



LINN AUSTIN

Originally from Sweden, Linn enjoys living in Chicago and exploring the city's rich multicultural food scene.

Linn has been a Chicago Market board member since January 2016 and greatly appreciates her role, participating in the important job of building a local food community and planning the necessary steps towards the future Chicago Market grocery store. She would love to have the possibility to continue her involvement in the board's work also next year.

Linn has been Chicago Market Owner since March 2015. Even before joining the board she served as an active volunteer, and took charge of the first Chicago Market Pop-up market in Uptown. Upon joining the board Linn continued to manage, to date, and additional three Pop-up markets in Edgewater and Andersonville. These have been hugely successful events, which have reached out to both current and potential new owners and have proven to be good tools to recruit new co-op Owners. Linn is now busy planning the series of fall pop-ups. She is also involved in the Vendor Communication Committee, whose aim is to find new ways to communicate and be transparent about how and by who the food is produced that will be sold in our future grocery store and how the producers adhere to the Chicago Market purchasing values. Some of the committee's work has been tested and showcased at the Pop-up markets through informative vendor signs and a vendor location map.

Linn would also love to plan and organize more community building events and series of talks on various topics.

In her twenties Linn lived for 5 ½ years in France and Italy and discovered her passion for cooking and browsing farmers markets and village festivals for fresh, locally produced food.

After serving as an art curator for the Stockholm Art Council, Linn worked for 12 years with international conference management. In particular she liked her 8 years with the Stockholm-based Think Tank, Tällberg Foundation, where she provided logistic planning and program content for the Foundation's annual international forum. In the Tällberg Forum, world leaders explored pressing global topics as governance, climate change and food policy through a system's perspective.

For the last two years Linn has been living in Lakeview with her family and dedicates her time to her two sons, the Chicago Market, community work for Nettelhorst School, Lakeview Rotary club, local food pantries, and the Swedish American Museum.

In her spare time Linn likes to spend time with her family, read, travel, discover other cultures and grow veggies on her balcony. She has a life-long interest for the environment and sustainable living and likes exploring new ways of reducing her family's ecological footprint.

