

The Greater New Britain

Community Seed Library



The Community Seed Library is a free program committed to empowering our community to feed one another by offering seeds and education. Through the time-honored tradition of seed saving we celebrate biodiversity, nurture locally adapted plant varieties, and foster community resilience, self-resilience and a culture of sharing.

The Seed Library operates on the honor system. You become a member automatically when you withdraw seeds to plant. We encourage all members to learn basic seed-saving techniques. We encourage beginning seed savers to grow and return seeds from lettuce, tomato, bean, or pea plants in their first year. If you are unable to save your own seed, please consider donating a packet or two of fresh, commercially grown, open-pollinated (non-hybrid, non-GMO) seed to keep our library stocked. Returning seed will allow us to keep the library well stocked.

You can now find Community Seed Libraries at the New Britain, Plainville, and Southington Public Libraries.

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saving:





Ancho Gigantea Pepper: Heart-shaped fruit that matures from green to red. They have just enough heat to provide a little “kick” with a Scoville Heat Unit rating in the range of 1,000-3,000.



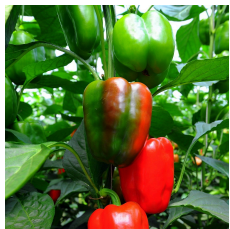
Beefsteak Tomato: large, fleshy fruits that can weigh up to a pound or more. They are ideal for slicing and eating fresh.



Black Beauty Eggplant: A dark purple, an open-pollinated variety known for their delicious taste and versatility in the kitchen



Buttercup Squash: a great source of vitamins A and C, beta-carotene, and fiber. In fact, the more intense the color of the flesh, the more vitamin A it contains.



California Wonder Red Bell Pepper: If you want a juicy, sweet pepper, consider growing California Wonder.



Cherokee Bean Wax: It is a popular variety of bush beans cherished for their appearance and delicious flavor



Cherokee Purple Tomato: the name of an old variety of tomato that develops a fruit with a deep, dusky-rose color



Chives: *schoenoprasum*, is a species of flowering plant in the family Amaryllidaceae that produces edible leaves and flowers.



Coccozellee Zucchini: a unique variety of summer squash that is known for its long, slender shape and dark green stripes.



Corn; Golden Bantam Sweet: The stalks provide five to six inch long ears, and can tolerate dry temperatures. Corn seed may be saved after harvest for planting in subsequent years.



Corn; Popcorn Ornamental: This is corn seeds that have seeds That are bright and have many different colors on them. Reaches to 8-10 ft tall.



Cucumber, Marketmore 76: Long, slender, dark green cucumbers. The slender, refined "Marketmore look" has long been the standard for slicing cucumbers in the North. 8–9" fruits stay uniformly dark green even under weather



Cucumber, Straight Eight: small dual-purpose cucumber commonly grown throughout the region. These heirloom cucumber plants get their names from the continuous harvest of eight-inch



Dark Star Zucchini: bred for uniformity, drought resistance, and yield. We love the open bush habit of the plants, making fruit easy to spot at the perfect harvest stage.



Detroit Beets: Same great flavor and canning/pickling qualities as Detroit Dark Red, but with more uniform color and shape. Deep rich red throughout, no rings or white streaks. Always sweet and rich for canning, pickling and eating fresh.



Early Jersey Wakefield Cabbage: A head of glaucous green leaves



Early Prolific Summer Squash: It includes the yellow squashes, such as straightneck and crookneck, as well as a variety of zucchinis. The straightneck squash bears yellow fruits with a tapered neck.



Early Wonder Beets: great for greens and beets. Selected for tall leafy tops with excellent foliar disease resistance and good volume for bunching.



Early Wonder Peas: An exceptionally sweet early-maturing pea on short but vigorous and healthy plants which grow to just 45 cm in height, needing no support and an ideal choice for containers. The dark green, pointed pods are well-filled with small but very sweet round peas.



Elf Ear Oak Leaf Lettuce: An oak-leaf lettuce with pointy elongated 'ear' tips and a crispy texture. Elf Ears Oak is a tasty and beautiful lettuce with slightly savoyed leaves that have an elongated tip and a dense compact heart.



Frizzy Joe Mizuna: Mustard seeds garden seeds vegetable seeds bulk Mustard sprouts microgreens. Frizzy Joe and his sister Frizzy Lizzy are gorgeous Mustard Greens. They're highly fringed and lofty, and add a delicious and beautiful kick to salads. Frizzy Joe is clean medium green.



Giant Swiss Chard: Large leaves reach up to 2 ft. Dark green, thick yet tender leaves. Similar to spinach in flavor and usage. Edible stems prepared similar to asparagus.



