

Somerville AgriCultural Festival @ARTFarm

Saturday, October 1st, 2016 1-6pm

AGRICULTURE CALL

The Somerville Arts Council is seeking growers for the first ever Somerville AgriCultural Festival—a celebration of everything we grow from the earth, and the people who grow it, here in Somerville. The Festival will take place Oct. 1 at the new ArtFarm site located at the corner of Poplar and Linwood Streets (<http://somervilleartscouncil.org/artfarm/>). The Festival will include booths for growers to display their produce, chances for urban agriculturists to share knowledge, talks, hands on demonstrations, and participatory art. We want to showcase the rich diversity of our communities.

We are looking for a variety of people to share their agricultural pursuits and knowledge in the following categories:

1. Local Farmers & Growers

We are looking for local Somerville growers and farmers. We want to showcase your tomatoes, potatoes, pumpkins, onions, radishes, lettuce, hot peppers, mushrooms, corn, grapes, apples, herbs, and other beautiful produce grown here.

Do you grow or do you know people who have been growing fruits and vegetables for many decades in their yards? Do you live next to someone who has a beautiful food garden that they take great pride in? Have you walked by a great vegetable or fruit garden lately? Nominate your neighbors and friends! Nominate yourself! Beginners, kids, old hands all welcome. Even if the growers produce won't be in season on Oct. 1st we're still interested! We're working on documenting outstanding produce gardens and displaying the photos at the festival

Nominate someone by telling us:

Name and address of grower/garden

What do you/they grow?

What about the garden/the gardener do you think is outstanding?

If you don't know them personally, send us the address and an image of the garden

Let us know if you're willing to follow-up with this person and invite them to the festival, and help us get their participation!

Nomination process will be open until September 1st this is a rolling deadline, please send nominations ASAP! E-mail nominations to somartscalls@gmail.com with the subject line "Growers".

2. Specialty Agriculture

Do you have a particular skill regarding local agriculture? Do you grow a unique fruit or vegetable and want to display it at the festival? Do you have goats, bunnies, pigs, free-range chickens or honey bees that you'd like to showcase? We want to display your unique, crazy produce that can't be found anywhere else!

To compliment the displays, the Somerville Arts Council is also seeking people to give talks and hands-on demonstrations about best practices for urban gardening, the future of sustainable earth-friendly living.

Topics might include rooftop gardening, green roofs, canning, pickling, container gardening, gardening traditions from the rich diversity of our communities, raised beds, window box gardening, the value of street trees, green city, global warming, ways to reduce lawn mowing, ground cover, native plants, butterfly gardens, garden hermits, wild edibles, ways to reduce water use, and goatscaping.

You do not have to reside in Somerville.

If you'd like to showcase your unique talents or agriculture please submit contact information (including email and phone), and Somerville affiliation (if any), a single paragraph explanation of what you'd like to present, and a short bio to somartscalls@gmail.com by Aug. 15, 2016, with the subject line "Ag Submission."

You will be notified of your status by Sept. 1, 2016.

3. Vendors

We are looking for business, non-profit groups, and crafters, who would like to table to promote their business or sell their products that relate to the festival theme. We welcome businesses whose products relate to urban agriculture, climate change, or green solutions. Examples of craft and specialty food vendors may include goat soap, locally made jam, alpaca wool clothing.

Vendors do not have to reside in Somerville.

Please submit contact information (including email and phone), and Somerville affiliation (if any), a single paragraph explanation of what you'd like to vend, up to 3 images if available, and a short bio to somartscalls@gmail.com by Aug. 15, 2016, with the subject line "Ag Vendors."

Fees for vendors:

Non-profit/local handmade crafters - \$35

For-profit businesses- \$75

Vendors will be notified of their status by Sept. 1, 2016.

**We also have an arts call for this festival. For the arts call please visit:
www.somervilleartscouncil.org/artsunion/2016/agricultural**