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Norman Love's new fudge

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Chocolatier launches fudge, potions, more

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Norman Love has launched a new line of fudge at his Chocolate Salon in Fort Myers.

It's a good thing Norman Love named his company Norman Love Confections rather than Norman Love Chocolates, because this creative, ever-changing enterprise has become so much more than world-class truffles and pastries. Mr. Love and his team of bakers and confectioners challenge themselves to stay stimulated and creative, and we, their customers, are the happy beneficiaries.

Last week, fudge made its debut at the Fort Myers salon. Created by Dan Forgey, chef chocolatier and the company's production manager, it's less sweet than most, with a rich butter flavor and velvet consistency.

"We wanted to do something really fresh with great ingredients," says Mr. Love. And so they have. Flavors include cookies 'n' cream, peanut butter, chocolate, mint swirl, vanilla and rocky road. It's \$4.50 for a 4-ounce slice or \$16 per pound. I can highly recommend the two flavors I sampled, rocky road and cookies 'n' cream.

Coming soon to the chocolate salon are a host of other products, including:

■ **Love Potions:** Coming in September, this line pairs the company's (hot) sipping chocolate with six test tubes of sugar in flavors such as jalapeno and cayenne pepper (called Dragon Fire), instant espresso (Elixir of Life) and red fruits such as acai, pomegranate and raspberry (Eternal Youth). Each box comes with instructions on mixing the sugars with the chocolate for interesting new taste experiences.

■ **Fall in Love:** Even though it won't yet feel like autumn in Florida, you'll be able to get a taste of the season through these chocolates, which will be available in September and October. Flavors include maple cookie, pumpkin cheesecake and apple crisp.

Stay tuned for some other exciting new products soon to be launched by NLC.

Norman Love Confections' Chocolate Salon is at 11380 Lindbergh Blvd., Fort Myers. Call 561-7215. In Naples, it's at 3747 Tamiami Trail N. Call 687-725.