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## **Langley Circle Farm Tour celebrates the Holiday Season**

Chestnuts were roasting on an open fire and the bubbles were poured as Tourism Langley welcomed this past weekend approximately 25 media from the lower mainland to Nature's Soiree; an introduction to the tastes and offerings one can experience from the 2014 Langley Circle Farm Tour.

The timberframe building at Thunderbird Show Park was completely transformed into a spectacular Christmas themed venue by décor artist Shelley Levis of Milner Village Garden Centre as well as Cedar Rim Nursery, three of the 17 participants of the 2014 Langley Circle Farm Tour. Guests were treated to an array of local flavors prepared by Lee Murphy from Vista D'oro Farms & Winery that included turkey from JD Farms, cheeses from Milner Valley Cheese, alpaca from Kensington Prairie Farm, Lee's world renowned artisanal preserves, decadent treats from the Milsean Shoppe, and scrumptious berry pies from Driediger Farms served with Krause Berry Farms ice cream. Backyard Vineyards, Blackwood Lane Vineyards, Chaberton Estate Winery, the Fort Wine Company and Vista D'oro offered pairings of their locally produced wines as the guests mingled and learned more about the passion shared by our local farmers, how agri-tourism continues to flourish here and why agriculture is so important to our community.

Fort Langley National Historic Site, Aldor Acres Dairy, the Fort Langley Village Farmers Market and the Langley Community Farmers Market were also represented and Langley Circle Farm Tour sponsors Well Seasoned Gourmet, Otter Co-op and Bonetti Meats offered additional support to the event.

Marianne Smith of Milner Valley Cheese comments "As a farm partner with Circle Farm Tour since 2011, we continue to experience growth in our product while having the opportunity to meet new and returning visitors to our farm." "We enjoy participating in this program and working with the other Langley Circle Farm Tour partners as we work together in showcasing the great diversity Langley has to offer with agricultural experiences."

When the afternoon wrapped, guests arms were filled with products from the farm partners, beautiful poinsettias, and an invitation to return for more.

The Regional Circle Farm Tour Group is a marketing partnership which showcases the diversity of quality agritourism and related businesses in the five participating communities (Abbotsford, Agassiz/Harrison Mills, Chilliwack, Langley and Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows). Additional information on the Langley Circle Farm Tour can be found at any Circle Farm Tour participant, sponsor, the Langley Visitor Centre 7888 200<sup>th</sup> Street, or visit [www.circlefarmtour.com](http://www.circlefarmtour.com).

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