



Seedy Saturday


'Seeding the Future'

Saturday, February 3, 2024
10 am to 3:30 pm

Qualicum Beach Civic Centre
747 Jones Street

ADMISSION BY DONATION

Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday Association
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2024 Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday

Doors open to public from 10 am until 3:30 pm

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Seedy Saturday is an annual event that provides access to heritage seeds, plants, and garden-related supplies and tools, and a wonderful opportunity to gain knowledge about gardening on Central Vancouver Island. This list covers most of the activities you'll find at the event:

- **SEED SWAP** (Booth Room) – you can share your saved seeds with other local gardeners, or just buy seeds others have saved.
- **MASTER GARDENERS** are on hand to help with your gardening questions. Find them in the corners of the Main Hall.
- Local garden-related **VENDORS** have their seeds, plants, and related goods for sale (Main Hall and outside).
- **DOOR PRIZES** for each 50th patron (supplied by participants)
- Various not-for-profit **ORGANIZATIONS** providing information.
- Buy a **50/50 RAFFLE** ticket (cash only) to support the QB Seedy Saturday Association. Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Draws at noon and 3:00 pm. Must be present to win. BC Gaming Licence #146419
- Have a snack, lunch, or just a beverage at the **SEEDY CAFE**. Main Hall – left of and in front of stage.

SPEAKERS – Lion's Room

10:30-11:30 am – Bonnie Zand – **Gardening for BC's Native Bees.**

Learn about the 500+ species of native bees that occur here in BC, and how you can attract a plethora of them to your yard, improving pollination in your garden in the process!

1:00-2:00 pm – Michalina Hunter (Cicada Seeds) – **All About Perennial Vegetables.** Discover vegetables that you plant only once and harvest for years (sometimes decades). Perennial vegetables can be less work, more nutritious, and more resilient in a changing climate.

OUR HISTORY

Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday Association

The time-honoured prairie tradition of saving grains has expanded into a national initiative to save and share seeds and plants locally. Seedy Saturdays began in Vancouver in 1989 at Van Dusen Botanical Gardens with a committee headed by Sharon Rempel. Sharon also gave the event its name.

In the fall of 2002 Master Gardeners and Joy Smith were busy organizing the first Seedy Saturday for Qualicum Beach. Joy had been inspired by Seeds of Diversity, a national nonprofit organization devoted to conserving non-hybrid seeds and plants for public use.

This first Seedy Saturday Committee intended their purpose to be the organization of an annual event in accordance with the gardening objectives held by Seeds of Diversity and the Vancouver Island Master Gardeners' Association. These objectives include:

1. Encouraging the use of public domain non-hybrid plants of Canadian significance.
2. Enabling the local trading of heritage and open-pollinated seeds.
3. Educating the public about environmentally responsible gardening practises.

In February 2003, the first Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday was held with the Seed Swap as its central inspiration. The Seed Swap continues to be the core of this event. The first Seedy Saturday attracted over 900 people. The community was hooked.

Seedy Saturday continues to be organized and operated completely by volunteers. Any monies collected, beyond the cost of the event, are donated to Seeds of Diversity and to local community groups and gardening-related programs.

VENDORS/EXHIBITORS

Alpine Gardeners of Central Vancouver Island

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Our alpine garden club is all about having fun and laughter while sharing information on alpine and rock garden plants.

Amanda Key Design

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Broombusters Invasive Plant Society

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Hamilton Wetlands and Forest Preservation Society

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engagement, relationship building,
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within the UNESCO-designated
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Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society (MARS)

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Qualicum Beach Garden Club

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VIMGA provides education to the public on environmentally responsible and effective gardening practices via the use of public workshops, seminars and volunteer clinics. We offer accurate and up-to-date garden advice at nurseries, garden centres, plant sales, Seedy Saturdays and farmer's markets, to name a few.

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Many of the vendors contribute an excellent selection of door prizes that are distributed to the patrons as they enter the main hall. This broad base of support helps to make the Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday one of the most successful in the country. Thank you to all who have contributed to this success. We would also like to thank Foenix Forest Technologies for their donation of Sea Soil.

The QBSS 2024 Organizing Committee

In the past 20 years, through generous public support, the Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday Association has donated to organizations such as:

- Alpine Gardeners
- Bonnie Zand
- Bradley Centre
- Broombusters
- Brown Property Preservation Society
- Communities in Bloom
- Community Gardens
- Garden Clubs
- Denman Island Community Education Society
- Milner Gardens and Woodlands – Shoots with Roots, demonstration vegetable gardens
- Qualicum Beach Community Safety
- Qualicum Beach Civic Centre
- Qualicum Beach Community Orchard Project
- Saltspring Island Seed Sanctuary
- Schools garden projects throughout the Central Island
- Seeds of Diversity Canada
- Terminator Seeds Campaign (National Farmers' Union)
- Town of Qualicum Beach – Compost Education
- Vancouver Island Master Gardeners

2023/24 Organizing Committee

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SEEDY CAFÉ MENU 2024

Connections Café Crew

Beverages

Coffee	\$2.50
Tea	\$2.50
Hot Chocolate	\$2.50

Sweets


Muffins	\$3.00
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Mains

Egg Salad Sandwich	\$8.00
Ham Sandwich	\$8.00
Tuna Sandwich	\$8.00
Vegan Chili with a bun	\$10.00
Squash Soup with a bun	\$10.00

Combos

Soup (or chili) and a sandwich	\$15.00
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