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Appalachian Farmers Market Association Conference hosted at Slater Center

The Appalachian Farmers Market Association (AFMA) is partnering with the City of Bristol Tennessee to host the 6th Annual AFMA Conference and Winter Market on Saturday, March 22, 2014. Event hours are from 9:00 am to 4:45 pm and will be located in the Slater Center at 325 McDowell Street, Bristol, Tennessee.

Bristol's State Street Farmers Market was one of the founding members of AFMA and has proven instrumental in the creation of the AFMA Conference held each year in Bristol.

A full day of presentations and workshops related to local food production and marketing is slated for the conference. "Farmers market vendors, consumers, market managers, small farmers, gardeners, crafters and anyone interested in local foods will benefit from attending this conference," said Mike Musick of Bristol Parks and Recreation who oversees market operations for the city. "This year we have an additional draw with our keynote speaker, Dr. Allen Straw. Dr. Straw is a specialist in small fruits and specialty crops; something that a lot of folks seemed to be interested in today."

Pre-registrants will receive lunch and conference material. Registration is \$20. Attendees may also pay at the door but are not guaranteed lunch or conference material due to limited supply. To register or for more information contact Mike Musick at mmusick@bristoltn.org or Tamara McNaughton at tmcnaughton@asdevelop.org or 275-623-1121.

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