

## Market Highlight

### Mary's Hat

You'll find many interesting vendors at farmers markets everywhere, but it's likely no one will be wearing a hat as colorful as Mary Leighty's unique creation.

This ninety-year-old woman has been raising vegetables for many years and bringing them to the Kalispell market since 1984. And although you'll enjoy her selection of garden-fresh produce, it's probably her hat that you'll notice first.

"This hat has a history," said Mary. "All of the corsages are from my Sunday school kids or from weddings that I took part in. I had this dress that I covered it with. It was a dress that I bought in Hawaii, but it was too bright and too flowery to wear — as a dress, you know. And I didn't have any place to wear it.

"One year in our church, the WMPF, our women's prayer group, had a contest at Mother's Day, to see who could make the best hat. I didn't win the contest, and I didn't have any place to wear [the hat], so I decided I was going to wear it to the market. I've been wearing it ever since."

Stop in at the Kalispell farmers market to see Mary's hat for yourself. Buy some vegetables, and enjoy the company of this delightful woman.

