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# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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*Hello Everyone,*

*I'm thrilled to inform you that a new and excellent location has been secured for Ambleside Artisan Farmers' Market. If you are not aware yet, the Ambleside market is moving to Ambleside Park. More information about this exciting news below.*

*Have you marked April 20th on your calendar yet? That's the date of our AGM.*

***Nominate a Director!*** *If you or someone you know can take an active role contributing time and expertise to the Artisan Board of Directors, please let us know. All are welcome to put names forward. We are currently seeking directors with varying fields of expertise. A minimum two-year commitment is required. Voting will take place at the AGM.*

*Details and updates from Tara, important market dates, as well as our BCAFM conference wrap-up and kudos are also included below.*

*For more information about the Artisan AGM [click here](#).*

*If you are a vendor, please be sure to read Tara's updates.*

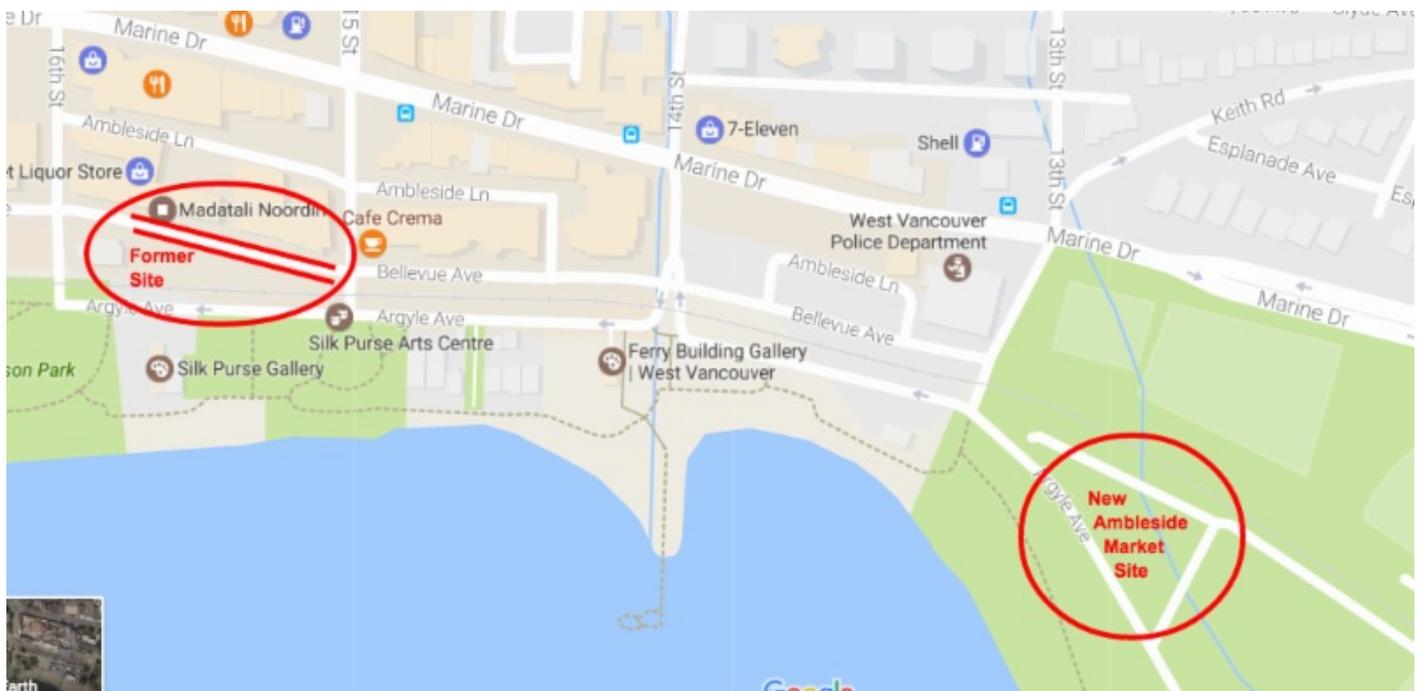
*Enjoy!*

*Bernie*

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## It's Official! Ambleside Park is the New Home of Ambleside Artisan Farmers' Market

We are pleased to announce the Ambleside Artisan Farmers' Market site will remain in the Ambleside Village area, at Ambleside Park, only three blocks from its former location (map below).



The decision was confirmed by West Vancouver Mayor and Council's unanimous vote on a recommendation put forth by district staff at their March 6th Council meeting. Artisan Farmers' Market Society fully endorsed the recommendation. The vote concluded two months of dialogue between the staffers, our society and local stakeholders.





[More details are available here](#), on our blog

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## **Don't Miss the Pre-Season Artisan Markets at Lonsdale Quay!**

There are still more Artisan Markets for you to check out before market season starts May 6th. Here is a list of the dates.

