

Somerville AgriCultural Festival @ARTFarm

Saturday, October 1st, 2016 1-6pm

ARTS CALL

The Somerville Arts Council is seeking artists, musicians and performers 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 artists who speak to the themes of urban agriculture, farming, climate change, the rich diversity of our communities; food culture, sustainable living, and the environment and that will integrate well with the local produce on display and the overall festival theme.

We are seeking projects and performances in three categories:

1. Visual arts: Installations or participatory work to make the ArtFarm space come alive to visitors during the Somerville AgriCultural Festival. Also displays of your garden crafts: lawn ornaments, whirligigs, bird houses/feeders, fairy houses, and the like.
2. Musicians and performing artists for the mainstage or to roam.
3. Semi-permanent installations to be placed on the ArtFarm fence that will brand the ArtFarm space and be visible from the street. These installations should be started before the Festival and can continue afterwards. They will remain onsite for at least 6 months. Installations should be suitable for outdoor display and able to withstand inclement weather.

Participating artists do not have to reside in Somerville.

Note: We like cockamamie ideas. Surprise us!

Stipends will be available for selected works. Please include a rough budget in your application.

Please submit contact information (including email and phone), and Somerville affiliation (if any), a single paragraph explanation of your work, up to 3 images or drawings if available, and a short bio to somartscalls@gmail.com by Aug. 15, 2016, with the subject line "Ag Artist."

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

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

