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Cornelia Gugale of Watsonville selects some dried ears of Indian corn for use in holiday decorations.

Farmers' Market dubbed a success

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"It was a great success," said Reynaldo Barrioz of the Farmers Market held last Sunday afternoon in downtown Watsonville.

About 1,000 people attended the open-air market sponsored by Main Street Watsonville.

The market will open again this Sunday.

One change will be made in the weekly event. Instead of the hours being noon to 6 p.m., the market will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"People were already buying in the morning before everyone got

set up," Barrioz said.

With the switch back to standard time, an earlier hour will likely work much better for everyone, he said.

The dozen participating farmers were pleased at the turnout and with the sales generated throughout the day, Barrioz said.

"Of those (farmers) I've talked with, they want to come back," he said adding that they talked about expanding their lines as well.

The Oakland-based entertainment group Markahusasi told Barrioz they were also pleased with sales of their CDs and tapes and the Monterey Bay Equestrians had a

good turn out for their pony rides and photo sales.

Barrioz wants to extend an invitation to non-profit organizations, who may want to "get the word out" on their groups either with an informational booth at the Sunday markets — or to offer handmade gifts or produce if they grow it.

"Especially with the holiday season coming, they might like to offer small gifts," he said.

Booths can be purchased for about \$200 or can be rented from Fiestas Patrias. To inquire about booth rental, call Oscar Rios at 724-9005.