

# Q&A with Carrie Webb, East Point Farmer's Market



Carrie Webb, manager of East Point Farmers' Market, studied as an artist at Fleming College & York University, and says she appreciates all the work that goes into the creative process of creating fine art and music.  
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## Q&A

Carrie Webb is an artist and the manager of East Point Farmers' Market in Saint John, now in its second summer season. She has run the St. Andrew's Farmer's Market for seven years and owns the Happy Shoppe on Deer Island, which she, her husband & three boys have called home for 31 years. She looks at a farmer's market as a venue to test your products, promote your business, perform music & reach your goals.

### Who were your heroes growing up?

Brian Adams, Burton Cummings, Terry Fox, Helen Keller, Dian Fossey, Group of Seven, Women doctors & around the world sailors, Sylvester Stallone, my Grammy & Mom.

### What do you treasure most about New Brunswick?

Wide open spaces, hiking trails, biking trails, wild flowers & the fresh seaside air.

### Which living New Brunswicker do you admire most and why?

Measha Brueggergosman because of her resilience, presence, talents & willingness to share her true spirit.

### Which deceased New Brunswicker do you admire most and why?

Miller Brittain as his works of art relay a story. We all have a story & seeing the energy in which they were portrayed by Miller Brittain has inspired me in my own art forms.

### What is the toughest job you've done?

Having home schooled 3 boys for 22 years it prepares one for any & all challenges ahead.

### If you could go back in time, when would you go?

60's & 70's primarily for the genius musicians of the times.

### Is there one particular place on Earth you enjoy the most?

Where there are creative, progressive, compassionate, forward thinking fun people. I grew up in Ontario farmers' markets, Toronto trade shows, art shows & auction sales. When I travel the draw to these venues cannot be resisted both for products found & a feeling of home. Especially true for farmers' markets where all walks of life

& nationalities come together to share their talents while sharing their stories sometimes happy sometimes sad knowing the market family is always there to lend a helping hand. Meeting local musicians who create the atmosphere for so many venues is an integral part of the experience. Now empty nesting, I see our boys do the same; when miles away & home calls they visit their local farmers' market or as our son up North does, he periodically pays a vendor's fee & sells.

### How do you relax?

Yoga, walking, reading true adventure stories, archery, swimming, gardening & spending time with grand babies.

### What is your biggest disappointment?

That we are not producing enough food in Canada to feed Canadians. Seeking Government support for farmers to create year-round greenhouses which will lead to affordable fresh food choices all year round, sustainability for our food chain & the ability to offer wholesome food for all Canadians. Surrounded by fertile soul, a no-brainer, let's support our local farmers & encourage young people to go into farming. It is the way of the future.

### What trait do you admire most about yourself?

Lead with compassion, a sense of humour & positive thinking.

### What trait do you despise most in others?

Rather bring out the good side & hope for the best.

### What bothers you most about New Brunswick?

The lack of unified vision.

### What is your favourite food?

Locally grown veggies. Gotta have me spinach!

### What is your favourite New Brunswick community?

We moved to Deer Island 31 years ago & our favorite community to visit is Saint John because the city has so much charm but mostly because of the people within. Complete strangers have given us a lift when our car broke down. Several years ago, I couldn't find my way to the hospital because of a road closure so a lady jumped right in the car with me while her husband met us at the hospital. She said: "I know a short cut. I'll get us there before him" & she did. To funny & wonderful all in one! Trust, that's what makes a community beautiful.

### What is the greatest misconception that people have about you?

That I appear outgoing when in actuality, I am naturally shy.

### What was your most embarrassing moment?

When I think all the vendors are singing happy birthday to another vendor & find I'm the only one singing.

### What was your happiest moment?

To see a vendor display begin, plus grow within a Farmers' Market & go on to flourish with their own store.

### When is it OK to tell a lie?

When keeping a present secret or a special surprise.

### How would you like to be remembered?

As someone who enables others to recognize their potential & helps them do what makes them happy.

### Please share a secret with us.

Put cruise on & play AC/DC & Led Zeppelin full tilt on route to market. (shhh..)

*The East Point Farmers' Market is located at East Point Shopping in Saint John and runs every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) The St. Andrews Farmers' Market is located at Market Square in St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.*