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Press Release for the week of December 28, 2009

The New Baltimore Farmers Market Committee has completed its year-end review of the 2009 Market. Despite a Market season extraordinary for its rain and other weather-related problems, we are pleased to have served the farmers, artisans and residents of the Town of New Baltimore and the County of Greene so well.

Our thanks go first to our indefatigable Market Managers, Fran Melick and Pat Moncks. Sharon Locke graciously stepped in as Chair of the Citizens Committee right before the Market season began, and led her remarkable corps of volunteers in excellent service to the Market. In the face of almost unrelenting cold and rain, our vendors, performers and visiting exhibitors were creative, flexible and resilient.

We thank Supervisor David Louis, the Town Board, and the Agriculture Committee for its continued support of the Market and for the Town's assistance with necessary projects. Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan, Town website manager Tony Rago and Town residents Doug Deyoe and Ron Locke deserve special thanks for their hands-on work for the Market. Town Clerk Janet Brooks was indispensable in placing press releases and news stories about the Market with the local media. We also thank the Greene County Department of Tourism and Promotions for financial and technical assistance, and the Greene County Cooperative Extension for advice and expertise. The Greene County Industrial Development Agency's Sandy Mathes, along with Tim Albright, was responsible for the creation and placement of the Market's beautiful new sign on Route 9W. Louis Newburg cheerfully assisted in the rehabilitation of our smaller roadside signs.

In the Spring of 2009, the Bank of Greene County awarded the Market a generous grant in support of our mission. Promotional give-aways and raffles were made possible by Water's Edge Restaurant in the Hamlet of New Baltimore and Pegasus restaurant in West Coxsackie, by Lynn Verrengia and Marc Farmillette of the UPS Store in West Coxsackie and by Amy Potter, director of Public Relations for the Stewart Shops. Bleezarde Publishing donated a community service announcement to the Market. All our community newspapers and cable stations covered the Market during the course of the season.

Finally, special thanks to Cornell Hook & Ladder Company for donating firehouse space for "Artists' Day at the Market" on October 24th, and to the New Baltimore Bicentennial Committee, the New Baltimore Conservancy and the New Baltimore Reformed Church for joining us in creating the first annual Destination New Baltimore, also on October 24, 2009.

Signed, New Baltimore Farmers Market Committee
Christopher Kemnah, President