

isolation distance, techniques for caging or hand-pollination, and the proper methods for harvesting, drying, cleaning, and storing the seeds. *Seed to Seed* is widely acknowledged as the best guide available for home gardeners to learn effective ways to produce and store seeds on a small scale. The author has grown seed crops of every vegetable featured in the book, and has thoroughly researched and tested all of the techniques she recommends for the home garden. This book includes information about how to start each vegetable from seed, which makes the book a complete growing guide. Local knowledge about seed-starting techniques for each vegetable has been shared by expert gardeners from across the United States.



The Seed Underground: A Growing Revolution to Save Food. Ray, Janisse. 2012. 631.521 RAY

Our food supply is profoundly at risk. Farmers and gardeners a century ago had five times the possibilities of what to plant than farmers and gardeners do today; we are losing untold numbers of plant varieties to genetically modified industrial monocultures. In her latest work of literary non-fiction, award-winning author and activist Janisse Ray argues that if we are to secure the future of food, we first must understand where it all begins: the seed. *The Seed Underground* is a journey to the frontier of seed-saving. It is driven by stories, both the author's own and those from people who are waging a lush and quiet revolu-

tion in thousands of gardens across America to preserve our traditional cornucopia of food by simply growing old varieties and eating them.



How It Works

You “check out” seeds of your choice from the seed library, grow them at home, then collect the seeds from the vegetables you’ve grown and return them to the library.

The theme for our first year will be “The Year of the Tomato,” a Jersey favorite that always tastes better grown at home or locally!

Events

Heirloom Tomato Tasting

August 24—Taste the best tomatoes the region’s farms have to offer. And who knows, maybe you’d like to grow some of your own next year....

Growing Garlic

October 17—Roman Osadca of Valley Fall Farm shares his expert advice on growing garlic, which is easy and yields tasty results!

“Think Spring” Seed Swap

January 2014—Attention area gardeners, from novice to experienced: Bring those seeds left over from last year for a good old-fashioned seed swap. Date TBA.

Starting Vegetable Seeds

February 2014—Plant your own tomato seeds and learn to care for them. Date TBA.

Heirloom Vegetables & Seed Saving

Resources for Gardeners
@ Your Library



Washington Township Public Library
37 East Springtown Road,
Long Valley, NJ 07853



HEIRLOOM VEGETABLES & SEED SAVING



The Beginner's Guide to Growing Heirloom Vegetables: The 100 Easiest-to-Grow, Tastiest Vegetables for Your Garden. Iannotti, Marie. 2011. 635 IAN

Heirloom vegetables often have a great story behind them, but it's really all about the flavor. Heirloom expert Marie Iannotti brings us the fascinating stories, but more importantly she tells us which varieties to grow for the best flavor and how to cultivate each one successfully.



The Complete Guide to Saving Seeds: 322 Vegetables, Herbs, Flowers, Fruits, Trees, and Shrubs. Gough, Robert E. 2011. 631.521 GOU

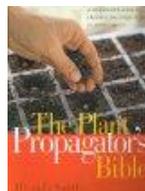
Learn how to collect, save, and cultivate the seeds from more than 300 vegetables, herbs, fruits, flowers, trees, and shrubs. The authors thoroughly explain every step in the seed-saving process. Descriptions of seed biology; tips on how to select plants for the best seeds; and advice on harvesting and cleaning, proper storage and care, and propagating and caring for new seedlings are all presented with clear, easy-to-follow instructions. Chapters dedicated to individual plants contain species-specific directions and detailed information. Gardeners of any experience level will find all the information they need to extend the life of their favorite

plants to the next generation and beyond.



Mini Farming: Self-Sufficiency on 1/4 Acre. Markham, Brett L. 2010. 635.048 MAR

This book is not focused on seed saving and heirloom vegetables, but it does cover everything you need to know about these topics. Learn about buying and saving seeds, starting seedlings, soil fertility practices, composting, and dealing with pest and disease problems.



The Plant Propagator's Bible: A Step-by-Step Guide to Propagating Every Plant in Your Garden. Smith, Miranda. 2007. 635.043 SMI

While this book includes such techniques as budding and grafting, it also covers cultivating new plants from seed. Drawing on her many years as a horticulture teacher, Miranda Smith explains the natural process and conditions in which plants grow and reproduce, and shows gardeners how to use these systems to propagate any plant that grows in their garden or greenhouse. The book features "What Can Go Wrong" advice for each type of plant, explaining potential problems and how to prevent or fix them, and detailed, step-by-step illustrations and annotated photographs.



Saving Seeds, Preserving Taste: Heirloom Seed Savers in Appalachia. Best, Billy F. 2013. 631.521 BES

The Brown Goose, the White Case Knife, Ora's Speckled Bean, Radiator Charlie's Mortgage Lifter — these are just a few of the heirloom fruits and vegetables you'll encounter in Bill Best's remarkable history of seed saving and the people who preserve both unique flavors and the Appalachian culture associated with them. While corporate agriculture privileges a few flavorless but hardy varieties of daily vegetables, seed savers have worked tirelessly to preserve genetic diversity and the flavors rooted in the Southern Appalachian.



Seed to Seed: Seed Saving and Growing Techniques for Vegetable Gardeners. Ashworth, Suzanne, and Whealy, Kent. 2002. 631.521 ASH.

Seed to Seed is a complete seed-saving guide that describes specific techniques for saving the seeds of 160 different vegetables. This book contains detailed information about each vegetable, including its botanical classification, flower structure and means of pollination, required population size,