



Rome Grange Farmers Market Whatcom County, Washington

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"The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness"

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Hello, my name is Andy Snow, and I am the current president of the Rome Grange, located 7 miles east of Bellingham on Mt. Baker Highway. In keeping with the mission of State Granges to promote agriculture, husbandry and rural cottage industry, we are excited to announce our third season Farmers Market at the Grange. We will start Friday, June 7, and run all the way to September 27, seventeen Fridays in total, and **we would love to have you participate**. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your wares with the public, network with other vendors, and build connections with our Whatcom County community!

Our expanded Farmers Market this summer includes all Fridays from June 7 through September 27th. Each day will run from 3 to 7 p.m. to take advantage of the heavy afternoon traffic on Mt. Baker highway, and without a highway closure, we anticipate even better customer flow than last year! Parking is ample, bathrooms are available inside the Grange hall, and the building is fully ADA accessible.

I am cordially inviting you to consider participation for one or more of those dates and am including additional description, an application and required waivers. The participation fee is very nominal, and we are not charging a percentage fee of sales! To better accommodate vendors' busy summer workloads we have more flexible options for participation this year:

- a) **Commit to 1 or more full months \$20/day:** June, July or September are each **\$80**, August (5 Fridays) is **\$100**
- b) **Commit to all summer \$15/day:** June, July or September at \$60 each, \$75 for August (5 Fridays) Total = **\$255**
- c) **Commit to all summer \$10/day plus \$50 Grange membership fee, Total = \$220** (includes Grange membership benefits too!)

All you must provide to set up are your own tables, tent, product and payment devices (we have high-speed internet to facilitate this). Tent weights required for safety in case of wind.

We would be honored to host your farm or small business, and support the hard work you have put towards producing quality local products. If you need additional information, or might be interested in participating, please contact me or Communications officer Emma Hreljanovic, or send the attached completed application materials to romegrangewhatcomcounty@gmail.com.

Looking forward to hearing from you, Sincerely, Andy