



**Seedy Saturday Seed Swap at the Idaho Botanical Garden**  
**Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012**  
**1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Idaho Botanical Garden IBG is pleased to host the annual **Treasure Valley Seed Swap** that brings together gardeners who want to share their garden-saved seed with the community. Also featured are a series of **Seed-Saving Workshops** to learn how to save your own seed.

The **goal** of a Seed Swap is to bring plant enthusiasts together to share seeds that have been saved in our region. It is a casual affair (**no need to pre-register**) to encourage local seed savers to meet and share stories about gardening and food. It will work something like this:

1. Participants will check in at the registration table and, if they've brought seed, will fill out a brief form listing the seed they will contribute. This is where a \$1 donation can be made to help offset expenses. (Note: only open pollinated seed should be shared. If you're not sure if you have an open pollinated or hybrid (F1) seed, bring it and we'll help you determine what it is).
2. We will meet under the outdoor tent known as The Folly. Seed saving experts will be on hand to answer questions and help with the swap.
3. It isn't necessary to stay at the swap the whole time; come and go as you please or attend a workshop (see below). And best of all, you can still participate, even if you don't bring seed to share.
4. **What to bring** in addition to seed: small seed packets, paper bags, or envelopes, pens or pencils for labeling, and paper for writing notes. Dress warmly - some of the activities take place outdoors under a canopy.

### **SEED SAVING WORKSHOPS**

In the nearby Garden Cottage, local experts will offer short, hands-on demonstrations.

- **1:30 pm - General Seed Biology**
- **2:30 pm - How to Save Dry Seeds (beans, brassicas, beets and more)**
- **3:30 pm - How to Save Wet Seeds (tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers)**

The Idaho Botanical Garden is proud to collaborate with the Treasure Valley Food Coalition, Bittercreek Alehouse/Red Feather Lounge, and Capital City Public Market in hosting this event. University of Idaho Master Gardeners will be on hand to assist Seed Swap participants. For more information, contact Ann DeBolt at 343.8649 or Beth Rasgorshek at 697-6208.

*"Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been, 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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