

Greetings from the Voorheesville Seed Library!

We are excited about the upcoming growing season and hope you will join us on Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00pm at the Voorheesville Library for our first roundtable discussion of the new year. This year's roundtable will be facilitated by Cornell Cooperative Extension Service volunteer Cremilda Diaz as well as myself, a "regular local person who likes playing in the dirt". We will discuss starting seeds indoors, "borrowing" seeds from the seed library, and some of the special seeds we will be offering this year. We welcome your thoughts, questions, and ideas! All of the seed library seeds will be available at this meeting.

We'd like to thank all of you who have come to past seed library events, who have "borrowed" seeds from the seed library, and particularly those of you who have donated seeds to the seed library. I'm thrilled to let you know that we are again getting a generous donation of seeds from [Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds](#), which is a family-owned company that is dedicated to finding, preserving, and disseminating heirloom seeds from all around the world. Once again, we will have seeds as a result of this donation that you simply will not be able to find anywhere else locally. Some of the new seeds we'll be carrying this year include yellow beets, white egg-shaped eggplant from Japan, purple yard-long beans from Thailand, black radishes from Spain, a French radish that is ripe 18 days after planting, purple carrots that have yellow cores from Switzerland, an interesting selection of flower seeds, and seeds from the famous squash that was grown from 800-year old seeds that were found in a clay ball at a historic site in Wisconsin. We're also offering Gallagher Sun tomato seeds (a world exclusive offering!), which was developed here in Voorheesville when some heirloom tomato varieties cross-bred and created an amazing beefsteak meaty orange tomato that weigh between 1 1/2 and 2 pounds. These plants are incredibly productive and have a complex, fruity, non-acidic taste.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the seed library or associated scheduled programming. We look forward to seeing you at the 2017 seed library kickoff meeting!

As always, thank you for your interest and involvement in the Voorheesville Seed Library and in sustainable and organic farming and gardening and in eating healthy and delicious food!

Sharon Miller, seed library coordinator