

GET READY FOR THE GARDEN SEASON!



Save Your Own Garden Seeds Workshop

Saturday, April 1, 2023

10:30 AM to Noon

\$10 General Public

\$5 SHS & HAF Members

This is the first of a two-part workshop, the second session will be an autumn seed swap.

The appearance of the Asian Jumping Worm in our region makes it harder to share plants among gardeners these days, but we can still share seeds. Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners Janet Given Chen, Kathryn Adams Harter, and Laura Lehtonen will discuss supporting our local ecosystem by saving and planting seeds from native plants.

The session will provide an overview defining native plants, their importance for home gardens, how seeds are formed, and why we should save native seeds. Then we'll get down to the nitty gritty of how to collect, store, and germinate perennial seeds. The instructors will discuss the importance of milkweed and its specific germinating needs. Winter seed sowing will be covered briefly and the topic will be discussed in depth in the fall session (yet to be scheduled).

The program will include a brief introduction to the Shakers' seed industry, which began in the 1790s when the Watervliet Shakers developed the process of packaging seeds in small envelopes for sale to the World. The session will end with a stroll in the Shaker Heritage herb garden.

Tickets available at www.shakerheritage.org.

For more information or to register offline, contact educator@shakerheritage.org or call 518-456-7890, x3.

Participants are not required to attend both the seed saving workshop and seed swap events.

**Workshop location: Shaker Heritage Society
25 Meeting House Road, Albany, NY 12211***

www.shakerheritage.org  *Near the Albany Airport

