Strawberries in bloom at Market festival

 Despite the spattering of rain, the strawberries were in full bloom on Saturday June 22 at the Aurora Farmers' Market's Strawberry Festival!

We ate cake and fresh strawberry skewers; we danced to the music of the ?Strawberry Jam? courtesy of the Manatee Band- Aaron, Paul & guest bassist, Steve-O.

Thank you to our sponsors who made the special event and band-shell use a reality. Also, thank you to the ?Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation? for their generous support towards the success of our event!

Thank you to our brilliant and generous farmers ? 19th Avenue, Coopers & Willowtree ? who donated 80 quarts of strawberries so that we were able to give out a total of 572 skewers!

And, as you know, berries don't skewer themselves - so three cheers to our volunteers: Issie, Amanda, Bailey and Paniz, who tirelessly washed and skewered berries all day! Thanks as well to Ilia ? our volunteer who graciously served trays of berries to our customers.

In keeping with the strawberry theme, many of our vendors offered strawberry-themed products for the day ? from fudge to jewellery, to jam and treats. I'd like to especially thank a few of our vendors who kindly put in some extra hours in the kitchen to provide complimentary sweets for the Strawberry Fest ? Nicolle (Nicolle's Cookies) for crafting the three dozen beautiful cupcakes, and Cathy (Catarina's Kitchen) and Joe (Toscana Bakery) for their delicious strawberry cakes.

It was great to see all of our ?regulars?, and we loved welcoming new people who came out for the first time to experience the extra features offered by the Aurora Public Library and the Optimist Club that day.

We hope that the three winners of the Market Bag raffle are enjoying their lovely treats, and special thanks to our Market Manager who donated five free passes to Pioneer Village for a lucky raffle winner!

Thank you for helping us celebrate fun, sun and STRAWBERRIES!

We look forward to seeing you at the Market any Saturday!

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