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**Slow Food Central New Jersey Hosts “Eat Local” Winter Farmers Market
Pre-Thanksgiving Markets A Success
*D&R Greenway to Sponsor and Host December 13th Market in Princeton:***

Slow Food Central Jersey recently held the first of its monthly “Eat Local” Winter Farmers Markets on Friday, November 21st, at the Trenton Farmers Market and one at the Museum of Agriculture at Cook College Campus, North Brunswick. Both events were well-attended with pre-Thanksgiving shoppers looking for Jersey Fresh and Jersey-made food.

According to Mikey Azzara, Slow Food Chapter Co-leader and organizer of the Lawrenceville Main Street Farmers Market, “Many of the folks who came to the market were amazed that there is still plenty of wonderful, local food available -- everything from sweet potatoes and brussel sprouts to mushrooms, eggs and pies. Not only did they have the chance to buy, customers were treated to seasonal cooking demos, samples, and great live music.”

The markets highlighted two venerable New Jersey agriculture institutions—one being the Trenton Farmers Market that is open Thursday through Saturday during the winter and every day but Mondays during the summer season. The Museum of Agriculture is a “gem of a place” according to Paul Valetutti, one of the organizers and a co-founder and manager of the Rutgers Gardens Farmers Market, for families to learn about the rich agriculture past and present of New Jersey's farm communities.

The next market in the series will take place on Saturday, December 13, from 10am to 2pm at the D&R Greenway's Johnson Education Center, located on Rosedale Road in Princeton. Directions can be found on their website at <http://www.drgreenway.org/directions.htm> . This pre-

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holiday market will include a variety of farm vendors, food producers, and a winery, featuring all of the December staples like cold-weather greens, root vegetables, and pies, as well as meats, cheese, eggs, breads, mushrooms, honey, pickles and more!

Organized in collaboration with the Lawrenceville Main Street Farmers Market, the Rutgers Gardens Farmers Market and the West Windsor Community Farmers Market, this series of winter markets is in its fourth year presented by Slow Food Central New Jersey. For directions, or a complete list of the monthly market dates, locations, and vendors, contact 609-577-5113, email info@slowfoodcentralnj.com or visit www.slowfoodcentralnj.org .

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