

21st Annual Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday

'It starts with a seed'



**Saturday, February 1, 2025
10 am to 3:30 pm**

Qualicum Beach Civic Centre
747 Jones Street

Admission: suggested \$5 donation

Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday Association
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2025 Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday

Our annual event provides access to heritage seeds, plant and garden supplies as well as opportunities to gain knowledge about gardening on Central Vancouver Island. Feel free to browse all that we have to offer:

- **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.
- **DROP-IN DEMONSTRATIONS** on garden-related topics.
- Local garden-related **VENDORS** have their seeds, plants, and related goods for sale (Main Hall).
- **DOOR PRIZES** for each 50th patron (supplied by vendors/exhibitors)
- Various not-for-profit **ORGANIZATIONS** providing information.
- Buy a **50/50 RAFFLE** ticket (cash only). Tickets \$2 each. Draws at noon and 3:00 pm. Must be present to win. BC Gaming Licence #158615
- Have a snack, lunch, or beverage at the **SEEDY CAFE**. Main Hall – left of and in front of stage.

Our History

The first Seedy Saturday Committee pledged to organize an annual event with the Vancouver Island Master Gardeners' Association and Seeds of Diversity gardening objectives in mind. These objectives were:

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

In February 2003, the first Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday was held and attracted over 900 people. The Seed Swap was its central inspiration and continues to be the core of this event. We are organized and operated completely by volunteers. Any money collected, beyond cost, is donated to Seeds of Diversity and to local garden related community groups and programs.

New this year! Demonstrations from local experts

Drop in to the Lions room and watch local experts provide hands on demonstrations and answer any questions you have (demonstrations are 10-15 minutes long; come and go as you please).

10:30-11:15 **Growing Hemp** (for food & mulch) –
Blake Hunter of [Good Seed Land](#)

Gardening with hemp for fiber and grain. Join local hemp farmer Blake Hunter as he walks you through the basics of growing hemp in your garden for various purposes. The most simple use can be to get some hemp seeds for eating and some hemp fiber for mulch or animal bedding.

11:45-12:30 **All About Composting** –
Joyce McMenammon of [Speedibins](#)

Compost questions? Come learn the no turn, no smell, no rats easy way to make compost at home. Learn why, how, where, when, and what from a Master Composter. We'll discuss where to set up. How to start it. What to put in. What to leave out. When is it ready to use and how to use the finished product? Can you compost dryer lint? Fish? Tea bags? And what about those aggravating compostable bags? Composting makes use of waste and livens up soil. And it's easy to do! Come learn the secrets of safely and quickly making rich nutritious compost out of your kitchen and yard waste. Bring your questions for this fun discussion. Feed the soil that feeds the plants that feed us!

1:00-1:45 **Seed Saving** – Michalina Hunter of [Cicada Seeds](#)
Come learn tips and tricks for cleaning your garden seeds! Separating the seed from the chaff (unwanted plant material) helps seeds last longer, become more compact for storage, and reduces pests. We will clean some seeds together using common kitchen items and a fan for winnowing. Bring your seeds and your questions!

1:45-3:00 Video Documentary – [In My Backyard](#)
In My Backyard chronicles director Jamie Day Fleck's personal journey into urban agriculture, converting her entire backyard into a kitchen garden. Using her personal story as a jumping-off point, she branches out to look at the various solutions that backyard gardeners and urban growers have dreamed up and implemented in Toronto.

VENDORS/EXHIBITORS

Alpine Gardeners of Central Vancouver Island

alpinegardenersofcvi.wixsite.com

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

April LaCoste Designs

April LaCoste • 250-202-2976

Handmade glass works (lampwork) and metal garden art and jewelry.

Bramblewood Tree Nursery

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A permaculture focused plant nursery dedicated to providing hardy fruit, nut, and companion trees for edible landscapes in Coastal British Columbia.

Broombusters Invasive Plant Society

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Facebook:

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Around 600 Broombuster volunteers cut broom over 6000 hours each year across Vancouver Island area. Find out why and how.

Brother Nature Heirloom Seeds

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Facebook: [BrotherNatureSeeds/](https://www.facebook.com/BrotherNatureSeeds/)

We take great pride in providing our fellow plant enthusiasts with heirloom & non gmo seeds for planting a complete bio-diverse garden, that is healthy, reliable, ecofriendly and affordable.

