



Pepper's 13th annual **Local Island Showcase** was such a hit with the vendors and customers alike, we wanted to share some fun pictures that were taken during the day. As you can see, lots of smiling faces for such an entertaining event. It was an overwhelming success, and seems to gain popularity each and every year. 40 vendors attended, with close to 1000 patrons enjoying all the free samples to be had. 12 local gift bags handed out to lucky customers, endless amounts of samples dished out (including over 50lbs of smoked salmon). This event wouldn't be possible without the participation from these amazing vendors... donating their valuable time and product to make this event the success it has become. For those fortunate enough to attend, we hope you enjoyed

yourself and went home full. And for those who weren't able to, next July you will get another chance when we do it all over again!



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Three Diamond Dressing is a Dairy Free & Gluten Free *Vinaigrette* that will instantly transform any boring looking salad into flavourful goodness! This signature dressing originates from the Three Diamond Restaurant in Osoyoos, BC. After a married couple purchased the restaurant in 90's, they soon realized how popular and beloved the sauce was, so they felt they had no choice but to bottle it for retail sales... and now here we are!



We thought we'd expand our line from the traditional Taipan products, to now also offering you **M'Lord's** version of similar products. These include **Whole & Sliced Water Chestnuts**, as well as **Sliced Bamboo Shoots**. These are edible shoots that are produced by various species of bamboo, used in various dishes as well as broths.

Tre Stelle Deluxe Mozzarella Cheeseballs are so popular, we couldn't resist bringing in 3 smaller individual packs (all attached) when we were pitched with this offering. Instead of 1 larger 340g ball, this 3 pack contains 3 x 250g portions... giving you more bang for your buck and not having to use it all up quickly once it's been opened. Even though they normally come with fairly generous best before dates, freezing them and taking them out as you need them is also an effective option.



You may already be familiar with **Alo** Vera Juice that we have carried for years, well now **Alo** has released a new line of **100% Juices** with real fruit pulp. This line of all natural, handcrafted juices includes **Peach, Pineapple & Mango**, not made from concentrate.

Another beverage new to the beverage cooler at the front of the store is **Blue Monkey Sparkling Juice**. These vegan drinks are not from concentrate, and made with no artificial flavors or additives, making them better for you. Take your pick from **Watermelon, Mango**, and soon to follow: **Lychee**.



Arbutus Farms is excited about their new chick pea dessert spread. **Chic Dipz** offers a healthier alternative that is low in sugar, high in fiber, and higher in protein compared to the other sweet spreads - so you can say goodbye to guilt and hello to indulgence!

Spread Chic Dipz on toasts, bagels, rice cakes, waffles & pancakes, dip for fruit, crackers, pretzels or by the spoonful. Their names are as unique as their flavour: **Choc it up**

Buttercup, Cocoa Loca, Cinnadoodle & Cookie D'Oh. You'll find them in the Deli Cooler located across from cash register 1.



The **Garlic Box** has been a staple on the shelf at the front of aisle 3 for many years, as we have always offered **Garlic & Dill** and **Garlic & Mango** Dressings. Now we have added Sauces to the lineup with **Maple Orange & Garlic** (an amazing sauce for any BBQ grilling needs... excellent on steak, ribs, pork, meatballs, etc.) and **Smoked Garlic** (a sweet garlicky grilling sauce suitable for glazing chicken, ham, sausage, pork, turkey and duck).



With this warm muggy weather of late, hope you're managing to stay somewhat cool. Have a great week, and hope to see you in the store soon!

