



# seedy saturday

February 23 - Fernie

## SEED SWAP and SALE

10am - 3pm • Fernie Family Centre - 4th Ave

- seeds and gardening info & displays
- kids' activities
- café
- bake sale
- seed vendors
- short films
- books
- workshops (microgreens, seed saving)

Seeds of Diversity Canada

Wildrose Heritage Seeds (LETHBRIDGE)

A'Bunadh Seeds (CHERHILL AB)

Earthly Matters vermicomposting (COALDALE AB)

Our Cold Climate Seed Library Project (FERNIE)

Fernie Heritage Library

hosted by  
Fernie Community EcoGarden  
Fernie Family Garden

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# FERNIE SEEDY SATURDAY

February 23, 2019

Fernie Family Centre

10am – 3pm

**Fernie Seedy Saturday** will showcase the world of seeds for gardeners, nature lovers and plant lovers. There will be colourful and engaging displays and information on:

- Saving your own garden seeds, seed cleaning and storage tips
- Understanding biodiversity and world seed security
- Creating compost and vermicompost for healthy plants and gardens

## Seed Swap and Sale

Gardeners are encouraged to bring their locally grown seeds to share for swapping. Gardeners without seeds to share may take seeds home for a small cash donation.

## Café, bake sale, short films, and kids' activities

### ***Guest Vendors and Displays:***

**Wildrose Heritage Seed Company** from Lethbridge, and **A'Bunadh Seeds** from Cherhill AB - Both seed producers will have their own excellent seeds to sell and be on hand to talk about their farms and growing for seed harvest.

**Earthy Matters** from Coaldale AB will be selling Worm Factory composters, composting worms, worm castings, Azonite, and their super soil blend.

**Local Authors** will be on hand for book-signing and sales:

**Terry Nelson:** *Fernie Area Hiking Trails and Natural Plant Compendium*

**Jen Heath & Helen McAllister:** *Down to Earth: Cold Climate Gardening*

**Fernie Heritage Library** will display a selection of gardening books, which can be checked out onsite by Library members.

**Valley Vitals** will have a display of their composting and food reclamation projects.

**Keeping Food Real** online gardening courses

Gaetane of **Naturaleza Ag** will be demonstrating how to produce microgreens for a bumper crop in your own home.

**Our Cold Climate Seed Library Project** will be inviting new members (lifetime membership fee \$10) and offering seeds to members who are ready to grow out, save and contribute seeds back to our new library.

***Event co-hosted by the Fernie Community EcoGarden and the Fernie Family Garden.*** Proceeds go to Our Cold Climate Seed Library Project in Fernie. Supported by Wildsight Elk Valley and Seeds of Diversity Canada.

## **Volunteers Needed!**

Visit **Fernie Seedy Saturday** Facebook event page for information updates and to volunteer.

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## **– Fernie Seedy Saturday**

***A Celebration of Seeds***

Saturday, February 23, 2019 - 10am to 3pm at the Fernie Family Centre

### **What is a Seedy Saturday?**

Seedy Saturdays are a remarkable phenomenon. They are not one event, but a series of separate events, which have sprung up across the country, each individually and locally organized under the same general themes of encouraging the use of open-pollinated and heritage seeds, enabling a local seed exchange, and educating the public about seed saving and environmentally responsible gardening practices.

Seedy Saturdays are fun, inexpensive events where we can swap seeds, get interesting varieties that other seed savers are sharing, attend workshops and talks, meet vendors and buy seeds from seed companies. Whether first-time or master gardeners, seed enthusiasts or expert seed savers, all take part, share and enjoy these exciting, friendly events.

The Fernie Community EcoGarden has been holding annual seed swaps since 2005. This year they are partnering with Wildsight Elk Valley's Cold Climate Seed Library Project, and Fernie's newest community garden, the Fernie Family Garden, to present a larger event for gardeners in the Elk Valley and visitors to Fernie. There will be plenty of local seeds to swap and buy, seeds to buy from regional seed producers, books for sale by local authors, worm composting systems and supplies, interesting informational displays, and more!

This event will inspire and educate people to save and plant seeds, protect the environment, and support local food production and organic gardening practices.

Information tables and hands-on displays will include vermicomposting (composting worms), composting kitchen and garden waste, cleaning saved garden seeds, and growing nutritional sprouts and microgreens indoors. There will be an activity area that parents can visit with their children to explore the world of seeds. Visitors can relax in the café area with a cup of coffee or tea and baked goods and carry on with their seedy networking. There will be a bake sale at the event, the Fernie Family Garden will hold a raffle, and the EcoGarden will have their annual seed saving book draw.

The Fernie Heritage Library will be at the event, displaying a selection of gardening-related books for people to browse through and check out if they're library members.

Information displays on the essential work carried out by Seeds of Diversity Canada, USC Seeds of Survival, and **The Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security** will spur gardeners to consider dialogue and action around seed biodiversity, seed ownership and pesticide use, timely issues which threaten our ability to control our food supply and keep it safe.

Look for event updates and volunteer opportunities on Fernie Seedy Saturday Facebook event page and Wildsight Elk Valley's website. Email for information: [garden.fernie@gmail.com](mailto:garden.fernie@gmail.com)