



## The Guides are OUT!

The new Pure Catskills 2007-2008 Guide to Farm Fresh Products is presently being distributed at local farm markets, businesses and tourist offices. It is chock full of information about where to find local farm products. The guide lists local stores and farm stands, farmers' markets, farms to visit, restaurants, driving tours, and farm related events and activities. Look for it now to make the most of living in this wonderful farming community. The Pure Catskills Guide was published with the generous support of the Catskill Mountain Foundation, the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, and the Watershed Agricultural Council.

To obtain additional copies of the guide for your business or organization, please contact Challey Comer at [ccomer@nycwatershed.org](mailto:ccomer@nycwatershed.org) or call (607) 865-7090.

## Events

### Farm Aid 2007: A Homegrown Festival

Sunday, September 9, Randall's Island, NYC

This year Farm Aid comes to New York City and will feature an abundance of family farm food vendors, hands-on, interactive exhibits with farmers and activists that inspire living a homegrown life and a full day of inspiring music from generous artists.

*Pure Catskills* will be there to let everyone know about the abundant agricultural community in the Catskills! Part of our presence will include sharing which *Pure Catskills* products are available in the NY Metro area. Please contact us if you are currently marketing or wholesaling in the city so we can encourage those at the event to get out and support our local farms!

Call or email Challey Comer at (607) 865-7090 or [ccomer@nycwatershed.org](mailto:ccomer@nycwatershed.org) with your information.

### Sustainable Agriculture and Education (SAE) Event Grants

Now – December, 2007

Last year, nearly \$50,000 was awarded as SAE grants to our members to support agricultural events in our region. A number of great events have already occurred including

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County's Ag-stravaganza, Stone & Thistle Farm's Farmer for a Day kick-

off and Harmony Hill Retreat Center's Herb Day. Mark your calendars with these forthcoming events happening throughout the region:

Family & Friends Cookbook Debut with Burn Ayr Farm  
Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> in Delhi, Delaware County  
(607) 746-9988 | [www.burnayrfarm.com](http://www.burnayrfarm.com)

Pure Catskills Forest Farmers Market with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Greene County  
Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> in Acra, Greene County  
(518) 622-9820 | [www.arc.cce.cornell.edu](http://www.arc.cce.cornell.edu)

Milk Taste Test at the Delaware Cty. Fair with Farm Catskills!  
Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> in Walton, Delaware County  
(607) 865-7017 | [www.buypurecatskills.com](http://www.buypurecatskills.com)

Luscious, Local Luncheons with Slow Food Catskills  
Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>  
Pure Catskills member restaurant, Delaware County  
(607) 832-4720 | [www.treelinesolutions.com](http://www.treelinesolutions.com)

Festival of Catskills "Community Agri-Culture" with the West Kortright Center  
Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in East Meredith, Delaware County  
(607) 278-5454 | [www.westkc.org](http://www.westkc.org)

FarmVisit & Luncheon with Stoneledge Farm  
Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> in South Cairo, Greene County  
(212) 502-8562 | [www.chelseacsa.org/farm.php](http://www.chelseacsa.org/farm.php)

Celebrity Chef Competition at the Family Farm with Sunstone Herb Farm  
Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in High Falls, Ulster County  
(888) 737-6535 | [www.familyfarmfestival.com](http://www.familyfarmfestival.com)

Farm History Tour at the Family Farm Festival with the Rondout Valley Growers Association  
Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in High Falls, Ulster County  
(845) 657-0051 | [www.familyfarmfestival.com](http://www.familyfarmfestival.com)

Cauliflower Festival with the Great Margaretville Chamber of Commerce

Saturday & Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> in Margaretville, Delaware County  
(607) 326-4253 | [www.cauliflowerfestival.com](http://www.cauliflowerfestival.com)

Scarecrow Festival with the Greater Stamford Chamber  
Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> Stamford, Delaware County  
(607) 652-2823 | [www.stamfordny.org](http://www.stamfordny.org)

Children's Art Exhibit with the Roxbury Arts Group  
Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup> in Roxbury, Delaware County  
(607) 326-7790 | [www.roxburyartsgroup.org](http://www.roxburyartsgroup.org)

