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May 2015

"I like pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals."

~ Sir Winston Churchill

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Many Markets Are Opening During the Month of May!

Most of your favorite markets are opening this month around Prince George's County. Those that open this month are highlighted below but be sure to check the Farms & Food [website](#) for a full listing because a few more make their season debut in June.



Bowie Farmers Market opens for the season on Sunday, May 17, 8am - 12pm. Enjoy various types of fresh fruit and vegetables, breads and baked goods, jams and jellies, beef and goat meat, ice cream, fresh cut flowers, bedding plants and so much more!

For more information about the market and vendors, visit their [website](#) and Facebook [page](#).

Cheverly Community Farmers Market opens Saturday, May 30th, 8am - 12pm. They will operate on alternate weekends through October. Get your

taco on at their Cinco de Market [fundraiser](#) on May 5 at Franklins Restaurant, Brewery and General Store. All day long, 20% of all food (dine in or carry out) and general store purchases will be donated to support their [Maryland Market Money](#) matching program in partnership with the Maryland Farmers Market Association. Just mention the Market!

For more information about the market and vendors, visit their [website](#) and Facebook [page](#).



LOCAL EVENTS

Community Nights Program at Gertrude's

The Maryland Farmers Market Association
May 7

MDFMA is partnering with [Gertrude's Restaurant](#) through their "Community Thursday Nights" program! Gertrude's will donate up to 20% of their sales to the Maryland Farmers Market Association, which supports markets in Maryland, including Prince George's County.

But they need your help - the more guests that attend, the more they raise! They need 100 diners to mention the MDFMA fundraiser in order to receive the 20% of dinner sales that evening. Here are the details:

Location: [Gertrude's](#), 10 Art Museum Drive, Baltimore, MD 21218

Time: Anytime you feel like having dinner!

Reservations: Can be made through the [restaurant site](#) or on [OpenTable](#).

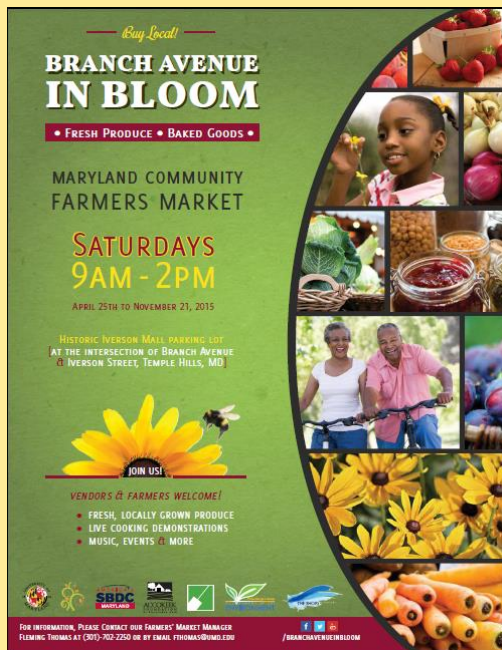
Let them know you're coming on their [Facebook Event page](#).



Greenbelt Farmers Market officially opens on Mother's Day, May 10! The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Clarinet Choir will play for mom and her and family friends on opening day. As a treat for bringing mom to market, there will be free balloons for the kiddos. Greenbelt has a few new vendors this year including College Park's Roy and RT's Kitchen Garden. They will serve specialty Indonesian food featuring

vegetables from the Caspari's own farm and other locally produced food. Bring mom and the family for brunch and to shop for local goodies!

Please visit the market's [website](#) or Facebook [page](#) for more information.



Three markets open Saturday, May 2 including the **College Park, Glenn Dale** and the **Roots & Stems at the National Church of God** farmers markets. The NEW **Old Town Bowie Farmers Market** will open Wednesday, May 6th, 3 to 7pm. For locations and times, click [here](#).

Up on the Hill Flea and Farmers Market has recently opened and we can look forward to an additional **Roots & Stems Farmers Market at the WSSC** starting May 13, 11am - 3pm. Finally, the **USDA Farmers Market in Beltsville** will welcome customers for its 16th season on May 7th, 10am to 2pm. This is a "Make, Bake, Grow Market and new vendors are welcome!

