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It's time to head out to our local farmers markets. Here's a list traveling from south to north of the farmers markets in our area along with contact information and websites to peruse for even more information. Each market has a wide variety of choices and entertainment. Plan to spend several hours and enjoy at least breakfast or lunch while you shop.

Port Orchard Farmers Market is reportedly the largest and longest running farmers market in recent time in our area. The market is located on the waterfront in downtown Port Orchard from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday from April 28 through October 13. You'll find a wide variety of shopping temptations. Visit www.pofarmersmarket.org or call 360-337-3173.

Bremerton Farmers Market is in its fourth year. Hours are every Thursday from 4-7 p.m. May 17 through October 11 in the parking lot of Seaside Church, next to Evergreen Park and Augustino restaurant in Bremerton. The market began in 2003 with the support and encouragement of Kyle and Cynthia Cruver (former owners of Café Destino). It was Cruvers' way to help create a sense of community and support local farmers and artisans. The market continued each summer through sponsorship by community groups, Seaside Church, local businesses and Bremerton Urban Garden Society. This year Bremerton Farmers Market has become a membership organization which includes a board of directors and market manager, along with continuing support from Seaside Church. To become a member of this market or to vend at the market contact Tiffany Royal at 360-621-5934 or email bremertonmarket@gmail.com.

Bremerton Farmers Market spokesperson, Tiffany Royal, said "In the past few months that we've been putting together this season's market, we've had a ton of support and positive feedback from the community. We're incredibly excited about this season with the wide variety of products vendors have to offer, as well as hopes of bringing in entertainment and hosting various special events."

The Silverdale Farmers Market is Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Silverdale Hotel Parking Lot. Contact Monica Phillips at 360-830-9565 for more information about this market or to become a vendor.

The Poulsbo Farmers Market is also four years old. It's located at the Poulsbo Village Medical Dental Center at 7th and Iverson in Poulsbo. The market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from April 14 through October 13. Music is onsite nearly every week along with tempting food, produce, flowers, organic coffee, chef demonstrations and much more. The market is becoming known for its tomato taste-off every fall. Visit the website at www.poulsbofarmersmarket.org or call 360-779-6720 or send an email to info@poulsbofarmersmarket.org. Subscribe to a weekly newsletter by sending a "subscribe" message to the previous email address.

The Kingston Farmers Market is open every Saturday from mid April through mid October from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and is located at Mike Wallace Marina Park near the ferry terminal. Food, fun, music, plants, crafts and a myriad of produce are available each week. Visit the website at www.kingstonfarmersmarket.com, call 360-337-3173 or email kingstonfarm@earthlink.net for more information or to become a vendor.

Bainbridge Farmers Market in City Hall Park is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 14 through October 20. Flowers, artisans, fresh produce and abundant products and temptations are available each week. Call 206-855-1500 or visit the website at www.bainbridgefarmersmarket.com. You can also subscribe online to receive a weekly newsletter.

Discover the enjoyable, entertaining and energizing offerings at our many local farmers markets.