

## Have a handmade, hometown holiday

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This year, most of us will be celebrating a smaller, more intimate Christmas at home. You can transform that into a truly homegrown holiday with local foods and gifts you'll find at the Dripping Springs Farmers Market. In December, our market is chock full of local artisans and cooks offering unique products that will bring a smile

to those who appreciate high quality, handmade, and homegrown.

From handmade toys to the main entree for the family feast, you'll find things on your Christmas list – and some you never thought of! How about a bottle of fine local wine as a hostess gift, a beautiful succulent arrangement for an older relative, a real homemade pie for holiday dessert, or even a leg of lamb as a new holiday meal tradition? What child wouldn't delight to find straws of local honey in their stocking on Christmas morning?

Bakers abound at market this time of year, with scrumptious handmade cookies, cakes, pies, biscotti, fruit breads, sweet rolls, croissants, nut bars, macarons, crusty sourdough and seeded loaf breads – even cheese puffs and gluten-free treats. If you've a mind to make your own holiday baked goods, you'll find locally ground flours and fresh-shelled Texas pecans to make your efforts the highest quality.

There is no limit to the imagination and scope of our local crafters. You'll find booths full of native plant wreaths, local goatmilk soaps, herbal body butters and scrubs, pecanwood cutting boards, handspun and handknitted wool goods, handcrafted jewelry (both

fine and rustic), non-toxic soy candles, imaginative children's toys, unique tree ornaments, and more to inspire your gift-giving.

Homegrown and homemade foods are, of course, the heart of a Farmers Market. Choose from hundreds of consumable gifts, sure to please those who like to simplify their lives: gourmet nut mixes, homemade jellies, smoked cheeses and meats, handmade tamales, raw dog treats, gourmet sauces, custom tea mixes and much more.

Shop creatively and safely in the open air at the Farmers Market, enjoy live music, great ready-to-eat food, and plenty of social distancing. Don't forget – we require masks for everyone's safety!

*The Dripping Springs Farmers Market is owned and operated by the City of Drippings Springs and held every Wednesday from 3-6pm at the Triangle (Hwy 290 and RR 12). Contact us at 512-858-4725 or farmersmarket@cityofdrippingsprings.com. Keep up with us on Facebook (Dripping Springs Farmers Market – Official) and through our weekly newsletter (signup at <http://www.cityofdrippingsprings.com/page/fm.home>).*



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