

After a terrific winter CSA season of winter produce, eggs and freshly baked bread, we are happy to let everyone know that we are again offering Sheril's bread as a share option for the summer CSA season!

Known as the Bread Lady in Fort Atkinson, Sheril Raymond has been my Farmer's Market Pal at the Fort Market for 5 years! Every week, Sheril sets up her tent directly across from our stand and spreads her freshly baked breads, granola and cinnamon rolls out on her tables. The line forms as she sets out her large jars filled with fritters, still warm from her certified home kitchen and I'll catch glimpses of her beaming smile throughout the morning as she catches up with market regulars and talks about the ingredients in her loafs.

Most of Sheril's bread is a standard 1 or 1 ½ lb. loaf of bread with a nice, soft golden crust that can be used for sandwiches, toast, French toast, bread pudding, and anything else that you use bread for. The variety in flavors that she incorporates into her breads has been an inspiration for meals in our house; I believe I can find the perfect pairing of heirloom tomato to top each of her savory loaves!

I have also become hooked on the sourdough recipes that she has been creating! Last summer, Sheril had an opportunity to visit France for 2 weeks where she was given a gift of a generations old sourdough starter from an organic baker that appreciated her passion for local, organic food. It didn't take long for Sheril to perfect her own recipes; they are truly outstanding! Sourdough is much more labor intensive and is made in small batches, so the bread shares will most likely be regular loaves, but if you would like to try her sourdough, you will find it early at the Saturday Fort market or possibly by special order through the farm and Sheril.

If Sheril has help at the market or if she sells out early, as she often does, you will find her visiting the other Jefferson County Vendors at the market and stocking up on produce, honey, fruit, eggs and whatever else is in season to use in her bread, for her catering business or to stock her own pantry with preserves from her friends at the market. You may even see her foraging at our farm for fresh berries! Sheril's generous and loving nature, loyalty to local vendors and businesses and her delicious bread make us proud to be offering another season of fresh bread with her!