Carol's Garden

Carol Walgren

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I am a home gardener who sells plants out of my home from seeds collected from my garden. I have been doing so for several years with rave reviews.

Cicada Seeds

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Dragonfly Seeds

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Fleurish Botanical Medicine

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www.ffccs.ca

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We have been saving seeds for over 30 years at our farm and have been certified organic since 1994. We have a wide collection of vegetable, herb, flower and grain seeds. We will also be bringing certified organic seed potatoes.

Garden Girl Seeds

Breanna Sproule

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Providing select garden seeds that are high in qualities like good productivity, high in vigor and fast maturity which means they're perfect for short season gardens!.

Garden Lore

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Calendula, catnip and more.
Various seeds.*

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*A small scale seed company
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*We are an Indigenous-owned seed
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*We are selling everything mason
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*We are a group dedicated to the
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wetlands and surrounding forest.
We share the importance of the
wetland for the water, the wildlife,
and the future.*

Happy Medium Designs

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*Hand made upcycled garden tote
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*A local beekeeping company based
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Wool Pellets for all your gardening needs or as gifts for that gardening friend: natural fertilizer, soil water retention, aeration, pest repellent.

Mayne Island Clay Works

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Locally made clay garden ollas save you time and water in the garden, and plants love them!

Metchosin Farm

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A historic botanical garden striving to preserve, enhance, educate and inspire all things nature.

Mid Island Floral Art Club

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Our club's motto is "Making Friends Through Flowers". Gain knowledge of floral art and allied crafts through demonstrations and workshops.

Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Society

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The Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region inspires a positive future for all living species by connecting people with nature.

Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society (MARS)

Marilyn Dawson

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/
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Non-profit organization educating about the genus rhododendron, active since 1989.

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Our focus is sustainable, regenerative farming using heritage breeds and varieties of seeds and poultry.

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Public garden and arts space in Parksville, with experimental hydroponic and traditional gardens, fruit trees, berries, greenhouse and gathering spaces.

Qualicum Beach Dahlias and more

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Growing dahlias has been a years-long passion. Raising approximately 1,000 plants annually with around 75 varieties. Selling "choose your own" flowers and other plants and produce at my Rd stand for over 15 years.

Qualicum Beach Garden Club

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A fun way to learn about growing gardens. Meet knowledgeable gardeners and enjoy guest speakers.

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We grow, gather or ethically wildcraft all of our seeds and herbs by hand, in small batches without the use of any pesticides, chemicals, or GMOs. We are proud to produce and offer more than 190 diverse seed varieties that cater specifically to the organic home gardener.

Saanich Organics - Seeds of the Revolution!

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Seeds of the Revolution produces locally grown, regionally adapted, certified organic vegetable, flower and herb seed packets for everyone from balcony gardeners to commercial farmers!

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Seed suppliers of rare native and non-native plants. Rare & unusual plants too.

Valley Succulents

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Specialty nursery carrying a wide range of tender and hardy cacti and succulents. We also have a good selection of unusual perennials, pottery and veg starts and seed in the spring.

Vancouver Island Master Gardeners Association

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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.

Vancouver Island Wool Pellets

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We feature an edible plant nursery and organic vegetable garden, where we sell plants, raise mason bees and host gardening classes.

Thank You

A huge thank you goes out to all volunteers that help bring this day together. Each person fills an important role and without them our event wouldn't exist.

Also, we want to acknowledge our wonderful vendors that donate the door prizes that are given out to every fiftieth attendee.

Donations

Our goal is to promote gardening and food security within our community. For the past 20 years, all **funds collected at the door and raised from our raffles** have enable the Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday Association to not only continue each year but also donate to local garden-related organizations. Donations and scholarships, along with bags of Sea Soil generously donated by Foenix Forest Technologies have been distributed to many groups to foster their garden projects and education. We are proud to be able to contribute to these local programs.

Below is a comprehensive list of organizations that have benefited from our donations over the years:

- 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

SEEDY CAFÉ MENU

Connections Café Crew

Beverages

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

Sweets

Muffins	\$3.00
Squares	\$3.00
Cake (gluten free)	\$5.00


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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