Holiday Market with the Sullivan County Farmers' Market  
Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Liberty and Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Callicoon, Sullivan County  
(845) 292 -6180 | [www.sullivancountyfarmersmarkets.org](http://www.sullivancountyfarmersmarkets.org)

### Vendors Sought

#### Margaretville Cauliflower Festival

Saturday, September 29, 10am-4pm

The Greater Margaretville Chamber of Commerce invites you to be part of the 5th Annual Cauliflower Festival! Last year was a great success with over 3,000 visitors. The festival has grown rapidly since the festival began with free admission coupled with expanded marketing efforts promise that many more will attend this year. Held in Margaretville's village park (behind the A&P), the Cauliflower Festival continues to grow and attract visitors eager to purchase your offerings. All while the Catskills are at their peak of autumn beauty.

For more information on this event or to download a vendor application, visit [www.cauliflowerfestival.com](http://www.cauliflowerfestival.com) or call the Chamber at (845) 586-2291.

#### Stamford Scarecrow Festival

Saturday, September 29, 10am-4pm

This annual community event celebrates the history, culture, beauty and commerce of Stamford with lots of fun, food, fine crafts and "frightful" activities for children of all ages! The goal of the Scarecrow Festival is to celebrate all of the hard working merchants, farmers, and artisans who provide a wealth of products and services to our community. Done in cooperation with the Headwaters Farmer's Market, the festival will be at Veteran's Memorial Park.

Vendors may contact Jean at (607) 652-3344 or Diane at (607) 538-9707 for more information. Volunteers are also needed and may contact Yolanda at (607) 652-9094. And be sure to check out [www.stamfordny.com](http://www.stamfordny.com) for up-to-date information about the 2007 Scarecrow Festival.

### Job Opportunity

#### Farmer's Market Manager Needed!

The Cooperstown Farmers' Market is looking for a manager for their weekly downtown Farmers' Market. Now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year of operation, the market operates every Saturday, mid-May through mid-December. The Manager is responsible for ensuring smooth operation of weekly Saturday markets and conducting annual farm visits for our 15-plus agricultural

vendors. Position has potential for growth through additional off-season administrative work. Candidate should have knowledge of agriculture and local food economies and be able to interface with our diverse group of customers and vendors. Leadership skills a plus. Dependable vehicle with proof of insurance and valid driver's license required. Pay negotiable/commensurate with experience. For a full job description visit [www.cooperstownfarmersmarket.org](http://www.cooperstownfarmersmarket.org) or call (607) 547-6195. Interested candidates should send resume and cover letter by August 31<sup>st</sup> to: Otsego 2000, P.O. Box 1130, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Position to begin September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007.

### NOFA-NY Field Days in our area

#### Crimson Clover Farm, Seed Production Day

Bainbridge, NY, Chenango County

Tuesday, September 4, 4 - 7pm

Join NOFA-NY's Organic Seed Partnership coordinator, Elizabeth Dyck, on her family's farm for a day of reviewing vegetable variety trials, a cover cropping demonstration, tasting fruit and potato trials, and seed cleaning. The Mobile Seed Production Unit from the Plant Genetic Resources Unit in Geneva will be on hand to demonstrate seed-cleaning—and clean your seeds for free! **Free**

For directions, email Elizabeth at [organicseed@nofany.org](mailto:organicseed@nofany.org) or call (607) 895-6913.

#### Raindance Farm, Organic Fly Control Workshop and Pasture Walk

Schenevus, NY, Otsego County

Wednesday, September 12, 12:30 – 3:30pm

Join us at Siobhan Griffin's dairy farm for a pasture walk and lesson on animal foraging behavior from Darrel Emmick of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. You'll also learn about organic fly management from the Cornell Fly Guys, Don Rutz and Keith Waldron. Their workshop will focus on identification of flies affecting dairy and beef animals, lifecycles and habits, and methods for both preventing fly populations and dealing with flies once they are established. Pasture flies will be the featured topic of discussion. **\$5 NOFA-NY members/\$10 non-members**

See [www.nofany.org](http://www.nofany.org) or call (607) 652-NOFA for more information and directions.

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