



GALAX DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

Working to Benefit the Community of Galax, Virginia

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FARMERS MARKET



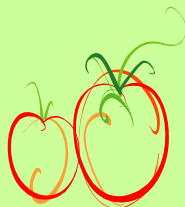
The Galax Farmers Market- Fresh Picked!

The Galax Farmers Market will officially open **on Friday, June 5 at 8am**. We have changed our hours this season in hopes of accommodating more working folks; the new hours are Fridays from 8am until 1pm, and Saturdays from 9am until 1pm. We are looking forward to another great season filled with friendly conversation, occasional special events, and of course, lots of fresh produce!

The GFM is a producer-only market, which means that every product has been grown or made by the vendor selling it. This requirement ensures each item for sale is a local one, and your purchases keep dollars circulating in Carroll, Grayson, and Allegheny counties. We are fortunate to have so many smaller-scale producers here in our area.

The variety of fruits and vegetables throughout the June-October season is incredible. Our region is famous for cabbage and pumpkins, but there is so much more at the Galax Farmers Market: cherries, peaches, lettuces, beans, beets, herbs, eggs, honey, apples, tomatoes, potatoes, plums, broccoli, flowers, pears, baked goods, grapes, jam.....every week finds something new and different-

Subscribe to our weekly newsletter by sending your email address to mileshalfacre@gmail.com, and look for our listing in the Galax Gazette each Wednesday during the season. Questions, comments, and suggestions can also be addressed to the above email. Stop by, bring a friend, and enjoy some fruits of local labor!



GDA Elections

Next GDA Meeting
Monday, June 1
6:15 pm at Rooftop

Elections to be held June 1st -

Nominations for the available positions on the GDA Board were taken at the 5/4/09 meeting. The nominees are: Margo Crouse, Rachel Dixon, Larry Staples, Jeanne Stripland and Lynn Funk.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor the night of the election. Anyone can become a New Board Member, but you must have attended 3 meetings in the past year to qualify to vote. Plan on attending the meeting on **June 1, 2009 at 6:16 PM-Rooftop, Lower level.**

Remaining Board Members:

Scott Petersen-**President** Marcus Kuhn- **VP of Operations** ,Sharon Ritchie ,Pat Brown- **Treasurer** & Erin Reidhammer- **Past President**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are very excited about our first Groovin on Grayson June 19th! We've secured the bands and have had several planning meetings getting prepared for the event. **WE STILL NEED YOU!**

We need volunteers in 2 hour blocks to help prepare hamburgers and hotdogs, cashiers, check ID's, serve beverages, set up, take down, sell merchandise, and much more! Please consider signing up for at least ONE 2 hour slot so that everyone can come enjoy the festivities. We have many people coming to our Downtown and we want this year's Groovin on Grayson to be a success! The

GDA is a non-profit Community/Business Partnership that brings many wonderful events to our town. This will be our major fundraiser for the 2009 year; we have: Live Classic and Southern Rock Music on the Grayson Street Stage, Fun & Games for the kids, Food and Beverages, Door Prizes and various Vendors. A large **Classic Car Cruise-In and Motor Cycles** will line Main Street. Admission is FREE- Many Shops and Restaurants will be open. Email: director@galaxdowntown.com to sign up!

www.groovinongrayson.com

Attention Business Owners:

People's Choice Window Decorating Contest, "Western Theme"

- Windows should be complete by July 6th.
- Out of Town Judges will decide the winning Window!
- Winner will be announced Saturday July 18th at the stage on N. Main Street.
- Let Margo know by 5/31 if you would like to participate, so your name will be in the press release.

Contact Margo at 238-0058

Bar'Q festival July 17th and 18th:

- 100 Welcome Bags will be given to the Judges and Contestants of the Bar'Q festival
- A tour bus from Raleigh will be here on the 17th. A Welcome bag will be given to them also. Approximately 40 people will be coming on the bus.
- If you would like a coupon in these bags, please bring to Margo by **July 9th (NO LATER)**
Contact Margo at: 238-0058

BUYER'S DREAM PRE-CHRISTMAS EVENT

When: November 6th and 7th (Set up will be November 5th)

Time: 7AM-7PM

Location: Galax Recreation Center-TOP FLOOR

Price: \$100 per spot **if we have 20 merchants**

DEADLINE DATE: Entry FORM and FEE to Chamber of Commerce or Margo by August 24th



We would like to make this an annual event to bring folks to our town. The more booths set up the better. Let's fill up the top floor.

This is a GREAT opportunity for pre-Christmas sales and exposure to your store.

We will have entry forms at the next GDA meeting in June.

Leaf and String Festival: June 12th & 13th, 2009

Enjoy Bluegrass and Old-Time Bands, Clogging and Storytelling, Kid's Activities, Arts and Craft Vendors, Downtown merchants and Antique Shops, Book signings and Author Workshops, Pickin' Parlor on N. Main and great food.

There will be Art Demonstrations and Classes at Chestnut Creek School of the Arts and Authors on Grayson Street Book Festival sponsored by Chapters Bookshop. Performances will include Wayne Henderson and Jeff Little-Friday Night at the Historic Rex Theater. Admission \$8 at the door. Grayson Highland's Band will perform Saturday night at the Grayson Stage-Square Dance Finale.

Two days of music at the Grayson Street Stage:

Friday: Tribute to the Blue Ridge Music Makers Guild featuring Bill and Maggie Anderson, Mountain Thunder, Guild Members Band and much more.

Saturday: Master Musicians of the Crooked Road featuring The Highlanders, Marshall Brothers and High Road, Anderson- Strickland and more!



Chestnut Creek Coffee-



GRAND OPENING

-Thursday 6/18/09 at 6PM

**Please come join us in the Celebration!
Free Samples of coffee and desserts!**

A Finishing Touch

The fourth in a series of Mixers will be Thursday 6/18/09 from 5:30-8:00 PM.

Make Plans to attend this wonderful networking opportunity! For your business to host a future mixer, please contact the GDA Director at 236-0668 or email at: director@galaxdowntown.com

Double Takes Consignments has a new location: 112 Main Street

Hours: 11-5 Tuesday -Friday

11:30-3:30-Saturday

Current Sale going on NOW!

Call: 236-3538 with any inquiries

Business of the Month:

Grayson Carroll Wythe Mutual Insurance Company is a progressive mutual insurance company incorporated under the laws of Virginia to serve the people of Virginia.

With a broad history of service dating back to 1896, our company has always operated solely for the benefit and service of our policyholders. We offer a broad range of products and coverage at a lower than average cost while maintaining a very high standard of service. Grayson Carroll Wythe Mutual has all the latest insurance industry products.

**108 Washington Street Galax, VA 24333
236-8106**

Over 45 Authors on Grayson:

June 12th and 13th, 2009 in Downtown Galax - Sponsored by Chapter's Bookstore.

Friday and Saturday: Meet the Authors and get your book signed.

Saturday 10:00-4:00-Book Discussions and Music at the East Grayson Stage

Old Time Music at the Author's Stage featuring Andy Wolfe and Stu Shenk and friends. Brementown Musicians by Once Upon a Blue Ridge will perform Saturday at Noon in the Rex Theater. \$5 Adult, \$2 Child.



