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On Wednesday, October 22, Alexandria Whole Foods Market together with the other six Whole Foods Market stores in Northern Virginia, will host a 5% Donation Day to benefit Empowered Women International. Whole Foods will donate 5% of the day's sales to EWI in support of their program. Whole Foods Market and EWI have an on-going partnership and collaboration that started 5 years ago when the organization opened its doors in Alexandria.

Throughout the years, Whole Foods Market hosted numerous art and cultural events of the EWI in the local stores while EWI offered empowerment and leadership workshops to culturally diverse women, staff members of the Whole Foods Market.

Ann Biesel, the Alexandria Whole Foods Marketing Specialist & Community Liaison values the organization's work to provide independence and business skills to talented and artistically skilled immigrant women and families.

Empowered Women International is an Alexandria based organization that fosters empowerment and entrepreneurship for immigrant, refugee and culturally diverse women and communities, and creates sustainable livelihoods through the arts.

Red Barn Mercantile at 113 S. Columbus St will hold a Halloween Spook-tacular on Saturday, Oct. 25 all day. Cider and cupcakes will be served, there will be treats for the children and 25 percent off on Halloween decorations and accessories. For more information <http://www.redbarnmercantile.com>.

Once again Maribeth Nyerges is baking her pink-frosted ribbon cookies to honor Breast Cancer month.

Maribeth , who owns Maribeth's Bakery and is one of the most faithful vendors at the Alexandria Market, will be offering her cookies for donations at her booth at the market every Saturday in October. Those with a sweet tooth and those without can buy the cookies singly or order a batch directly from the bakery by calling 703-941-0400.or picking up an order blank at the market.

If you are looking for a treat to bring to the office, to your church coffee or neighborhood meeting, you can order as many as you need and Maribeth will bring them to the market for pickup

On Sunday, November 9th, four leading talents in the innovative cocktail community will

come together for "5 for \$50," a crafty cocktail affair to raise funds for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, www.missingkids.com, at PX, located above Eamonn's A Dublin Chipper in Old Town. Located nearby, the charity is near and dear to the hearts of both Thrasher and his business partners, Chef Cathal and Meshelle Armstrong, who are also parents of two young children, Eve and Eamonn. The evening's event aims to raise awareness of the mission behind NCMEC:

Skilled alchemist Todd Thrasher has brought together the creative minds of his 'friends in spirits'; Tad Carducci (Tippling Brothers), Eric Felten (Wall Street Journal spirits writer), Charlotte Voisey (Hendrick's Brand Champion and mixologist for William Grant & Sons), Derek Brown (Komi, Cocktail Ambassador to New Orleans Cocktail Museum) and H. Joseph Ehrmann (Elixir bar in San Francisco) for an evening of cocktails and carryin' on.

"5 for \$50" begins on Sunday, November 9th, at 6 p.m. and concludes at 10 p.m. Entrance is through PX and the evening will take place on both the first and second floors. Eamonn's A Dublin Chipper will be closed for this private affair. Five cocktails for \$50 gets patrons in the door tasting specialty handcrafted concoctions along with enjoying the 'cocktail magic show' behind the bar. The show begins every 30 minutes when one of the savvy tastemakers takes the bar over at PX creating their cocktail for the evening.

As this is a fundraising benefit, all tip jar goodies will go directly to NCMEC.

Reservations for this special affair are very limited R.S.V.P to Host Clinton Terry at Clinton@restauranteve.com. Include in the Subject Line - 'Swank Party.'

PX is located at 728 King Street. 703-299-8384, www.eamonnsdublinchipper.com.

The Upper King Street Farmers' Market is located at King Street Gardens Park, 1806 King St. and open Wednesdays through Oct. 29 from 3-7 p.m. Free.

The Old Town Farmers' Market, located at 301 King Street, is open on Saturday mornings year round from 6:30 to 10 a.m.

The Del Ray Farmers' Market, at the intersection of Mt. Vernon and East Oxford Avenues, runs from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

The West End Farmers Market is open: until the end of October on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the South parking lot of Ben Brenman Park

The Mount Vernon Farmers Market is open on Tuesday mornings until Nov. 20, from 8 a.m.- Noon at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane

The Kingstowne Farmers Market is open until Oct. 26, from 4-7 p.m. at Kingstowne Town Center



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