

The Shed Row Market

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Horses believe in Santa too!

November 20th 9:30am – 4:30pm

LANGLEY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010: With change of the clocks, it seems the Holiday season is fast approaching and the Fields and Flowers Farm family are trimming the farm gates, stall doors and hay bales in anticipation of the holiday inspired Shed Row Holiday Market on Saturday, November 20th.

The Shed Row Market was born in 2009 from the desire to provide much needed support to newly retired Thoroughbred racehorses through the New Stride Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation. In October of this year the Fall market saw over 2,000 visitors and generated over \$6,000 in donations including the adoption of two New Stride horses and the intake of numerous new volunteers for the Foundation.

"The response from the community for our October event was tremendous," says Maryanne Lechleiter, one of The Shed Row Market producers. "We were very pleased at the support for New Stride's horses and the opportunity for visitors to connect with the work the Foundation does in the racing community."

The response from visitors to the Market was overwhelming and many asked if a Holiday Market was in the works. "We had a large number of visitors ask if we would be putting on a Christmas event," notes Lechleiter. "Working with some new and returning vendors, we are hosting a one-day Holiday version of The Shed Row Market with thoughts of holiday decorating, entertaining and shopping in mind."

Visitors to the Farm on Saturday, November 20th will be able to catch seasonal floral demonstrations at 11:30am and 1:30pm with florist and New Stride President, Marcy Emery. All of the items used to create the festive displays, including farm fresh Cedar and Fir bows and Holly sprays, will be available for purchase.

"This Saturday's event will focus on helping visitors with their Christmas Wish Lists, holiday decorating and entertaining," says Lechleiter. "You may even catch a glimpse of Santa while you are here."

As with previous Markets, visitors will be able to meet the former racehorses who call Fields and Flowers Farm home while they shop in the comfort of the Shed Row. Vendors are varied and include everything from gourmet foods for holiday entertaining like Farm House Natural Cheeses to breathtaking watercolours from artists like Marney-Rose Edge.

Further details regarding The Shed Row Market including a complete list of vendors, can be found by visiting www.theshedrowmarket.com.

The Shed Row Holiday Market will be held rain or shine in the shed row of Fields and Flowers Farm at 900 232 Street, Langley. Fields and Flowers Farm owners Barb and Onno are long standing supporters of New Stride and the proud owner of Musing, a former racehorse and National Champion sport sire.

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New Stride Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation was founded in 2002 and facilitates adoption and care and retraining for non-competitive and injured Thoroughbreds. More information about the foundation and horses available for sponsorship or adoption can be found by visiting www.newstride.com

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