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Bluffton Area Gardeners

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Seed Saving:

If you have a plant that you want to try to propagate by seed and want to know how you can save its seed you need to come to the Zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. We will be having a presentation by Dave McPheron from Star Farm— Native Plants and he is a Master Gardener Volunteer for Hardin County. Dave specializes in growing native plants for sale to the public, for use in their landscape. In this way he promotes the use of natives so that wildlife can have more foraging opportunities. So I think that Dave may know how to save seeds from almost any plant that can grow in our area. He will generally be discussing flowers and vegetables for our zoom meeting.

Man has been saving seeds for almost all of history and at one time everyone saved seeds for the ability to sustain themselves and their families. Now in this time we have let others save seeds for us. If they decide that a plant is not profitable to save and decide to not save it, we may never see that plant again. Maybe it would be a good thing to know how to save seeds. There are many different things that can be critical to saving a variety that may be different with another variety of seeds.

I have a geranium right now that I want to save seeds from so I have some questions to ask. The geranium has blooms that are two different color patterns on the same plant and I want to see if they can be propagated.

So if you have an interest in saving seeds please join us for the meeting. Victoria will be sending out an E-mail with the link to the meeting so if you get Victoria's E-mails it will be here soon. If however you do not receive her e-mails please send her an E-mail so that you may get the information to join the meeting. Hope you all are able to attend.



The first gardeners/farmers of humankind had to save seeds from year to year. The idea of buying seeds yearly is a relatively recent idea that makes it easy to forget what everyone once knew.

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SUNFLOWERS:

Our last meeting was about the subject of sunflowers how to grow and enjoy them. The presenter was our own president Victoria Goddard and I think she did a good job. The sunflower is a native and it will grow just about anywhere that a seed hits the ground. That is unless it is planted to deeply. The sunflower's flower follows the sun until they mature then they hang down. I enjoyed the presentation very much.

Calendar for the Year:

June 2, How to grow tomatoes : Patrick Flinn Adjusted

July 7, Herbs, at the Community Garden: Marge Lafollette Presenter Zoom meeting

August 4, Sunflowers, Zoom presented by Victoria Goddard

September 1, Seed Saving by Dave McPheron Zoom Meeting

October 6, ?

November 3, Potluck, Brag & Complain ?

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