these improvements will make for a great market experience for vendors and customers alike.

Funding was also used for market promotion. New informational rack cards for distribution to local businesses and book marks distributed to local school children providing information on nutrition were printed. A designer was hired to create a new revamped look for the market website. The new site will contain downloadable vendor registration forms, up to date event information, a "subscribe link" for the newsletter, all contained in a stylish, updated eye catching format.

"Star of the Market"



Congratulations are in order for Sara Beightol who was awarded our **"Star of the Market Award"** at Prossers' Annual Community Awards Banquet held this past January. Sara has been a volunteer for 3 years, beginning her volunteerism in high school and continues to take on any task asked of her. Her generous contribution of time, support and hard work is greatly appreciated. **Thank you Sara, our**

Shining Star!

Board Members Retire

Bill McKenna, River Road Forge was elected to the Market Board February 28, 2005. He is a 3rd generation iron worker, who took a career into an art form. Making iron gates, cooking pots and anything else anyone might want. Bill and his creations will be greatly missed at the Market. . . . but we are thrilled to report that he will still be shopping and visiting us from time to time. While Bill will not be selling his wares he still can be contacted for contracted pieces.

Kelly Weigers was elected to the Market Board February 23, 2004. Though retiring from the board, Kelly our resident "herb specialist", will still be a vendor and consultant for the market and our customers. Kelly is owner of Nature's Farm and Nursery which has a wide range of unique culinary herbs as well as a store on her farm. She is invaluable, providing assistance to all; anyone from a personal home gardener to our local chef's in how to grow herbs.

*Thank you Bill and Kelly for your dedication.
Your service has been invaluable to the
Market! We will miss you!*

2008 Special Events

Opening Day - May 3rd



Lavender Festival - June 21st

Peach Perfection August 16th

Come on by and enjoy juicy, sweet peaches and ice cream!

Cluck Cluck Bingo September 27th

You could be the big winner of the Jackpot when "Strutz Struts His Stuff"

Fall Festival October 11th

Hot apple cider, pumpkins and fun & games for the kids

Get Involved, Contribute & Make a Difference!

Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated. There are a number of areas for which assistance is needed. Our Annual Clean-Up Day is April 5th 2008 at 9:00a.m. If you would like to lend a helping hand, just show up and pitch in!

We are also on the lookout for entertainment for the Market. If you have a band or singing group, we would love to have you showcase your talent at the market. If you want to have fun, meet new people and provide a much needed service that benefits not only the Market, but our community as well, please contact us!

2008 Season Opening Day - Saturday May 3rd

**Market Days are Saturday Mornings, May - October 8 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
Sommers Avenue & 7th Street**

Come and see what we have to offer!

Our Mission Statement To establish a quality market for local area farmers and entrepreneurs to sell their fresh produce and commodities to the local and surrounding area consumers.

Contact US

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