

They're Back...

Organic Wednesdays resume June 15 on Pike Place

Organic Wednesdays resume June 15 when Eastern and Western Washington farmers sell their certified organic produce from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at tables on the street under the Pike Place awning north of Pine Street.

This month, shoppers can expect late-spring and early-summer, certified-organic crops such as rhubarb, fresh peas and "great fava beans and seasonal greens," said Scott Rice, Farm Program manager for the Pike Place Market. "Then, a little later in the season, look for gorgeous peaches and nectarines and other fruits as

well."

And remember, many farmers offer rare heirloom fruits and vegetables, such as the exclusive Alvarez Farms peppers.

"To my knowledge, we're the only farmers market in the state to feature an organic day," Rice said. "Generally, we have between eight and 12 growers selling each week, and we're looking to have more growers this year."

For more information about the season which ends October 26, telephone Rice at 206 774-5372 or e-mail Scott @pikeplacemarket.org

The Question

By Pat Det

The veggies are round.
They fit in your hand.
The fruit can be small.
They sell from a stand.

Try pitching an apple.
It's easy as pie.
Your fingers can grab it.
It sails through the sky.

Zucchini is harder.
There's a drag coefficient?
But kinda like footballl,
It's not inefficient.

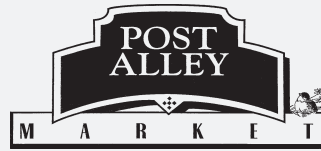
Pick up a pepper
And toss for a shile.
Or cabbage or lettuce.
They air with a style.

So with all of these foodstuffs –
So firm and so dry –
Why is it that fish
Is the food that does fly?

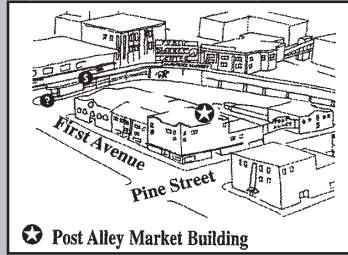
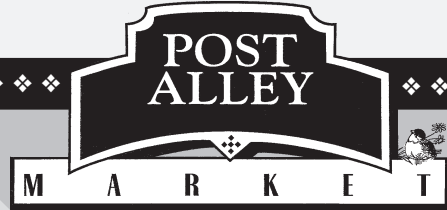
They're floppy and slimy
And covered with scales;
Unwieldy, unbalanced,
With fins and with tails.

Sharp teeth that can bite you –
Even when dead –
No good way to throw them,
By tail or by head.

So I ponder when idle
This famed paradox
Perhaps it's a mercy
They're not selling rocks.



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