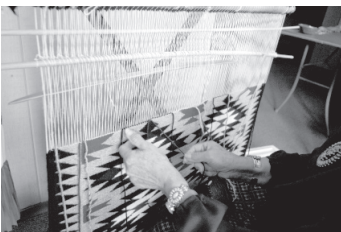


# newsbriefs

## Fair Trade at World Gallery

World Gallery in Mandeville opened in October 2007. The non-profit store and café sells fair trade products and organic fair trade coffee and tea, then donates the proceeds to worthy causes around the world.



Karen Bordelon decided to open a Fair Trade store after visiting one in Atlanta while vacationing there in 2007. Her unique fair trade

store works with non-profit groups, humanitarian groups and fair trade wholesalers to distribute items from small producer groups that otherwise would not have an opportunity to receive a fair wage for their beautiful, unique products. The products sold in the store come from over 20 countries and include home décor items, carved soapstone from Kenya, organic coffee and tea, jewelry, cultural gifts, wall hangings, organic cotton baby items, handmade rugs and linens, organic chocolate and other food items. There are purses, bowls, necklaces, placemats and other items from recycled materials and more.

Besides organic coffee and tea, the café offers panini sandwiches, salads, soup, organic pizza and smoothies – all moderately priced.

World Gallery is located at 1707 N. Causeway Blvd in Mandeville. It is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 pm. And Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 985-624-4673 or visit [worldgallerygifts.com](http://worldgallerygifts.com).

## Blueberries U-Pick

Blueberries, the top antioxidant superfood according to Tuft's University researchers, can be expensive, especially when out of season locally. Beginning in early June until mid-August, blueberry lovers can pick their own locally grown pesticide-free berries or buy them pre-picked at Blue Harvest Farms for far less than supermarket prices. And blueberries freeze well, so locals can stock up.

Blue Harvest Farms is owned by Chris Pinto and his wife Rachel. Chris is a New Orleans native, who after a career as a pharmaceutical executive in Jackson, MS, moved his family back to the Mandeville area in 2003. The couple bought a large tract of land in St. Tammany with the intention of starting a commercial farm. After opening up the first 6 acres planted in blueberries to friends and family in 2007, they realized there was a great interest in the pick-your-own product. So they changed direction. Being located 25 minutes from the foot of the Causeway, the Covington farm is convenient for residents on both shores of Lake Pontchartrain.

The facilities offer a new pavilion with shaded picnic tables, port-o-let and handwashing stations. Berry pickers are encouraged to make it a family affair and to bring a picnic.

Berries will be sold by the gallon (\$10 U-pick and \$15 Pre-picked). Pickers will be given plastic lined gallon buckets to take home. Recipes and freezing instructions are available.

The projected opening date is June 5<sup>th</sup>. Blue Harvest Farms is located at 78495 Hwy 21, Covington. For a schedule of days and times open and for a map visit the website [blueharvestfarms.com](http://blueharvestfarms.com). To check on closing due to weather call 985-809-9967.

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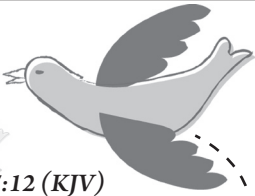


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