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Washington Gardener Magazine
presents the
4th Annual
Washington Gardener
Seed Exchange

on Saturday, January 31, 2009
National Seed Swap Day!

from 12:30 – 4:00PM

in the Main Auditorium of the Visitors Center
at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, MD

Full details inside this issue and online at
www.WashingtonGardener.com.

Registration is now open at www.washingtongardener.com.

Space is limited, so act today!

Washington Gardener Magazine
subscribers get **\$5 off**
the **\$15** attendee fee!

Overview

Washington Gardener magazine, the publication for DC-area gardening enthusiasts, is hosting the third annual **Washington Seed Exchange** at Brookside Gardens. This seed swap will be in-person and face-to-face. You bring your extra seeds and swap them with other gardeners. Everyone will leave with a bag full of seeds, new garden friends, and expert planting advice.

When

On Saturday, January 31, 2009
from 12:30 – 4:00PM
(Foul weather that day? Call 301.588.6894,
for updates about possible snow/ice delay.)

Where

In the Visitor's Center Auditorium of the Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, MD.

From I-495, the Washington Beltway, take Route 97, Georgia Avenue north, 3 miles. At Randolph Road, turn right. At Glenallan Avenue, turn right. Turn right into Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., at the four-way stop.

Brookside Gardens is one mile from the Glenmont Metro stop on the Red Line.

How To Register

Fill out the form on the back of this page. You can go to www.washingtongardener.com to print out additional registration forms. Send the form in along with payment to Washington Gardener, 826 Philadelphia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910, Attn: SE Registration. Please make checks out to "Washington Gardener."

Registration fee is \$15 per person in advance. Friends Of Brookside (FOB) members and current *Washington Gardener* subscribers receive a discount rate of \$10 per person.

We strongly urge you to register in advance. There is a limited enrollment of 125 participants total so be sure to register early!

We are GREEN!!! Garden Book and Seed Catalog Exchange

Seed Exchange attendees are encouraged to bring their used or new garden books and seed catalogs to swap and share at this year's event. We also ask you to bring your own water bottle or reusable mug.

More Details and Your Registration Form INSIDE

Washington Gardener Magazine's 4th Annual Seed Exchange Details

If You Have Seeds to Swap

Please package them in resealable plastic zipper or wax sandwich baggies. Put an average of 20 seeds per baggy — more for small seeds like cleome, fewer for large seeds like acorns. Then label each baggy with a white sticker (such as Avery standard 5160 address label sheets) giving all the information you have on the seeds. If known, include the plant's common and scientific names; its soil, sun, and watering needs; and, its origins — where and when you collected the seeds. If you don't know all the information, that's okay, just try to provide as much as you can.

What If I Don't Have Any Seeds to Swap?

Come anyway! Even if you don't have any seeds to trade, you are welcome to attend! We'll have plenty of extra seed contributions on hand and many attendees will be there just to learn, network, and prepare for next year's seed collecting.

Garden Photo Contest

See page 18 for details on our **3rd Annual Washington Gardener Photo Contest!** Winners will be awarded at the Exchange.

Education Program

Expert speakers from the local gardening community, **including the Smithsonian's Janet Draper**, will give short talks on seed collection and propagation tips. There will be ample time for individual Q&A throughout the program with the featured speakers, and invited experts as well.

Schedule

(Note: This schedule is *subject to change*.)
12:00-12:30 Registration check-in
12:30-12:40 Introductions
12:40-1:20 Heirloom Seed talk
1:20-1:40 Gardening talk
1:40-2:00 Gardening talk
2:00-2:15 Snack break and room reset
2:15-2:30 Seed swap preview time
2:30-3:00 Seed swap
3:00-3:30 Photo Contest winners
3:30-4:00 Door prizes and closing talk

How Do We Swap?

As you check-in, staff will collect your seeds and place them at the appropriate seed category tables.

You will be assigned a random seed swap number. There will be a short period for attendees to preview all the seeds brought in and available for swapping. Then, you will be called in by your number

to pick a seed pack from each of the category tables (if desired).

After the initial seed swap is complete, attendees are free to take any of the leftover seeds and to trade seeds with each other. Dividing of packets is encouraged and extra baggies with labels will be on hand for that purpose.

What Types of Seeds?

Seed swap categories will include natives, edibles, herbs, exotics, annuals, perennials, and woodies (trees/shrubs). If you can pre-sort your seeds in advance into whichever of these seven major categories fits best, that would help us speed up the process on the swap day.

Door Prizes! Goodie Bags!

All attendees will receive a goodie bag at the seed swap. The bags include seeds, publications, and garden items donated by our sponsors. In addition, we have some incredible door prizes to give away especially for area gardeners.

If your organization would like to contribute seeds or garden-related products for the goodie bags and door prizes, please contact Kathy Jentz at 301.588.6894 by January 26.

4th Annual Washington Gardener Seed Exchange Registration Form

Please fill out this form and mail with your check/money order by January 23 to:

Washington Gardener Magazine, 826 Philadelphia Ave., Silver Spring MD 20910

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Email: _____

(We will only use your email address for Seed Exchange notices and will never share them with anyone else.)

Seed Exchange Attendee Fee: \$15.00 _____

Discount (if eligible*): -\$5.00 _____

Optional: *Washington Gardener Magazine Annual Subscription*: \$20.00 _____

TOTAL _____

*The following group members are eligible to pay the discount attendee rate of \$10.00, please CIRCLE if one applies to you:

- *Washington Gardener Magazine* subscribers
- Friends of Brookside Gardens