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### Farmers' Market season just weeks away

It may be hard to tell, given the dismal start to spring and winter's icy grip on our area, but local farmers' markets are just weeks away from opening. Market organizers are working to bring in vendors of all sorts and customers are equally as eager.

Rushford Peterson Valley Farmers' Market currently has a lineup of 12 vendors and has been contacted by many who are "on the fence." The market is slated to open May 7 and runs through October 1 and is held each Wednesday, from 4-7 p.m., at Creekside Park in Rushford, along the Rush Creek Trail. Spaces are still spaces open for those wanting to participate as either a full or half-season vendor.

Items for the 2013 market included, but were not limited to vegetables, fruit, herbs, honey, maple syrup, poultry, eggs, canned and baked food items, perennials, annuals, goat soap, personal care items, garden and home décor, crafts, and fine arts. The market is producers-only, so only items personally produced by vendors, within a 35-mile radius of Rushford Peterson Valley, may be sold. Interested persons are encouraged to contact the market for more information.

Additionally, the market is seeking a number of musical, drama, or speech/poetry participants to perform during the market season, as entertainment. Participants may include musical soloists or ensembles, skits or plays, or speakers, including storytelling, monologues, poetry, and more. The market board is also open to small competitions of original works, such as a live poetry slam.

Presenters for demonstrations and classes to be held during the market are also being sought. hours. These may cover a range of topics, but they are particularly interested in topics regarding community safety, the environment, sustainability, conservation, health, and those related to "urban homesteading." A listing of suggested demonstrations or classes is available online at: [rushfordpetersonvalleymarket.weebly.com](http://rushfordpetersonvalleymarket.weebly.com).

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