

OFFICIAL GUIDE

TO THE 4TH ANNUAL, EVER POPULAR

**10 Fun
and Fascinating Farms,
2 Wineries,
& 1 Delicious
Farmers Market!**



- Everbearing strawberries
- Train rides
- Heritage breed animals
- Cooking demonstrations
- U-Pick vegetables
- Rare fruits
- Bison sausage
- Friendly alpacas
- Wine tastings
- Scarecrow-making contest
- Organic dairy treats
- Healthy grass fed cows, pigs, chickens & MORE!



10am-5pm Saturday, September 10th

Always the second Saturday in September



Thank you to all the Farm Tour sponsors! Thank you also to Skagit State Bank and Whatcom County for funding to enhance the Farm Tour signage, and Bellingham Whatcom Tourism for helping to regionally promote our 100% one-of-a-kind Whatcom culinary and agri-tourism adventures.



CURT MABERRY FARM



FARM DESCRIPTIONS:

1 HERITAGE LANE FARM

9333 Guide Meridian Rd
Craig & Kelly Mayberry (360) 441-9903
ckmayberry@clearwire.net | www.heritagelanefarm.net

Heritage Lane Farm specializes in promoting biodiversity through the production of rare breed animals raised on our farm in a sustainable manner. Come and see Navajo-Churro, Southdown and Oxford sheep, Large Black and Mulefoot pigs, Delaware and Buckeye chickens, Narragansett turkey's, Khaki Campbell and Silver Appleyard ducks, and more. Learn about protecting these living treasures from the past and about what food was meant to be. Say "hi" to the fine folks from the Community Food Co-op.

2 DAKOTA CREEK WINERY

3575 Haynie Rd. Blaine, WA 98230
Ken & Jill Peck (360) 820-4752
www.dakotacreekwinery.com | ken@dakotacreekwinery.com



At Dakota Creek Winery, you can tour our environmentally friendly wine cellaring cave and learn how we incorporate sustainable practices in the vineyard and into our wine production. Our delightful locally produced wines will be available for sampling and for sale.

3 CAMELOT RANCH ALPACAS

3405 Bay Road, Ferndale, WA 98248
Les & Carol Boswell (360) 366-9976
camelotcarol@gmail.com | www.camelot-ranch.com

Come meet our unique herd of friendly fiber animals! We raise and sell registered huacaya alpacas, concentrating on Peruvian accoyo stock. Learn about raising alpacas and their incredibly soft fiber. Discover this earth friendly fiber by creating a fun fiber project – great for all ages! Save time to browse the gift shop full of wonderful alpaca items, so nice for holiday gift giving. Bring your camera!

4 TWISTED S RANCH

2530 Douglas Road, Ferndale, WA
(360) 312-1464
twistedsranch@frontier.net | www.twistedsbison.com

The Twisted S Ranch festivities will include a complete ranch tour, samples of our tasty bison meat products, display of bison hide and fiber, coloring for the kids, brochures on the bison, an up close viewing & photo opportunity of the bison, and drawings during the day for a free Twisted S Ranch Eco-Bag.

5 BOXX BERRY FARM

6211 Northwest Rd, Ferndale WA
Roger & Mike Boxx (360) 380-2699
rboxx@pogozone.net | www.boxxberryfarm.com or join us on Facebook

Come on out to the farm, take an informative farm tour, put the little ones on the kiddie train ride and enjoy a true family farm experience. We'll have some super sweet corn on the cob or a berry sundae especially for you! You will enjoy checking out the acres of berries, the park in the back, and really fresh produce! Small Potatoes Gleaning Project will also be on hand, showcasing the "plant a row for the hungry" project. Also meet fabulous folks from Grow Northwest Magazine and pick up a current issue.

6 For complete details, visit www.EatLocalFirst.org

6 HALF ACRE FARM U-PICK

(located on the Boxx Berry Farm)
6211 Northwest Road, Ferndale
Dan & Hannah Coyne (360) 389-2306
www.myhalfacrefarm.com | dan@myhalfacrefarm.com
Join us on Facebook

U-PICK VEGETABLES like no other in Whatcom County! Come play in the dirt with us and leave with the freshest veggies and herbs you'll ever purchase, all grown without herbicides or pesticides. Have kids? Nothing is more enjoyable than seeing your child's reaction when pulling up their first carrot. Everything we grow is available for u-pick, so come experience the harvest first hand!