- April 1st (SATURDAY) - Earth Friendly Market
- April 15th (SATURDAY) - Easter Market
- May 6th (SATURDAYS until November) - Start of Weekly Summer Season Market
- May 14th (SUNDAY) - Mother's Day Market

The #BCBuyLocal Artisan Lonsdale Quay Pre-Season Markets will feature local foods, crafters and artisans, and will be open from 10AM to 3PM.

"[The Land of Deborah](#)" made a fun video of the March 18th market. Check it out on [their Facebook Page](#) or on [our Blog](#) along with more market information.

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# BCAFM 2017 Conference Wrap Up

Earlier this month, the [BCAFM](#) put on another great annual conference for British Columbia's farmers market organizers and vendors.

The Artisan team enjoyed and took home valuable information from this year's conference, which was held at the Inn At The Quay in New Westminster. The event doubled as our planning meeting venue while the Artisan team was together in one place.

## BCAFM Conference Workshops

The weekend included several workshops for Market Managers, Directors and Vendors. Artisan's GM, [Tara Immell](#), co-facilitated a workshop called "Market Day Food Education: [Providing learning opportunities for all ages](#)" and Artisan Director, [Bernie Glemas](#), presented the "[Web Content Marketing 101](#)" workshop.

## Awards for Farmers' Market Organizers and Vendors

The BCAFMs Annual Awards Banquet was hosted by Margaret Gallagher, CBC Radio One's "Hot Air", and featured musician Ranj Singh who provided a beautiful musical backdrop to the evenings events. Delicious local foods were served, including salmon supplied by our own Ron Gorman of [Wild West Coast Seafoods](#).

Award recipients included Coquitlam Farmers' Market, Creston Valley Farmers' Market and McLeese Lake Farmers' Market for Farmers' Market of the Year in their respective categories as well as Artisan vendor Forstbauer Family Natural Food Farm for Vendor of the Year.

Congratulations to all award recipients. Here is the complete list:

- Farmers' Market of the Year (Large): [Coquitlam Farmers Market](#)
- Farmers' Market of the Year (Medium): [Creston Valley Farmers' Market](#)
- Farmers' Market of the Year (Small): [McLeese Lake Farmers' Market](#)
- Farmers' Market Manager of the Year (tie): Jen Comer ([Creston Valley Farmers' Market](#)): and Julia Zado ([Coquitlam Farmers Market](#))

- Farmers' Market Vendor of the Year: [Forstbauer Family Natural Food Farm](#)
- Volunteer of the Year: Gwen Settle ([Abbotsford Farm & Country Market](#))

## Here are a few Photos:



BCAFM Awards Banquet



Congratulations to Forstbauer Family Natural Food Farm, 2016 Farmers' Market

[Click Here for More Images](#)

Thanks to the good folks at BCAFM for putting on such a great conference!

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## Tara Talks: Market Events, BC Buy Local, Whole Foods Market and Vendor Updates

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the [AGM on April 20th](#) . If you're ready to sell before May, give our pre-season pilot markets a try! They are indoors at Lonsdale Quay Market in North Vancouver on Saturday, April 1 and Saturday, April 18. Sign up at: [artisanmarkets.ca/become-a-vendor](http://artisanmarkets.ca/become-a-vendor).



Please also mark these dates in your calendar:

### Kids' Days @ The Markets

May 13/14: Make a Mother's Day Card for Mum

Jun 17/18: Make a Fathers' Day Card for Dad

Jul 15/16: Hear Stories at the Teddy Bear Picnic

Aug 12/13: Enter your vegetable in the Zucchini Races

Sep 15/16: Laugh at the Doggie Days Fashion Show

Oct 21/22: Dress up at the Harvest Festival Photo Booth

### #BCBuyLocal Weekends @ The Markets

Supported by the Government of BC's Buy Local Program; delivered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC.

As mentioned in the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture Press Release, [B.C. farmers' markets benefit from Buy Local funding](#), **Artisan Farmers' Markets has received funding from the B.C. government's Buy**

**Local program**. Specifically, \$8,007.50 to increase attendance at farmers' markets, especially families with children through social

media, website upgrades, promotional materials, packaging, advertising and media exposure.

We're now looking for members of our community to share their skills. At each market, we're offering \$100 to the presenter(s) for the day and \$100 to be used buying products on the day from our vendors to support each event. [Put in your proposal to share your skills](#) by April 15th and we'll choose the presenters at the AGM.

**Whole Foods Market has selected us as a local community fundraising partner.** Bring your own grocery bags & look for Artisan Farmers' Markets on the Whole Foods Market cash registers in Burnaby and West Vancouver come April. Money collected will go to our [B.C. Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program](#). For vendors interested in selling their products in the new North Vancouver Whole Foods Market, opening in Fall 2017, mark April 26 on your calendar: [northvanmeetandgreet.eventbrite.com](http://northvanmeetandgreet.eventbrite.com).

See you soon,

Tara

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