Green Super Broccoli: Early variety with a large, single head. After the main head has been cut, many side shoots can be harvested. Grows to 14"



Jalapeno Peppers: this is a very versatile pepper able to be put in a dish or put into a salsa with a very mild spice but with a more grassy flavor



Jack O'Lantern Pumpkin: These plants are members of the cucurbit family, which includes summer squash, zucchini, melons, gourds and cucumbers.



Kale: curly Kale, also called leaf cabbage, belongs to a group of cabbage cultivars primarily grown for their edible leaves



Kew Blue Pole Snap Bean: deep purple pods with equally stunning purple stems and foliage



Lettuce: lettuce, (*Lactuca sativa*), annual leaf vegetable of the aster family (Asteraceae). Most lettuce varieties are eaten fresh and are commonly served as the base of green salads. Lettuce is generally a rich source of vitamins K and A, though the nutritional quality varies, depending on the variety.



Lettuce Mix: An all-organic lettuce mix. A stunning mix of different colors, shapes, and textures. Includes green oakleaf, red oakleaf, green romaine, red romaine, red leaf, and bibb lettuces. Suitable for outdoor production or in low-light conditions present in hoopouses and greenhouses.



Little Finger Eggplant: slender, petite eggplants that are excellent for grilling and cooking. This eggplant has a dark purple skin, is thin and tender with a silky flesh.



Owl's Eye Pumpkin: Vibrant yellow Jack O'Lantern suited to Halloween decorations. Handsome ribbed fruits with flat bottoms Strong, dark green handles are well attached for easy harvest and handling.



Peas; Sweet Horizon: A high quality, late maturing, snow pea variety that produces a very heavy yield of straight, dark green pods. Pod size is typically 22mm wide and 9-10cm long. Sowing Time: March to June.



Perpetual Swiss Chard: Swiss Chard Seeds, Perpetual Spinach. The taste is more like a true spinach than ordinary chard, and the leaves look like spinach too—flatter and more pointed than chard, with slimmer stems. Very long standing in the garden, yielding from late spring through autumn if planted early. Seldom bolts during its first year.



Ping Tung Long Eggplant: Ping Tung eggplant (also spelled Pingtung) is an heirloom plant originating from Ping Tung, Taiwan. The 2- to 4-foot



Plate de Haiti Tomato: All tomatoes benefit from staking; indeterminate varieties require it. Prune tomatoes when they reach about 24" high and are starting to produce small suckers.



Poker Hat Peppers/Bishop's Crown: these types of peppers can be made into a salsa but also dried or pickled, it has a spicy flavor similar to that of the jalapeno but with a more fruity flavor



Red Ace Beets: a reliable and adaptable standard red beets. medium-tall , red-veined greens for bunching



Shelling Peas: Also called garden, shelling or English peas; these are left on the plant until the pod fills out completely. Then they are removed from the fibrous, inedible pod and lightly cooked. Shelling peas, snow peas, and snap peas are all cool season crops that require the same growing conditions.



Son Marzano Tomato: a variety of plum tomato originating from the Campania region in Italy.



Swiss Chard: Chard is a leafy green vegetable that's part of the Chenopodiaceae family (a subfamily of the Amaranthaceae plant family, but in layman's terms, the beet family). Its large and crinkly leaves are attached to a thick, crunchy, fibrous stem.



Swiss Chard, Five Color Silverbeet: A beautiful chard with colors of pink, yellow, orange, red, and white



Sweet Banana Peppers: this is a yellow pepper but matures into a green red or orange that has a mild spice level but with a more tangy taste with a slight sweetness to it.



Tomato Pole Cherry Sweetie: Classic cherry tomato that lives up to its sweet name is well known for its hearty flavor and early harvest. 'Sweetie' produces large numbers of ¾"–1" cherry tomatoes in grape-like clusters.



Traveler Strain Pepper: A hot pepper, its sturdy plants are covered in cylindrical fruits that average 3" long. Fruits ripen from green to bright red.



Waltham 29 Broccoli: A delicious and easy to grow vegetable. Tall branching plants form compact central heads. After the main head is removed, smaller heads continue to develop.



Wasabina Mustard: a mild spicy plant that can add a mild sweet spice to any dish but there leaves can add an additional texture to almost any dish and when grown this cold-tolerant plant can grow up to 10 inches tall



Yellow Crookneck Squash: Crookneck squash, also known as yellow squash, is a cultivar of Cucurbita pepo, the species that also includes some pumpkins and most other summer squashes.



Zucchini: The zucchini, courgette or baby marrow is a summer squash, a vining herbaceous plant whose fruit are harvested when their immature seeds and pericarp are still soft and edible