Clemson Farmers Market to hold First Friday event

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CLEMSON — The Clemson Farmers Market will feature homegrown foods, workshops and music at its First Friday at The Market event this afternoon at Patrick Square.

From 2-3 p.m., the market will feature fresh, locally grown produce, grass-fed beef and pork, local honey, artisan breads and a variety of baked goods, jams and jellies, as well as homemade arts and crafts.

Marantha Blackwell, of Wild Earth Gardens and Herbals, will present "Wild Foods" — a free workshop teaching people how to identify and harvest wild edibles.

From 3-6 p.m., the market will be open to vendor demonstrations and product sampling. Free market shopping bags and giant inflatable rides for children will be provided by Patrick Square.

From 3:30-5:30 p.m., the musical trio Sorelle will sing patriotic music, as well as a variety of sing-along hits at the new pavilion.

Market manager Kathi Dimmock said First Friday at the Market events are becoming popular monthly happenings at the Clemson Farmers Market.

"It's a great way for families and groups alike to enjoy the special activities," Dimmock said. "This is the sixth season for the market, and it looks like it will be a banner year. We have more than 35 vendors and approximately 25-plus attend each week depending upon what products are available.

"Once the construction on the Patrick Square Village Green is complete, more vendor spaces will be available and will open up opportunities for community organizations and service groups to participate, resulting in the ultimate goal to make the market a community gathering spot for the residents of Clemson and surrounding area."

For more information, call Dimmock at (864) 654-3918 or visit clemsonfarmersmarket.org.