



2018

OSWEGO  
Country Market

GATHER &  
GROW

## WHAT IS IT?

New educational demonstration series spanning a variety of topics along the themes of Food & Nutrition, Gardening & Plants, Amazing Animals, Conservation & Nature, and Community Safety. Any demo/talk must connect to the overall vision of the Oswego Country Market & Oswegoland Park District.

## LOCATION & TIME:

**Gather & Grow sessions will occur on the fourth Sunday of each month (6/24, 7/22, 8/26, 9/23). A small special events stage (8'x 8') and portable microphone/speaker will be set up in Floral Expressions/Lil' Emm's parking lot. Presentations will occur at 12:00pm, lasting a maximum of 20 minutes with the option for a Q&A session after.**

If there is intense interest in presenting in the Gather & Grow educational sessions, market staff will consider adding additional time slots on the listed dates.

## SPEAKERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE:

- Engaging content
- Visual aides to assist in your presentation
- Anything else you may want or need for your own presentation (i.e. an assistant, chair, easel, small table, etc)

## ELIGIBILITY:

Selection of presenters will be based on the quality of the presentation offered, the presenter's history with the market, the perceived audience demand/interest in subject, and the locale of the presenter's business.

Presentations must fit within one of the following themes:

- **Food & Nutrition** Ex) How to Prepare Veggies, What IS Organic?
- **Gardening & Plants** Ex) Tips for a New Gardener, Floral Arrangements, Information About Community Gardens
- **Amazing Animals** Ex) How to Help Bees, Backyard Chickens, Are You Ready to Adopt a Dog?
- **Conservation & Nature** Ex) Tics: How to Avoid/Identify/Remove, Know the Plants in Your Neighborhood & Park
- **Community Safety** Ex) Bike Safety Checks or Helmet Checks

## APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete application by May 15, 2018, and return with \$15 payment.
2. Applicants are subject to a phone interview by Oswego Country Market staff.
3. Market team will evaluate all applications and approve those best fitting the vision of the Oswego Country Market. Approved applicants will be notified by May 15. Applicants who are not approved for this season will have their application fee returned.
4. All approved applicants will need to submit full presentation outline a week prior to the event for the market team to review.