



Collecting flower seeds from your favorite plants is a fun and rewarding pastime for both young and old. Growing plants from seeds is not only easy but also rewarding. With little effort and cost, seed harvesting provides an opportunity to preserve your beautiful garden flowers to replant next year or share with family and friends.

**HARVESTING**

Always harvest your seeds when it's dry. Around mid-day or early afternoon on a sunny day is ideal, but try not to collect them when they're damp. Lay seeds out separately on newspaper for about one week to dry or in paper bags or cheese cloth around the dried flower heads, clip stems, and hang upside down to allow seeds to fall.

**SAVING**

Store your completely dried seeds in a cool place in a labeled envelope, air tight jar, or a made-seed packet.

Include plant name, plant height, growing climate (full sun or partial shade) and flower color if possible. Consider attaching a picture of them. This will help when organizing your garden.

Keeping the seeds at a temperature of 5°C (41°F) is best. Do not allow seeds to freeze. Keeping the seeds dry at all times will ensure healthy strong plants.

**TRADING**

Harvesting on a brisk autumn day is like a final celebration for the gardener. A glorious past season promises a beautiful new garden for the coming year. A great way to receive new flower seeds for your garden is to TRADE. Passing along our flower seeds to trade with family, friends and neighbours is a great way in keeping unique plant species abundant and to ensure heritage plants moving forward with future generations.

**SEED**

# Seedy Saturday!

## Carp Agricultural Hall

- ▶ Low-priced seeds from local sources - annuals, perennials, veggies and natives (cash sales)
- ▶ Vendors and Workshops
- ▶ Kiddie Corner (Let's plant seeds)
- ▶ Master Gardeners for advice
- ▶ Coffee, Muffins, Door prizes

**Saturday, March 11, 2023**  
 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
 Carp Agricultural Hall,  
 3790 Carp Road, Carp, ON

Admission: \$2 cash - for 3 door prize tickets\*  
 Kids free

\*Proceeds from ticket sales to be donated to Kanata, Stittsville and West Carleton Food Banks

