

Farmers' Market Planned for Winter Carnival Weekend

COOPERSTOWN – Back by popular demand, the Cooperstown Farmers' Market vendors will set up shop once again in Pioneer Alley, as part of the Cooperstown Winter Carnival 2007 festivities. Though the market is officially in hiatus, Market Manager Jen Hanson expects it will be a full house on Saturday, February 10.

“Just about everyone plans to be there,” said Hanson, including both regular and seasonal vendors.

The “Dog Days of Winter” carnival market will run from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., during which time kids 12 and under are invited to participate in The Frosty Coloring Contest. The top 16 decorated snowmen will be made into a “quilt,” to be displayed at the Chocolate Lover's Festival beginning in the farmers' market building at 3 p.m. Limited decorating supplies will be provided, and youngsters are invited to bring their own materials.

There will be a minimal fee to enter the Chocolate Lover's Festival, where visitors will sample homemade chocolate goodies. Following the tasting portion of the event, cash prizes will be awarded to first-place finishers in a number of mouth-watering categories. For more information and details on entering this popular annual competition, call 293-7349.

Cooperstown Farmers' Market regulars 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. Those browsing the market and attending the Chocolate Lover's Festival can do so in comfort, thanks to the recent installation of five overhead radiant infrared propane gas heaters.

The Cooperstown Farmers' Market is sponsored by Otsego 2000 and operates each Saturday, rain or shine, May through December. The market is located just off Main Street, in Pioneer Alley – for more information, visit www.otsego2000.org/farmersmarket/ or call 547-6195.