

ORPL Seed Saver Newsletter

“I have great faith in a seed. Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders.” Henry David Thoreau

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Join ORPL Seedsavers in welcoming Beardsley Farm for our March 17th Webinar



Our first garden-themed webinar of the season, “**Gardening for Beginners a Spring and Summer Guide,**” will be presented by Charlotte Rodina, Co-Director of Beardsley Community Farm in Knoxville. Charlotte will share her love of gardening as well as providing tips for community gardeners on how to plant and manage a spring/summer garden. Beardsley works to increase food security by providing fresh produce, accessible education and land resources for gardening. Come with your questions!

[Here is the link to register for the webinar on Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 from 12 noon to 1 p.m.](#)

Access Links to our online Seed Catalog Library:

[Seed Inventory](#)

[Seed Request Form](#)

Directions for Curbside Pick up of Seeds during COVID operating hours:

Order seeds using online form

Pick up seed order at designated curbside pick up area adjacent to Children’s Room

Call curbside phone number at 865-425-5302. Give your name and say “seed pick-up.”

Seed Saving Tips & Resources



What Kind of Seeds do I Save?

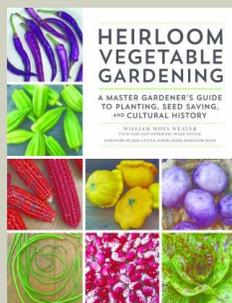
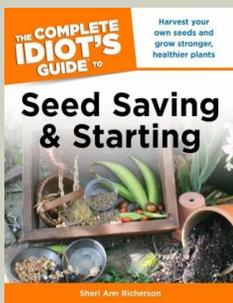
Plant and save **heirloom or open source variety seeds** as opposed to hybrid varieties, labeled “F1” as hybrids will not reproduce true to type, meaning the next generation may have undesirable quality and flavor characteristics.

Tips for Saving Seeds:

[The University of Tennessee offer a resource on Six Tips for Saving Seed here.](#)

What do I do to donate seeds to the Oak Ridge Public Library Catalog?

The library welcomes not only harvested and cleaned seeds our seed saving community grows & donates, but also heirloom or open sourced seeds that have been purchased but are no longer needed. Drop off donated seeds in curbside service area. Fill out the seed donation form with details about the seed’s year & variety.



WHY SAVE SEEDS?

Seed Saving preserves treasured seed stocks which might be forever lost and teaches children about nature’s ways.

Upcoming Programs:

May 19, 2021 “Canning, Freezing, and Drying: Secrets to Preserving the Flavor of Summer”

August 18, 2021 “Adventures in Seed Saving: How to Be a Biodiversity Hero!”