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The Farmer's Market on the Southington Green, Fri., July 5, 2019. Dave Zajac, Record-Journal

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The Gresczyk Farms of New Hartford stand attracted early shoppers at the Farmer's Market on the Southington Green, Fri., July 5, 2019. Dave Zajac, Record-Journal

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SOUTHINGTON — The Town Green on Sunday will be the setting of a unique outdoor five-course dinner featuring entrees cooked by local chefs with local ingredients.

Southington Community Cultural Arts organized its first ever “Dinner Under the Stars” event.

All 106 tickets to the dinner have sold out. Proceeds benefit SoCCA's All Access program, which provides opportunities to adults with cognitive disabilities, and the Lewis Educational Agricultural Farm (LEAF).

Susan Urillo Larson, vice president of SoCCA's board of directors, co-organized the event with Mary Gonzalez, another SoCCA board member. They hope to make the dinner an annual event.

"It will be a Sunday family night dinner atmosphere," Urillo Larson said. "We owe a great deal of gratitude to the community and the volunteers who are offering to help in what I think is going to be a spectacular dinner."



All the produce and meat to be served for the event was locally raised and donated, Larson added.

The dinner's first course will consist of an autumn vegetable croquette, pumpkin hummus and Korean short rib from Flair Restaurant. Smokin' With Chris will serve up a spicy southwest inspired corn chowder as the second course. That will be followed up by a baby spinach and bacon salad from Craft Kitchen. Then Anthony Jack's Restaurant will serve up a beef brisket, from Karabin Farms, over sweet potato puree. The entire meal will be finished off with an apple rose puff pastry concocted by Paul Gregory's Bistro, Cafe and Market.



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A community-wide, Farm-to-Table dinner event featuring local produce from Southington's own farms.

Dinner will be served on the Town Green, under the stars, featuring local produce, local protein and local chefs – making this a truly unique community event.

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The event, which will also feature a live saxophonist, starts at 5 p.m. The first hour will feature hors d'oeuvres served up in the SoCCA building on Main Street.

Laurie MacLean, director of SoCCA's All Access program, is just as enthusiastic. She said the chefs participating are thrilled as well to participate in the dinner.

"It fits the nature of the town and what's available for the town. It's just a magical concept," MacLean said.

A similar event will be held in Wallingford on Saturday hosted by the Dominican Republic Team of Wallingford. The multi-course tasting event will be held at the PNA park starting at 6 p.m.

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