



MAPLE GROVE

FARMERS MARKET

For Market Day—Thursday September 1, 2011

Every Thursday thru October 20
Hours: 3 to 7 p.m. 3 to 6 p.m. (Oct.)

State Fair Ribbons Won by Several Vendors

We are excited to report that several vendors at the Maple Grove Market are 2011 State Fair winners for their wonderful products! This is no small feat with many entries received from around the state.

Alya of Cooked with Pride is the proud winner of a **2nd place ribbon** for her plum jam. In

addition, **Alya is this Thursday's Vendor of the Week.** She is sharing her big win with you! This week only Alya is offering \$1 off all jams, pepper jellies and salsa to celebrate her 2011 winning entry. (Please note the olive spreads are not included in this offer.) Come celebrate !!

Liz of Minnesota Goodness was awarded a **blue ribbon** for her granola bars at the State Fair!

Please note, though, that Liz will not be at the Market on 9/1 & 9/8, but will be back on September 15th with award winning bars in hand!

And last but certainly not least, are *Sandy and Ken of Sugarbush Ridge* with a total of 10 ribbons out of the 13 entries submitted for honey. In addition, Sandy was named the overall Sweepstakes Award winner for 2011. (continued)

Market Shopping Spree Awarded!

Congrats to Laura G. who has won a \$25 personal shopping spree at the Farmers Market! Laura's name was drawn from our stack of completed frequent shopper cards.

Remember, all who complete their card with five punches is entered to win one of several shopping sprees throughout the season.

Laura will select a market day and, not only will she have \$25 to spend, she will also have a personal shopper to carry all her purchases, even to her car!

Featured **PRODUCT** of the Week

This week we are honoring two of the big "C's" of the Market — carrots and cucumbers. Since I have no brilliant words of wisdom about either, thought we'd just share an easy recipe this week:

Carrot Cucumber Salad (www.food.com)

1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
1 tablespoon sesame oil
2 tablespoons sesame seeds
1/2 teaspoon salt
fresh ground pepper, to taste

1 cup shredded carrot
1 cucumber, peeled, seeded, diced
1/2 small red onion, cut in half and thinly sliced

Directions:

Whisk together vinegar, sesame oil, sesame seeds, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Combine carrots, cucumber and onion in a medium bowl. Add the vinegar dressing and mix thoroughly. Serve at room temperature. Enjoy!!



Outside at the Maple Grove Community Center, 12951 Weaver Lake Road

www.MapleGroveFarmersMarket.com

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HAPPENINGS

THIS WEEK — SEPTEMBER 1

Ongoing

Fresh Fare -- Come to the Market Info Trailer for:

- Weekly free recipes
- Get your frequent shopper card punched or start a card. Today's market is the last day to start a card, and all visits/punches must be completed by September 29th!

Discover You Can! Check out the Market's exciting food preservation partnership with the Ball Canning Company. Stop by the Market Information Trailer to pick up valuable coupons, recipes, freebies and sign up for giveaways!

4 p.m.

Canning Demo -- Join vendor David Jackson of Martha's Joy for a watermelon pickle demo. David and his wife Martha are pros at pickling, and David will show us how to use the rind for pickles after you've enjoyed the melon itself! It's a newer product that he has been perfecting over the last few years.

3 to 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy the music of Barbara English. This local performer shares her vocal talents accompanied by the acoustic guitar. Grab a seat and enjoy some wonderful sounds on a summer day.

4:30 p.m.

Family storytime — Every Thursday kids and families can enjoy a couple short stories. Come pull up a carpet square!

NEXT WEEK — SEPTEMBER 8

It's going to be MMMM Good!

- Master Gardeners will be here to answer your lawn, garden, tree, etc. questions.
- Market Tours hosted by Market Manager Kirsten. Tours start at the Market Info Trailer at 3:30 and 6 p.m. and last about 15-20 minutes.
- Music by Rudy Rudesill with his mix of classic country, blues, rock, and a few of his own originals.
- Maple Grove Hospital returns as a Friend of the Market sponsor. They will have goodies and good info to share!

State Fair Ribbons (continued)

This means she scored the most points for entries in which she earned ribbons. Sandy is the overall winner for all Class 97 entries (Quality Honey and Bees). She received six blue, two red, and two white ribbons—all for honey—such as open-class honey, chunk honey, beeswax block, creamed honey; cut comb honey, and more! Sandy states, "To say that we are totally excited and thrilled by these results would be an understatement."

Congratulations to these State Fair winners, but we also know that all the vendors at the Maple Grove Farmers Market are winners!!!!

Fill those Frequent Shopper Cards!

This Thursday, 9/1, is the last day that you can join the Frequent Shopper program! All five punches on your card must be completed by September 29th. That means, if you start a card this Thursday, you would need to attend all of the September markets, but no problem—right??

The first 200 to receive their five punches receive a \$5 gift certificate to use at any vendor booth. In addition, all who get five punches on their card by September 29th will be entered into the drawing for a \$25 farmers market shopping spree!

The frequent shopper program continues to be very popular. Thanks for your loyalty to buying local!!!

Dates Set for Indoor Farmers Market

Thanks to all Market shoppers and vendors who provided their input on the dates for the Indoor Farmers Market. Our scientific poll (the post-it note was filled with hash marks) showed overwhelming enthusiasm for **two markets each month — Thursdays: November 3 & 17 and December 1 & 15.**

Market hours will be 3 to 6 p.m. INSIDE the Maple Grove Community Center in the back lobby area. Same spot as it has been for the last seven years (yes, really seven years!) It's a great spot near the Maple Maze and Senior room with room for 20+ vendors.

Vendor applications are currently being accepted, and we'll keep you up to date with participating vendors, products, and some fun activities planned as we celebrate the harvest season and holidays! The indoor farmers market is not to be missed!!