

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like *Moosemas* at Gourmet Country

LAKELAND- Chocolate *Moosemas*, that is. Gourmet Country, LLC, a specialty food shop located in Merchant's Walk Plaza, is now taking holiday chocolate orders, including the exclusive "Merry *Moosemas*" chocolate moose. The delicious treats are made at Vanessa's Fine Chocolates, located in Tampa, and are custom made for each order.

Truffles are always a tasty choice, whether your favorite is the Legendary Dark Chocolate or Hazelnut Praline Almond, among many others. That is because of the thin chocolate outer layer and luscious ganache center made from chocolate cream and fresh ingredients, including mango or key lime. "Our chocolates are made without wax, oil or preservatives," explains Ricki Powell, sales manager for Vanessa's Fine Chocolates, "Everything is fresh, from start to finish." The dark chocolate contained in many of the truffles, barks, and molds is 72% cacao.

There are also a variety of holiday favorites, such as Christmas trees made from stacked peppermint bark, or Thanksgiving chocolate turkeys. For a holiday party gift or stocking stuffer, ask for the "Merry *Moosemas*" moose. This half pound chocolate moose is made of smooth milk chocolate with dark chocolate antlers and hooves. Adorning his head is a Santa hat garnished with white chocolate, then dusted with gold sugar dust. Yum! Wrapped classically with a ribbon that reads, "Merry *Moosemas*", this signature chocolate mold is sure to put a smile on any holiday occasion.

For more information, or to place your order today, contact Joanne, store owner of Gourmet Country, LLC, at 863-648-2811.