The **Accokeek Foundation** is expanding its farm market reach by offering fresh, locally-grown, certified organic produce in Temple Hills and the surrounding communities, while also helping to educate consumers about healthier food options. Farm produce is available for purchase at the **Branch Avenue in Bloom Farmers' Market** located at the Iverson Mall parking lot (intersection of Branch Avenue and Iverson Street) every Saturday from 9 am - 2 pm. Accokeek will be joined by their neighbors in Clinton, Miller Farms. Be sure to check out BAIB's Facebook [page](#) for updates!

Miller Farms Markets & PYO

Miller Farms (Clinton, MD) will participate in the following farmers markets this year:

- College Park Farmers Market:** 5/2
- Downtown College Park Farmers Market:** 4/26
- Capital Harvest on the Plaza (D.C.):** 5/15
- American Market at National Harbor:** 5/9
- Bowie Town Center:** 5/9
- D.C. Open Air Farmers Market RFK Stadium:**



Spinning Yarns Accokeek Foundation May 9, 11am - 1pm

This workshop will introduce participants to the art of spinning using the earliest form of spinning fleece into yarn-the drop spindle. This method allows for new spinners to gain experience without the expense of a spinning wheel. The basics of fiber selection will be covered with a particular focus on the wool of heritage breed sheep, as well as a brief introduction to wheel spinning.

Visit their [website](#) for details.

BUMBA Demonstrations

Come learn about honeybees and beekeeping with BUMBA (Bowie-Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association)!

Spring Farm Festival - May 2, 11-4pm

Hard Bargain Farm
2001 Bryan Point Road,
Accokeek, MD
Visit [website](#) for details.

Bostwick Festival - May 2, 10-4pm

Bostwick House, 3901 48th Street,
Visit [website](#) for details.

Green Man Festival - May 9&10

Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt
Visit [website](#) for details.

A-MAY-Zing Animal Festival - May 16, 12-4pm

Bladensburg Waterfront Park
4601 Annapolis Rd
Visit [website](#) for details.

Cheverly Day - May 16

Cheverly Community Center,
6401 Forest Road
Visit [website](#) for details.

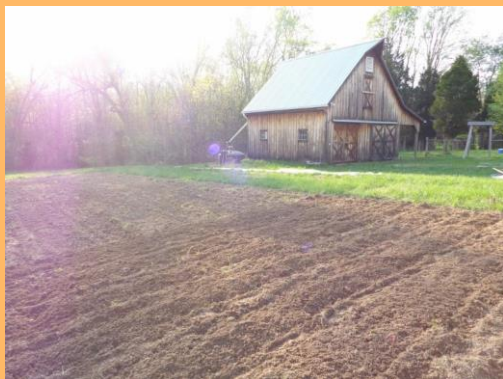
Visit BUMBA's [website](#) for details.

Saturdays, Thursdays beginning in June
Branch Ave in Bloom: 7/4

Pick-Your-Own (PYO) strawberries begin the 2nd weekend in May followed by PYO kale and collard greens the 1st week of June!

Find the full list of county markets for the 2015 season [here](#).

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Primaterra Farm CSA Shares

CSA shares are still available from Primaterra Farm for the 2015 season! Primaterra is a small, diverse vegetable farm in Brandywine, MD focused on growing great vegetables in a sustainable manner. Their CSA begins the second week of May and goes for 24 weeks. Each 1/2 bushel box will include 5-7 in-season vegetables harvested on the day of pick-up. Spring crops include radishes, lettuce, chard, mustards,

parsley, bok choy, snap peas, as well as many other items throughout the season! The cost is \$600 for the full season - just \$25 per box! For more information please visit their [website](#) or Facebook [page](#) or send them an [email](#).

