

Foodie Heaven

A cook's market aimed at folks who love eating and entertaining, **Star Provisions** fills its 4,000-square-foot space with individual markets of meat, seafood, cheese, wine, fresh baked goods, herbs and spices and locally grown organic products, plus a wide selection of tableware and specialty cooking utensils. Opening the door is like unveiling secrets.

"Everything available in our restaurants [owners/chefs Anne Quatrano and Clifford Harrison own local restaurants Bacchanalia, Abattoir, Quinones and Floataway Cafe] comes through Star Provisions," says Tim Gaddis, manager of the cheese room that typically stocks 130 cheese varieties plus a wide range of jams, jellies, honeys and other treats. "If you really liked the olive oil or cheese course or dry-aged steak, you can come buy it." What's more, "We can tell you how to cook it," he says.

The shop carries a wide range of goods with an emphasis on organic and local items. "All of our pork products are made from a local farm in Alabama," says Todd Immel, manager of the meat and seafood room. "A lot of our fish comes in daily and it's always fresh, never frozen." House-cured salami and sausages are top sellers with five varieties typically available at any given time.

Can't find what you're looking for? No worries. "We take special orders," says Immel. "If a customer doesn't see what he

or she is looking for in the case, I will go out of my way to find it."

Open Monday through Saturday
10 am-10 pm. 1198
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Fig, s'more and peach cupcakes