Thank you!
Kalamalka Seed Library

“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.”
Cicero

The Kalamalka Seed Library is located in the Vernon Campus Library. Seeds are collected and preserved in collaboration with Patchwork Farms and the Kalamalka Demonstration Garden on the Vernon Campus of Okanagan College.

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**Background**

The concept of starting a seed library at the Vernon Campus Library was originally planted in the fall of 2013 when two Okanagan College Geography professors visited the campus with a vision—and a visitor from the Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security in British Columbia. Since that visit the Kalamalka Seed Library has been slowly taking shape. A year later the Seed Library applied for and received a generous grant from the Bauta Family Initiative.

**Vision**

The vision of the Kalamalka Seed Library is to:

- create a sustainable heirloom seed collection using seeds from the Kalamalka Demonstration Garden and Patchwork Farms, Vernon Campus.
- promote the preservation of heirloom and native seeds within the College and greater community.
- create an awareness of the importance of seed saving and harvesting for sustainable gardening for future generations.
- share information about growing, harvesting, and saving and heirloom seeds.
- connect with local food security and sustainable gardening in the North Okanagan.
- nurture community involvement & sharing of seeds.
- encourage gardening in our communities.

**Heirloom Seeds**

Heirloom seed saving is an integral component of sustainable gardening. In collaboration with Patchwork Farms and the Kalamalka Demonstration Garden, our objective is to preserve a collection of heirloom seeds in support of sustainable gardening.

The traditional practice of saving seeds has been going on for more than 12,000 years. Today, heirloom seed saving is a link to our rich horticultural heritage and is a way of connecting communities in a meaningful way. As well, heirloom seeds are an important element of food security and self-sufficiency because, unlike hybrids, heirloom plants are open-pollinated which means they reproduce themselves from seed.

**Preservation**

When preserving heirloom seeds, great care is taken to ensure all varieties of genes are transmitted from one generation to the next. Any changes to an heirloom variety are undesirable from a preservation standpoint.

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**Thank you!**

Thank you to Patchwork Farms, Kalamalka Demonstration Garden, and the Bauta Family Initiative for their support of the Kalamalka Seed Library. The library will be a natural complement to the work being accomplished by these initiatives.

To learn about events, new developments, and general information please contact us.

Thank you for your interest!

Come grow with us!