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Museum Reception To Feature Pies of Fran Forester

COOPERSTOWN – The home-made pies of Cooperstown Farmers' Market vendor Fran Forester will be featured during a reception this Friday, September 28 at The Farmers' Museum. The reception will immediately follow a talk by Sandra Oliver titled "Familiar and Reliable: What We Grew, Harvested, Cooked and Ate and Why."

Along with furniture, tools, and clothing, Oliver will explain, colonists and settlers almost anywhere in North America brought plants and animals with them to begin their agricultural activity. Preferences for the familiar and reliable governed what they chose to eat, and formed the basis of their agricultural practices with both sustainable and unsustainable consequences.

This event, presented by The Farmers' Museum, is the first in the museum's three-part Friday evening lecture series focusing on food and sustainable agriculture. Craig Haney, from the Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, will discuss "10,000 Years with Domestic Animals: Looking Toward a Sustainable Future" on October 5, followed by Peter Rose on November 2 with "The Influence of the Dutch on the American Kitchen." All three lectures begin at 7 p.m. in the Louis C. Jones Center and no reservations are required. For more information, call Kate Betz at 607-547-1461 or 888-547-1450.

Fran Forester, of Shadbush Farm in Richfield Springs, is well-known locally for her delicious pies. A perfect fit for the sustainable agriculture theme of this series, Forester mills all the flour for the pies herself.

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Hand-smocking Demonstration, Music Planned for Saturday's Market

COOPERSTOWN – This coming Saturday, September 22, Molly Holtje of Surprise-in-Store will give a hand-smocking demonstration at the Cooperstown Farmers' Market. Holtje, a vendor at the market who specializes in hand-made children's and doll clothes, will explain the hand-smocking process while making a baby bonnet. She will begin her talk at 11 a.m., and the pattern she uses will be available for those who would like to try this project at home.

The Tisch Family is also set to perform on Saturday, and as visitors to the market this week enjoy the live music, they can look forward to the quality produce and items they have come to expect, among them maple syrup, home-baked sweets and treats, seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh fowl and meats, and flowers and greenery, as well as handmade crafts and homemade soaps.

Market regulars will notice new faces over the coming weeks. Painted Goat Farm has joined the market, showcasing their farmstead goat milk cheeses, and Middlefield Orchard will return, selling apples, cider and more. Hare and Feather Farm and Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery/Zoar Farms are already set for the Holiday Markets, which begin November 17.

Entertainment at the Cooperstown Farmers' Market continues this month with saxophone virtuoso Al Gallodoro and a Cornell Cooperative Extension demonstration, "Celebrate CCE & National 4-H Week," on September 29.

The only indoor farmers' market in the region, the Cooperstown Farmers' Market is located just off Main Street in Pioneer Alley and operates each Saturday, rain or shine, May through December. The market is sponsored by Otsego 2000. Vendor application forms and rules are posted online – for more information about joining the market, or about special events and the market in general, visit www.otsego2000.org/farmersmarket/ or call 547-6195.

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“Augmented Jazz Duo” Will Entertain Market-goers

COOPERSTOWN – This Saturday, September 15, the Cooperstown Farmers' Market will welcome “Augmented Jazz Duo” to the market stage.

As they enjoy the live music, visitors to the market can look forward to the quality produce and items regular customers have come to expect, among them maple syrup, home-baked sweets and treats, seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh fowl and meats, and flowers and greenery, as well as handmade crafts and homemade soaps.

Entertainment at the Cooperstown Farmers' Market will be non-stop through the end of the month. On September 22, market vendor Molly Holtje will lead a hand-smocking demonstration beginning at 11 a.m. and, back by popular demand, Al Gallodoro will take the market stage for the second time this season on September 29. The Cornell Cooperative Extension program scheduled for September 15, “Repelling Deer,” has been cancelled, but CCE will be on hand September 29 with a demonstration titled “Celebrate CCE & National 4-H Week.”

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