Romano Vineyard & Winery

There are always so many fun things happening at Romano's in Brandywine, MD. Just over a week ago, they planted the newest members of their grape family - Muscadine, Niagara and Concord. This weekend, they are getting ready for their Spring Vendor Fair! See the full line-up for this month below:

- **Open House** every Saturday, 12-5pm
- **Spring Vendor Fair** - May 2, noon - 5pm - Cabin Creek Heritage Farm will be there with their charcuterie!
- **Calvert Arts Fest** - May 9, 11am - 6pm
- **Riverdale Park Farmers Market** - May 14, 3 - 7pm
- **Wine & Canvas @ Romano's** (painting a Blue Crab) - May 15, 6:30 - 9:30 (doors open at 6pm) [Register today!](#)
- **Wine Tasting @ Brandywine Wine & Liquor Depot** - May 22
- **Wine Tasting @ Nick's of Calvert** - May 29
- **Marietta Wine Festival** - May 30, 11am - 6pm



Modern Homesteading: Food Foraging Accokeek Foundation May 17, 12 - 3 pm

Join staff for a walk through the woods and fields of Piscataway Park in search of wild edible and medicinal plants. Learn to recognize a handful of common and easily identifiable species that are often overlooked as weeds, and take home recipes for tasty dishes featuring foraged foods and a wild foods ID guide for the region.

Visit their [website](#) for details.

"Weekends on the Farm" Intertwining History + Science through Interpretation Accokeek Foundation Weekly; Saturdays and Sundays, 10 am - 4 pm

The National Colonial Farm invites visitors to examine a different current-day environmental issue through the lens of history. What historical paths did Americans follow that have led us to this critical stage of concern about the Earth's future vitality? By working and playing along-side the Bolton family, visitors discover a time before acid rain and shrinking polar ice-caps. They will have fun learning some of the lost arts of homesteading, while also coming to understand that colonial people had environmental challenges too. Paired with each monthly colonial experience, museum interpreters will be on hand to engage visitors of all ages in interactive activities that help to illuminate some of our time's most pressing environmental issues. The event is free and open to all ages.

Visit their [website](#) for more information.

- [Annapolis Arts Crafts & Wine Festival](#) - June 6, 10am - 6pm; June 7, 10am - 5pm

For more information, visit their [website](#) and Facebook [page](#).

Eco City Farms CSA Shares Offer Affordable Healthy Food

Beginning in May, ECO City Farms will offer weekly farm shares of locally grown produce to Prince George's County residents. Each week will contain a different mix of produce, depending on what is in season. The taste and freshness of locally grown, fresh picked produce can't be beat!



Produce is sustainably grown either by ECO City Farms or by partner farmers who grow using organic and chemical free methods. Produce from ECO City Farms is Certified Naturally Grown. Two share sizes are available:

Large Farm Share (ECO product only)

\$20/week with purchase of entire five month season, 18 weeks at \$360.

Small Farm Share (ECO plus partners products)

\$12/week with purchase of 21 week season, at \$252. SNAP/WIC customers pay \$10 weekly with monthly commitment & \$20 deposit.

Shares are available for the Spring/Summer season, May 7, 2015 to September 24, 2015.

Participating farmers include Black Dirt Farm in Dorchester County, Md.; Blueberry Gardens in Ashton, Md.; **Riversdale Mansion historic gardens** in Riversdale, Md.; **Primaterra Farm in Brandywine**, Prince George's County, Md; Happy Hens Barnyard in Somerset County, Md.; and Blades Orchard in Caroline County, Md.

Visit ECO's website at www.ecocityfarms.org for more info and to download the application.

For more information about ECO City Farms programs, please visit their [website](#) and Facebook [page](#).

Get Your Good Sense Farm & Apiary Food Share!

Join Good Sense's **Whole Diet CSA** this summer and get local seasonal vegetables, mushrooms, eggs, herbal remedies and more from May to November. Choose size, workplace delivery, or vegan and allergy options. Pesticide & Chemical FREE. 50 shares



Centro Ashé Events

May 2 Open House & Plant Sale at Centro Ashé/ Prickly Pear Produce [Info & Registration](#).

May 16 Save the Date Herbal Encuentro at [ECAC](#) hosted by Ecohermanas & Centro Ashé

May 17 Intro to Ayurveda at [ECAC](#) with Ileana Gonzalez (\$30)- [Info & Registration](#)

Registration requested for events and CSA: [Click here to register](#).

