

BUILDING AN ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS COMMUNITY

Green market switches to Friday nights

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CLAREMONT — The Friday Night Green Market has recently switched from Wednesdays to Fridays and trying to build a larger audience.

Todd Lininger, market organizer and founder of community group Food Not Lawns, said the market's purpose was to build an environmentally conscious community.

"Vendors must be somewhat green," Lininger said, adding he is looking for sustainable, recycled, reused and organic types. "And not have something that a competing vendor has. There is a non-competition clause."

The green market is held from 5 to 8 p.m. Fridays inside the Claremont Forum, 586 W. 1st St. The market ran on Wednesdays but made a permanent switch to Fridays last week.

Vendors on Friday sold diverse items such as recycled crayons, super puppie krack, plastic supermarket bags and more.

While foot traffic wasn't heavy at the Packing House on Friday, the creativity from vendors was in abundance.

Edward Mac, who helped found Canine Culinary Creations, is a chef and a dog trainer who displayed doggie treats that included Chef Ed's Salmon Special, chicken, peas and carrots and Super Puppie Krack.

The krack was made of liver and beef and carried a distinct smell that drives dogs "crazy," Mac said.

Amy Massie sold handmade soy candles and natural spa products as part of her Fiamma Naturals line.

Juanita Rivas-Raymer showed off her stylish plastic supermarket bags and next to her was Tiffany Williams, who displayed fair trade and organic teas from Boutique Teas.

Claremont's Dina Divine sold Divinely Green recycled crayons, which uses unwanted broken crayons and turns them into crayons in the shapes of skateboards and other designs.

Shannon Cachenaout, of Anu Clothing which uses bamboo, hemp and organic cotton, said she liked how the market showcased vendors with different products.

In reference to her own products, Cachenaout said that people were surprised about the use of bamboo in the clothing "because bamboo is very, very soft. I also get comments with the hemp clothing. Hemp and bamboo are great for people with sensitive skin."

Cachenaout said her T-shirts ranged from \$15 to \$18 while some "dressy clothes" were in the \$60 range.

Andrea Hernandez, of San Dimas, described the market as "cute" and purchased specialized pet food from the canine culinary creations vendor booth.

"Apple chips," Hernandez said when asked what she purchased. "They're really soft so (her yellow Labrador retriever Sunshine) can eat them."

If anyone is interested in becoming a vendor at the market, call Lininger at 909-837-9422.



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LEFT: Divinely Green recycled crayons by Dina Divine on Jan. 8, during the Friday Night Green Market at the Claremont Packing House in Claremont.

ABOVE: Vendors at the Friday Night Green Market.