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Weekend Market Picks July 13 & 14: Cherry Season with Samascott Orchards



I normally don't choose any favorite anything when it comes to markets because I truly appreciate all aspects of all markets. But I will admit that high summer is my very favorite time in the farmers markets. Our farmers are harvesting the juiciest fruits, sweetest corn and plump tomatoes as I write. And I have been enjoying as much of their bounty as I can so I can savor the memories in the deep winter while I'm trying to peel a squash without severing a finger.

Today's photo is a beautiful display of sweet and tart cherries from the good people at [Samascott Orchards](#) in the [Union Square Greenmarket](#). Eat them directly from the carton or bake something delicious, like a cherry tart. Or, better yet, this: [Cherry Bounce Cocktail from the Beekman Boys](#).

Weekend Market Picks:

Saturday, July 13, 2013

[Real Designer Market](#): There's no better time than to hit this exciting designer market than mid-summer, when everyone needs a wardrobe or accessories refresh. Showcasing some of New York's finest emerging designers, Real Designer is a treasure trove of funky, flattering and unique clothing, jewelry and accessories. 11AM – 7PM, 268 Mulberry St., Nolita, Manhattan

[Rockaway Youth Greenmarket](#): Members of the Rockaway Youth Task Force run this GrowNYC market. These young people bring much needed fresh produce to a community that is still recovering from the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, while they also learn about business and nutrition. It's a nice sized market too with 12 great farms participating. 11AM – 3PM, Rockaway Beach Blvd. between Beach 67th and 69th Sts., Queens

[Surf's Up Vegan Shop Up](#): As I always say, I love this market because it is a safe haven for vegans. But you don't have to be vegan or even vegetarian to appreciate the killer lineup of food vendors and vegan products. 12PM – 6PM, Pine Box Rock Shop, 12 Grattan St., Bushwick, Brooklyn

[*Shout Out* Broadway Barks](#): The amazing people at Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS is hosting the 15th Annual Broadway Barks dog and cat adoption and fundraising event. Show your love for the city's animals in need and rub shoulders with hosts Mary Tyler Moore and Bernadette Peters, as well as many other Broadway stars! 3:30PM – 6:30PM, [Shubert Alley](#) between 44th & 45th Sts. and 7th & 8th Aves., Manhattan

Saturday & Sunday, July 13 & 14, 2013

[Brooklyn Flea's Smorgasbar in the Seaport](#): If you're looking for a cool, outdoor place to hang out with your friends, check out the Brooklyn Flea's Smorgasbar in the Seaport. Part of the city's effort to revitalize this part of town, Smorgasbar features some of the Flea's famous food vendors as well as a full bar. Several Brooklyn Flea artisans

have opened boutiques in shipping containers here too! *Sun – Thu. 11AM-10PM, Fri.-Sat. 11AM-11PM, Fulton and Front Sts., Manhattan*

The Market NYC: This market is triple threat. First, it is located in the heart of the Village, so you can take advantage of your visit to stroll down historic Bleecker Street. Second, it is home to several floors of mini-boutiques, each featuring handmade products that will capture your imagination. And third, you get to meet the designers themselves, learn about their products and listen to their stories. *Wed. & Thu. 12PM – 8PM; Fri. 12PM – 9PM; Sat. 11AM – 9PM; Sun 12PM – 8PM; 159 Bleecker St. at Sullivan St., Manhattan*

Sunday, July 14, 2013

Fulton Stall Market: Another area hard hit by Hurricane Sandy, the Seaport could really use your support. The Fulton Stall Market is a wonderful, innovative market where you can spend an hour visiting with each food and artisan vendor, taste a wide range of delicious foods, and buy some outstanding handmade products. *11AM – 5PM, South St. between Fulton and Beekman Sts., across from Pier 17, Manhattan*

Brooklyn Bridge Park Down To Earth Market: The Down To Earth Markets organization runs farmers markets throughout the city and surrounding region. I love the diversity of their markets because they also feature many vendors of prepared foods, including cured meats, baked goods, pickles, sauces and more. Check out this lovely Sunday market by the East River. *11AM – 4PM, Pier 6, Brooklyn Bridge Park, Brooklyn*

Yummy Summertime!

~ Karen Seiger, Markets of New York City

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