

SEED PRODUCTION

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THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE SEED PRODUCTION COURSE!

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME FOR ANY QUESTIONS; IT WILL ALWAYS BE MY PLEASURE TO SUPPORT YOUR SEED SAVING ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTH! YOU CAN SEND ME YOUR QUESTIONS AND/OR PHOTO OF YOUR PROJECTS VIA EMAIL AT sylvestre.melanie@gmail.com

YOU ARE ALSO ALL WELCOME TO COME AND VISIT ME AT UBC FARM IF YOU COME TO VANCOUVER. SEND ME AN EMAIL TO LET ME KNOW OR JUST DROP BY!

RESOURCES

WEBSITES

Organization/ page name	URL	Content
Organic Seed Alliance	seedalliance.org	Lots of accessible online publications
The Bauta Family Initiative for Canadian Seed Security	seedsecurity.ca	Check out the GROW-OUT PROGRAM Important seed initiative in Canada. Grants and Webinars online.
Going to Seed	goingtoseed.wordpress.com	Fabulous blog on seed saving from Eastern Canada
US eXtension	extension.org/pages/60426/webinar-registration-and-archive#.VNQgqy6m30m	Large collection of webinar on plant breeding
BC Seeds	bcseeds.org	Online publication for BC
UBC Farm Seed Hub	lfs-seedhub.sites.olt.ubc.ca	Online resources
Save our Seeds	savingourseeds.org	Lots of publication online
The Seed Ambassadors project	seedambassadors.org	Seed saving guide online
Seed and Plant Sanctuary for Canada	seedsanctuary.com	Dedicated to the health and vitality of the earth through the preservation and promotion of heritage seeds
Seed Saver Exchange	seedsavers.org	Collecting, growing, and sharing heirloom seeds and plants
Seeds of Diversity Canada	seeds.ca	Search out, preserve, perpetuate, study, and encourage the cultivation of heirloom and endangered varieties of food crops
ECOSGN	seeds.ca/ecosgn	Eastern Canadian Organic Seed Growers Network
Seed Save	seedsave.org	Online resources
Native Seeds/ SEARCH	nativeseeds.org	Online resources
Return to Resistance	http://sharebooks.come/system/files/	Online book by Raoul A. Robinson

BOOKS

Title	Author	Notes
Seed to Seed	Suzanne Ashworth	This book has been a “must” for many years now
The Seed Garden	Seed Savers Exchange	Mel’s new favorite seed book
The Organic Seed Grower: A Farmer's Guide to Vegetable Seed Production	John Navazio	For serious seed producers getting into larger production
The Triumph of Seeds	Thor Hanson	Great novel-style seed stories
Breeding your own vegetable varieties	Carol Deppe	Easy to understand breeding book. Many plant breeders started with this book
Organic Crop Breeding	Jim Myers	Academic-heavy but complete
Saving Seeds as if our lives depended on it	Dan Jason	BC seed producer Dan Jason made this really basic seed book for all.
The Manual of Seed Saving: Harvesting, Storing, and Sowing Techniques for Vegetables, Herbs, and Fruits,	Andrea Heisteringer	Not my favorite but well layed-out and written.
The Complete Guide to Saving Seeds: 322 Vegetables, Herbs, Fruits, Flowers, Trees, and Shrubs	Robert E. Gough and Cheryl Moore-Gough	Not a lot of details but a lot of plants are covered in this book. Good for herbs and flowers compared to the others books
Seed Sowing and Saving	Carol B. Turner	Not my favorite either but good information.

EQUIPMENT

Business/Organization	Website	Items
Seed Buro	www.seedburo.com	Specialized seed equipment
Hoffman Manufacturing	www.hoffmanmfg.com	Specialized seed equipment
Strickly Medicinal Seeds	www.strictlymedicalseeds.com	Screens and screen sets
Lee Valley	www.leevalley.com	Stainless steel sieves
BC Seeds	www.bcseeds.org/publications/	DIY processing equipment

And don't forget to visit the BC Eco Seed Co-op website!

www.bcecoseedcoop.com

