

October 9, 2017

Hello All,

The San Juan Islands Agricultural Guild and San Juan Island Farmers Market Association (SJI FMA) are co-organizing the second annual Brickworks Old-Fashioned Christmas Market, to take place at Brickworks this December 2nd and 3rd! We are calling all farm, craft, and confectionary vendors who wish to participate in this magical holiday extravaganza.

The vision for this event is inspired by traditional European Christmas markets. We will evoke a bustling and festive “winter village” inside Brickworks and on the plaza, with rustic decorations, trees, lights, an open fire, and decorations. Farm, food, and craft vendors selling Christmas-themed dishes, drinks, and creations will fill the plaza and building. There will be fun activities for kids and adults, and local musicians will entertain with carols, bell ringing, and more. There will be food and drinks and two large tents outside on the plaza. Market hours will be Saturday and Sunday, 10am – 4:00, December 2nd and 3rd.

The event will be marketed to locals and tourists with help from the Chamber of Commerce and the SJI Visitors Bureau, as well as the Ag Guild and SJI FMA.

We are soliciting vendors for the Christmas Market and hope you will be interested in this fun and potentially lucrative opportunity. A vendor application is attached. Vendors will be selected by jury. All market items must be handcrafted in San Juan County and fit with the old-fashioned Christmas theme. Ideas might include wreaths and garlands, toys and decorations, beautiful household items and furniture, textiles, knit wear, ceramics, candles and holders, and delicious Christmas cookies and candies. Food vendors might consider roasted chestnuts, soups, breads, mincemeat pies, and other winter foods.

Vendors are strongly encouraged to dress in old-fashioned costumes: long dresses or skirts with petticoats and shawls for women, vests or jackets with button-down shirts for men (and hats or caps couldn't hurt). Vendor booths should be decorated for the season, including with lights and REAL greenery (no plastic please). Booth displays should be abundant and attractive. With space very tight due to interest in this market, vendors are encouraged to pair up, if possible. Most booths will be 6x6.

We hope you can envision the spirit and look of the event we are working to create. You may even be familiar with Christmas markets in Europe. For inspiration, you might google “European Christmas markets.” There are many websites with delectable photos. If you have any questions and further ideas for the event, please contact:

For vendor (food, farm, artists) questions:

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Warm wishes, San Juan Islands Agricultural Guild and the San Juan Island Farmers Market