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**Deadline Extended! Calling all local artists to the Abbotsford Arts Council's 2015 Christmas Market at Highstreet**

**Abbotsford, B.C.** – Local artisan wares will be just in time for the season of good tidings and gift giving. The Abbotsford Arts Council has extended the application deadline to October 2 for the 2015 Christmas Market at Highstreet Shopping Centre (3122 Mt. Lehman Rd.) on December 4, 5, and 6. All artisans in the Fraser Valley are invited to add their flair to the flavour of this festive market.

Building on last year's success, the 2015 Christmas Market will be a one-stop destination for guests to find one-of-a-kind gifts and stocking stuffers as well as discover talented local artists. Please take this opportunity to bring your art to the community for the holidays.

Submissions for original, handmade visual artwork in various media will be accepted until October 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Applications are available at [abbotsfordartscouncil.org](http://abbotsfordartscouncil.org) or the Kariton Art Gallery (2387 Ware Street). The gallery's hours are Tuesday to Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday to Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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**About the Abbotsford Arts Council**

For over 40 years, the Abbotsford Arts Council has been a resource for local artists while promoting the vision, creativity, and energy of the Abbotsford community through the arts. The Abbotsford Arts Council consists of members, volunteers and directors representing diverse artistic, economic, and cultural interests of community members of all ages. Almost 70 local arts, heritage and culture organizations receive support under the umbrella of the Abbotsford Arts Council, and the talents of hundreds of local artists are showcased by the Abbotsford Arts Council each year at the Kariton Art Gallery and Boutique, the Envision Financial Coffee House Concert and Concert in the Park Series, the Arty Awards and the Christmas Artisan Gift Fair. To learn more about the Abbotsford Arts Council, visit [abbotsfordartscouncil.org](http://abbotsfordartscouncil.org)

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