

GEAUGA FRESH FARMERS' MARKET

Come and experience all Geauga County has to offer.

OPEN SATURDAYS

May 19 - October 2012 9:00-12:00 noon New Hours!

Located in the South Russell Village Hall Parking Lot, corner of Bell St. and Rt. 306

Visit our Web Site:

http://www.geaugafarmersmarket.com

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Strawberries are gone. But I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of blueberries and peaches. Red and black raspberries are in limited supplies. So if you see them on any vendor's table – grab them quickly. If we ever get rain, we may see the melons of summer. Do your kids like their fruit? Try putting whole or cut fruit on kabob sticks! Everything tastes better when you get to eat if off of a stick.

Saturday is **KIDS DAY** at the Farmers Market. And I hope you have brought your kids to meet the farmers and enjoy some coloring and games at the market.

Have you ever made a pepper boat? Today is your time to be a kid, and help your child make a boat out of the common summer vegetable! Get your sailing hat on and send your best creation down our rain gutter. It's sure to be a cruising good time. If there isn't enough wind to make it sail, your green pepper creation might need some of your hot air to give it a little extra push. Other vegetables and fresh herbs for your summer dinner table will be available from our many vendors. Beets, spinach, broccoli, kohlrabi, garlic scapes, various lettuces, kale, potatoes, radishes, onions, hoop house tomatoes, peas, as well as cilantro, thyme, and basil. See if you can find something I didn't list at the market in addition to stocking up on the more popular items too.

Of course you can't have KIDS DAY without some cotton candy! It's a staple of a celebration. Stop by the market booth and pick up some of the sticky pink stuff while shopping for your favorite items at the various vendors' booths. Flowering plants, fresh bakery, meats, cheese, eggs, honey, maple syrup, soaps & lotions, kettle corn, jewelry, and crafts are the staples that make our farmers market great. Use these products consistently this summer and you will appreciate the freshness they bring to your everyday living.

Vendor Feature: Schultz Fruit Farm

Schultz Fruit Farm is a small family run farm growing tree fruit and vegetables with apples being their major crop. The Schultz family has a history of farming in Chesterland, OH since the mid-1800's and has been at the current farm since the 1950's. They harvest about thirty varieties of apples and aggressively work to increase their selection with plantings of new and antique varieties each year. The Schultz family also raises a variety of vegetables and a few peaches, plums and pears. Cole crops including broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, cabbage, and kohlrabi are their vegetable specialties, but they also grow a wide variety of other vegetables. The Schultz Vendor tent has been a staple at the South Russell Farmers Market for many years now from July thru the fall. This year however, Bo and Eugene Schultz worked very hard this spring to get crops to the market sooner. Let them know how much you appreciate their hard work as you shop at their vendor stand today.

GEAUGA FRESH FARMERS' MARKET MEMBERS - 2012

Beecology Blessed Bread Bakers Blue Jay Orchard Cake Kisses Carolyn Weaver Chelsea Flower Garden Classic Kettle Corn Countryside Home Bakery Endeavor Farm Fat Casual BBQ Fowl Play Farm Geauga Natural Produce Glacial Till Gardens Hawthorne Springs Greenhouse Herb Thyme Hershberger Produce Hot-Kiln Farm Jack Mountain's Farm Jarz and Barz Ltd. JLynn Creations June Eve's Kari's Artisan Bakery Kates Kupboard Robert Kurtz Mackenzie Creamery Maple Crest Farm Maplestar Farm Messenger Century Farm Middlefield Original Cheese Coop Miller's Country Jams Miller's Cashew Crunch Noah Hershberger Ohio Honey Pheasant Valley Farm Precious Resources Preschool Rock Valley Run CSA & Greenhouse SAND Farm LLC Schultz Fruit Farm Sirna's Farm and Market Snickerdoodle Baking Company Sugar Me Desserterie

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Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

½ cup maple syrup

½ cup oil

1/3 cup fresh lemon juice

1/3 cup raspberries

1 teaspoon dry mustard

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Place the above ingredients in a blender and mix until smooth.

1 tablespoon minced red onion

2 tablespoons pop seeds

Add to blender and pulse briefly.

Store in a tight lid container in the refrigerator.

Roasted Peppers

Roasted peppers are very expensive to buy, but are very easy to make. When peppers are in abundance, roast some and freeze for later use. Use wax paper between layers.

Roast **sweet**, **hot**, **or any color peppers** under a broiler or over a gas flame. Turn frequently, until the skin blackens. Remove from head and put in a bag or covered pot to allow the pepper to steam and cool. Then, rub or wash off the blackened skin. Remove the stem and seeds and use in any recipe calling for roasted peppers.

Super Stuffed Tortillas

1-2 cloves minced garlic

1 large onion

1 green pepper

2 cups corn

1 medium zucchini (sliced)

1 ½ tablespoons ground cumin

2 cups cooked black beans

1 cup chicken or vegetable broth

6 tablespoons salsa

Salt & pepper to taste

Sliced onions or chives and fresh cilantro

Flour or corn tortillas

Cheddar cheese, feta, or quesco blanco cheese

Saute garlic in 2 teaspoons oil for 1 minute. Add onion and pepper and sauté until crisp-tender. Add corn, zucchini, and cumin and continue to sauté until all vegetables are tender but not browned. Add beans, broth, and salsa and cook until there is no excess moisture. Remove from heat and add salt, pepper, sliced green onions or chives and chopped fresh cilantro to taste. Preheat a frypan with a bit of oil and place a tortilla in pan. Add cheese in center of tortilla and add ¼ - ½ cup vegetable filling. When the tortilla is crispy, remove and fold in half or place a second tortilla on top, flip and fry till crispy.

Zucchini Cookies

34 cup butter

½ cup sugar

½ cup brown sugar

1 egg

1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour

1 cup flour

1 ½ teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

34 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon ground cloves

1 ½ cups zucchini (shredded)

3/4 cup raisins

3/4 cup walnuts (chopped – optional)

Cream together butter and sugars. Add egg and beat until fluffy. Shift together all dry ingredients in a separate bowl. Add zucchini and dry ingredients alternately to creamed mixture. Stir in raisins and walnuts. Drop onto greased baking sheets. Bake in preheated oven at 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes. (Bake cookies as soon as they are mixed – if the batter stands too long, it will get a bit watery)

Chocolate Chip variety – Omit the cinnamon, cloves, and raisins. Add 1 tablespoon vanilla instead and ¾ cup of chocolate chips.

Bruschetta with Grilled Bread

1 loaf French bread (sliced)

2 large **vellow tomatoes** (diced)

2 large red tomatoes (diced)

½ cup mozzarella cheese (diced)

½ cup green olives (chopped)

½ cup olive oil

½ cup fresh basil (chopped)

2 tablespoons lemon peel (grated)

1 tablespoon capers or dill pickles (chopped)

6 cloves **garlic** (minced)

Salt and pepper to taste

Grill sliced bread lightly on both sides or broil in the oven on a baking dish. Combine ingredients, spoon over grilled bread.

Fresh Tomato and Basil Pasta

4 large cloves minced garlic

2 pounds tomatoes, chopped, seeded and drained

½ cup fresh basil

1/4 cup olive oil

1 teaspoon salt

1 pound whole wheat pasta shells or ziti

Combine garlic, tomatoes, basil, oil and salt and let stand at room temperature for 1-2 hours. Cook pasta according to package directions. Combine pasta will sauce. Garnish with parmesan cheese or feta cheese and serve immediately

Variety: Replace basil with 1/3 cup chopped fresh mint and the juice and grated rind of one lemon.