

Seedy Saturday & Garden Extravaganza:

Seed exchange, Workshops, Displays

Agenda

Saturday February 25th, 1-4pm
Oliver Road Community Centre

1-4 pm Seed Exchange & Displays
- Upstairs

Workshops

1-2 pm Planning your garden – Marcelle Paulin
and Brendan Grant from Sleepy G Farm
-Downstairs



Marcelle and Brendan will be discussing planning steps involved in starting your own vegetable garden. Choosing a site, tools needed, choosing vegetable types and varieties, and space needed for a chosen harvest target. The farmers will also be available to answer questions and discuss other topics if time allows.

Sleepy G Farm is a traditional small-scale mixed farm, which produces food in an ecological manner. We protect habitat, soil and water quality on the farm through thoughtful management. All of our animals are raised on pasture and our vegetables are grown without synthetic chemicals to produce clean, fresh, delicious high quality food.

2-3 pm “It Starts with our Seeds” – Kate Green and Joanne
Henderson
-Upstairs

Each place is unique in its ecosystem and what food crops will grow and adapt there. For truly resilient food systems around the world, local seed systems are key. With over 20 years of community seed system experience, Kate Green (USC Canada – Seeds of Survival) and Joanne Henderson (2b Seed Savers and Seeds of Diversity) will share a lively and very visual workshop on a new

Canadian initiative to increase the amount of organic, heritage and locally adapted seeds available in Canada – and how the Thunder Bay region can be part of it. Within the workshop there will also be a short mini- session on seed saving basics for a few vegetables and how to plant and select for seed. A great way to start the growing year!

3-4 pm Community gardening: an exploration of
gardener motivations and benefits
-Upstairs



Lee-Ann will present findings from her masters thesis research at Lakehead University, where she used the Food Security Research Network Campus Community Garden as a case study to explore gardener motivations and diverse benefits of participation.

2-4 pm “Get the Dirt on School Gardening” – Facilitated by
Jennifer Lailey, Shirley Niemi and other local school
gardeners
- Downstairs

Whether you have a garden at your school or you want to start one this workshop is for you. Bring yourself and if possible, someone else who will be helping with the garden. Ideally, an existing or potential school garden team of 2-4 people would attend this workshop (i.e. a teacher and parent plus other volunteers or school staff). Each team/school representative will receive a package of resource materials.

The goals of the workshop are to:

- Share ideas for designing and using educational school gardens
- Learn tips for running effective outdoor classrooms
- Learn about different school garden models that are working locally
- Find out how to get more resources for successful school gardens
- Connect other school gardeners and supports