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Laurie Ossman, director, Woodlawn Plantation; Kyle Talente, president, Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, and Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland at “Greenway on the Highway.”

Promoting Green

Festival spotlights environmentally sustainable food, agriculture and energy.

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The Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) sponsored a “Greenway on the Highway” festival on June 5 at Woodlawn Plantation to commemorate the landmark partnership between the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture.

SFDC, Woodlawn, and Arcadia assembled a variety of free activities and exhibitors to showcase their contributions to making the Route 1 Corridor and southeastern Fairfax a greener place to work, play, and live.

Local non-profits such as Friends of Dyke Marsh and Ten Thousand Villages of Old Town Alexandria showcased their efforts toward environmental conservation and fair trade, respectively. Also exhibiting were



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Basima Alagravawi from Mamma’s Kitchen hands out free samples to guests during “Greenway on the Highway.”

Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church, United Community Ministries, and the award-winning nationally recognized Hollin Meadows Elementary School’s science and math focus program which presented information about its students’ care



At the Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church information booth are Barbara Nekoba (left) and Andrea Bona.



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At the United Community Ministries information booth is Christine Fiske, director, volunteer & community relations coordinator.

of a 14,000 sq. ft. vegetable garden.

Local retail companies such as Mamma’s Kitchen, Chipolte, Star Catering, Noodles & Co., also participated and shared what they are doing to promote sustainable initiatives. Solo Flooring of Alexandria, ServiceMaster, Washington, D.C., the Maid Brigade, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, My Organic Market, Continuum Energy Solutions, YoKid and Home Performance Solu-

tions, among others, were present to inform the public what they do to assure environmentally friendly practices.

Tim Sargeant, an executive with Dominion Power, termed the first time festival as “the forerunner of a very well attended annual event in future years.” Sargeant said he was pleased to participate in the festival and represent his company in promoting environmentally friendly renewable energy