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## **AOOA Farm's Seasonal Smackdowns Bring Community Together for a Good Cause** *Excitement Builds for the Final Smackdown of the Year*

**October 1, 2024 (Goshen, NY)** - All One One All (AOOA) Farm's Seasonal Smackdowns have been a huge success, bringing together local food lovers, culinary creators, and community supporters for a series of fun, competitive, and meaningful fundraising events.

The inaugural **Strawberry Jam-Boree** in spring saw participants creating unique jam recipes and competing for the coveted title of "Jam Master." Nearly 100 people gathered at the farm to taste, vote, and enjoy a day of good food and great company—all while raising funds for AOOA's *Fresh Food for All* program, which provides nutritious produce to local food banks.

Next came the sizzling summer **Hot Sauce Hullabaloo**, where spice enthusiasts battled it out to craft the best homemade hot sauces. The heat was on as celebrity judges and attendees tasted and voted for their favorites. With an impressive turnout, the event highlighted the power of food in bringing people together, with all proceeds supporting local food security efforts.

Now, the fall installation, **Pumpkin Palooza**, is on the horizon. Set for October 26, this fall-themed contest invites contestants to showcase their culinary skills, using pumpkin or winter squash as the main ingredient in either sweet or savory dishes. For a \$20 entry fee, participants can compete for the chance to win one-of-a-kind gifts from Grow Peace Studio and a special prize basket featuring AOOA's handcrafted goods, including in-house distilled liquor, vegetables, indigo-dyed merchandise, and D'Artagnan charcuterie. For those who prefer to sample rather than cook, "Taster" tickets are available for \$5, allowing attendees to try an assortment of pumpkin-based dishes and vote for their favorite. Two winners will be crowned—one by a panel of celebrity judges and another by popular vote. Proceeds from Pumpkin Palooza will support AOOA's *Fresh Food for All* program, continuing the farm's efforts to combat food insecurity in Orange County.

"We created these events to bring the community together while supporting a greater cause, because good agriculture should be for everyone," says project director Alix Daguin. "Our first two Smackdowns were a huge success. Home cooks shared their best recipes, and people of all ages came to taste and vote. We had so much fun, and most importantly, we raised funds to support those in need."

**Pumpkin Palooza** will be held on Saturday, October 26, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM at AOOA Farm, 221 Craigville Road, Goshen, NY. The event will feature live music, light refreshments, and house-made focaccia. AOOA's Farm Stand eatery will be open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with cocktails and beer available for purchase. For more information and to register in advance, visit [PumpkinPalooza24.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pumpkin-palooza-2024).

### **About All One One All (AOOA) Farm**

All For One One For All (AOOA) is D'Artagnan Foundation's non-profit regenerative silvopasture farm, farm stand, distillery, and education center in New York's Mid-Hudson Valley. Founded in 2021 by Ariane Daguin and her daughter, Alix Daguin, the name of the farm is inspired by the famous proclamation in Alexandre Dumas' *Three Musketeers*, which captures the heart of the project: to stand up for what is right and enrich the local community, together. AOOA Farm promotes responsible agricultural and culinary practices as transformative tools for personal well-being, community prosperity, and global sustainability.

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