

Tiny Great Outdoors Festival

CALL TO PRESENTERS:

The Somerville Arts Council and outdoors-type-person Greg Cook are looking for biologists, naturalists, global warming researchers, poets, philosophers, comedians and other deep thinkers to offer short narrated nature walks at the "Tiny Great Outdoors Festival." The April 23 event (rain date: April 30) is a free, one-afternoon celebration of urban wildlife and the return of spring, outdoors at the Quincy Street Open Space, Somerville's smallest "urban wild." The event will be part of the city's Earth Day and Arbor Day festivities.

We're looking for expert guides who can identify and speak about flowers, trees, animal tracks, birds, bugs, etc. that can be found in urban Somerville—with particular note of wildlife returning to urban communities (think turkeys and coyotes). We're seeking people who can talk about gardening with native plants. We're looking for guides who can address how global warming is changing wildlife in our neighborhoods—affecting when plants blossom, birds migrate and insects appear in spring. These are meant as examples, we're also open to other ideas.

We want presentations that represent the rich diversity of our community. We're looking for serious science—but it can be told with a sense of humor. We like unusual ideas and approaches. Surprise us.

The festival is timed for spring blooming, when the park is (usually) filled with tulips. The small park is just 5,000 square feet of "sustainable woodland landscape" on reclaimed land where a house burned down in the late 1980s.

Speakers must be available to participate on both the date of the festival, April 23, and the raindate, April 30.

To apply: Send a short proposal (one or two paragraphs), your name, email, phone, a link about your relevant experience, and requested payment. To weloveyoursubmissions@gmail.com