7 BELLEWOOD ACRES

231 Ten Mile Rd Lynden, WA
John & Dorie Belisle 360-398-9187
doriebelisle@yahoo.com | www.bellewoodapples.com

As a BelleWood guest you will enjoy a tour of the farm via our "Apple Bin Train", enjoy the habitat stream walk at Tenmile Creek, visit our farm store and taste all our homemade products. Our special guest will be Nancy Ging, a Whatcom Locavore and columnist, preparing a delicious dish for you. See you at the farm!

8 BELLINGHAM FARMERS MARKET

Depot Market Square at Railroad & Chestnut
Caprice Teske 360-647-2060
market@bellinghamfarmers.org | www.bellinghamfarmers.org

The Bellingham Farmers Market is an open-air gathering place where over 50 local farmers offer their fresh produce, fruit, plants and flowers alongside tasty food, fabulous crafts and festive music. Come to the market as part of your Farm Tour experience and meet dozens of small farmers who grow fresh, nutritious food for our community year-round!

9 VARTANYAN ESTATE WINERY

1628 Huntley Rd, Bellingham, WA, 98226
Margarita Vartanyan (360) 756-6770
info@vewinery.com | www.vewinery.com

Just 5 minutes from exit 255 I-5, discover this boutique winery with excellent wines. Woman-owned and operated by Margarita Vartanyan, this winery produces some of the finest limited edition wines around. Share the beauty and the bounty of magnificent Mount Baker view from our Tasting Room/Gallery or outside patio with the fireplace.

10 BELLINGHAM COUNTRY GARDENS

2838 East Kelly Rd., Bellingham 98226
The Grubbs Family (360) 223-3724
www.bellinghamcountrygardens.com

Pick, gather, and dig fresh healthy ever bearing strawberries (yes, in September!) and no-spray vegetables. See where our food comes from and learn the benefits of the many types of vegetables you will find here. For extra fun we will be kicking off a Fall Scarecrow making contest – participate starting on the Farm Tour and continuing during our Pumpkin Patch time. See our website for details. The good folks from the Whatcom Farm To School Program and Common Threads Farm will be the local hosts on site – stop by to see what fresh and local foods are making it into area schools' cafeterias this year.

11 CLOUD MOUNTAIN FARM CENTER

6906 Goodwin Rd.
Everson, WA 98247
Non-profit Farm 360-966-5859
info@cloudmountainfarm.com | www.cloudmountainfarm.com

Cloud Mountain Farm Center is the new face that will build on what Tom and Cheryl Thornton have created over the last 30 years. The farm is transitioning to an educational training center for market farmers and consumers, and will continue to grow and sell from the Retail Nursery, Fruit Orchards, Vegetable Crops, and Vineyards. On the tour, taste samples of seasonal fresh fruits and take a walk around the farm.

The Whatcom County Farm Tour, Eat Local Month and our work at Sustainable Connections depends on the generous support of individuals and businesses in our community! Please consider making a donation at any tour stop or at www.SustainableConnections.org to help us continue building a stronger, sustainable local food system.

12 FARMER BEN'S

1461 VanDyk Rd.
Ben & Jessica Elenbaas (360)354-8812
info@myfarmerben.com | www.myfarmerben.com

At Farmer Ben's you will experience a farm animal tour of our antibiotic-free, chemical-free and grass fed Angus Beef, Berkshire Pigs, free range laying hens, and our pastured meat poultry! Of course, you'll meet our famous pet pig "Flower" and our Great Pyrenees livestock guardian dog "Lars." We will have all of our pastured meat products for sale as well. This is a stop you won't want to miss!

13 EDELWEISS DAIRY

1519 Timon Rd, Everson
Hans & Colleen Wolfisberg (360) 354-8040
swissfarm7@gmail.com | www.organicvalley.com

The first certified organic dairy in Whatcom County, Edelweiss is a member-owner of Organic Valley Cooperative. Our farm isn't generally open to the public, so take advantage of the opportunity to stop by on the Farm Tour for a sneak peek inside an organic dairy farm! Visit the cows and calves, sample Organic Valley goodies, and enjoy our pastoral setting by the Nooksack River. Guided tours will be offered at 10am, 1 pm, and 4pm.

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Google map and biking loops can be found online at www.eatlocalfirst.org, or scan this with your smart phone.



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