



The Sharing Farm Society

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The much-anticipated Richmond Garlic Festival is back, and this year, it promises to be bigger and better than ever before! Among the stars of the festival will be the four distinct garlic varieties grown on-site at the Sharing Farm - Red Russian, Music, Italian Softneck, and Chesnok Red - each offering its own unique characteristics and culinary applications.

1. **Red Russian Garlic:** Red Russian garlic, is renowned for its striking appearance and intense, robust flavor. With its purple-striped outer wrappers and easy-to-peel cloves, it has become a favorite among chefs and home cooks alike. When raw, Red Russian garlic delivers a hot and spicy punch, while its flavor mellows into a complex and rich umami taste when roasted or cooked.
2. **Music Garlic:** Music garlic is a hardneck variety celebrated for its large, easy-to-peel cloves and pungent yet balanced taste. It offers a strong, lingering heat when raw, but when cooked, it develops a sweet and nutty essence that enhances a wide range of dishes. Music garlic shines in pasta sauces, pesto, and roasted vegetable medleys, making it a beloved staple in Italian and Mediterranean cuisines.
3. **Italian Softneck Garlic:** As the name suggests, Italian Softneck garlic boasts a soft and pliable neck, making it ideal for braiding. This variety is beloved for its versatility, as it can be easily incorporated into both raw and cooked dishes. When raw, Italian Softneck garlic has a mellow and mild flavor with a hint of spiciness, while its cooked form reveals a sweet and delicate taste. It's also the longest lasting of the garlic varieties, so you can still enjoy local garlic next spring
4. **Chesnok Red Garlic:** Originating from the Republic of Georgia, Chesnok Red garlic has earned its place as a culinary gem with its rich, sweet flavor and lingering, full-bodied aftertaste. It has a beautiful reddish-purple skin and contains up to 12 cloves per bulb.

Alongside the chance to purchase our locally grown garlic, visitors will have the chance to experience an array of mouthwatering garlic-infused delicacies, including roasted garlic flat bread, potato garlic naan tartine, and of course garlic ice cream, created by Rain or Shine Ice cream. There will also be a chance to attend informative workshops on garlic cultivation, and connect with local growers and vendors.

Join us at the Richmond Garlic Festival on Aug 20th, 2023 at Terra Nova Rural Park, 2771 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC . It promises to be a memorable experience for all who appreciate the exceptional tastes and aromas that these garlic varieties bring to the table.

For more information, please visit www.sharingfarm.ca/garlicfest

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Richmond Garlic Fest at Terra Nova Rural Park

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