Also check out their:

Permaculture Design Certificate Course

A 12 Day Certification Course with instructor Eric Kelly of Charm City Farms With Integrated Forest Gardening Practicum
Dates: May 7-10, August 27-30, October 1-4 from 10-4:30pm
At Centro Ashé Farm in Bryans Road, Maryland

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In collaboration with Kindred Wellness initiatives, The HealASista Project and The Usisi Circle, **Centro Ashé Farm will work to provide healing and support to women of color and young girls in Baltimore.** They are seeking donations of bulk herbs and tinctures, aromatherapy supplies, teas, and herbal self-care items. These will be utilized immediately to support women who are providing healing support in the communities in Baltimore, as well as for ongoing educational opportunities.

Visit their [website](#) for more details.

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Southern Maryland Meats Program Seeks Retail Partners



Retail venues including grocery stores, butcher shops, farm stores, on-farm markets and other specialty stores are encouraged to **apply for a [Southern Maryland Meats \(SMM\) freezer display case dedicated for the sale of locally farm-raised frozen Southern Maryland Meats](#)**. Retail host sites must market and sell a variety of local farm products and be able to stock and sell locally produced SMM meats. Venues may be considered in the five county area of Southern Maryland (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties) and the metropolitan DC area.

Applications must be received by Friday, May 8, 2015 to be considered. To download the SMM Display Case Application Form and Evaluation Criteria visit the 'News and Announcements' page at the SMADC

[website](#) or call SMADC staff at (301) 274-1922, Ex.1

View application packet here: [SMM Display Case Application and Criteria](#).

And while you're visiting SMADC's website, be sure to check out the [Crop Hop cycling tour](#) which will be hosted by our neighbor, Anne Arundel County. The ride starts and ends at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center.

Radix Farm is Hiring!

Radix is looking for a part time, seasonal worker to work on harvest days from July through September. Radix Farm, located just 12 miles from Washington, DC, grows Certified Naturally Grown vegetables on three acres and sells to a CSA, farmers markets, and restaurants.

The PT Farm Worker will assist with all aspects of a small, diversified vegetable farm with a focus harvesting and prepping for CSA deliveries and Farmers Markets. This is a part-time, seasonal position, approximately two days per week. Ideally the candidate would be available from mid-July through September. For more information, visit their [website](#) and Facebook [page](#).



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Visit the calendar on the Prince George's County Farm Fun [website](#) for information about more local farm and food events!

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Spring Farm Festival at Hard Bargain Farm

Date: May 2, 11am - 4pm

Location: 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek MD

Admission: \$5 per car

Join Alice Ferguson Foundation for a day in the country for the entire family! Each spring they open their gates to the public for their [annual Spring Farm Festival](#). Come enjoy the music, the view, the natural areas, and the lively barnyard that is a "living laboratory" for thousands of children each year.



- **Live Music** with local musicians and a Nashville guest
- **Plant Sale:** veggies, herbs, perennials, annuals, native plants and more!
- **Art & Craft Displays** by local artisans
- **Hay Wagon Rides** to the Potomac River (nominal fee)
- **Barnyard Adventures:** Cow milking, butter churning, blacksmithing
- **Kids' Activities** at the Log Cabin
- **Food and refreshments** will be for sale from Bear Creek BBQ and Bob's Ice Cream. Enjoy lunch on top of the hill overlooking the Potomac River and Mount Vernon.

Jug Bay Stable Receives Award

Jug Bay Stable in Upper Marlboro, MD recently was named "Prince George's Soil Conservation District's 2014 Cooperator of the Year." Jeff and Alison Shenot firmly adhere to supporting local agriculture and buy all their feed, supplies and services from local county businesses.

Through their dedicated conservation efforts such as solar energy, nutrient and pasture management practices and the county's first reinforced concrete animal waste management system, the Shenot family has created a model small horse farm. They were recognized by several elected officials including three MDA Secretaries of Agriculture, Joe Bartenfelder (current), Earl 'Buddy' Hance and Hagner Mister.



Montpelier Farms Opening Day Celebration!

Date: May 9, 10am - 3pm

Location: 1720 Crain Highway, North, Upper Marlboro, MD

Admission: \$8 per person

www.montpelierfarms.com

Opening May 9th!!

Mothers Day Celebration

10:00 A.M. TILL 3:00 P.M.

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Family Farm Park



OPENING DAY KICKOFF FAMILY FARM PARK

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AND KIDS CORRAL PLAYGROUND (Swings,
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