



Seed Savers
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2020
GRATITUDE
REPORT

We are grateful to YOU!



OUR MISSION

Seed Savers Exchange stewards America's culturally diverse and endangered garden and food crop legacy for present and future generations. We educate and connect people through collecting, regenerating, and sharing heirloom seeds, plants, and stories.

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

From the deepest soils of our organization's heart, Seed Savers Exchange extends a long taproot of gratitude to our community of supporters who have nourished us for 45 years so that our mission could stand tall as a source of hope and resilience at a time when people needed it most.

2020 marked a moment in history when our collective need for connection grew stronger than ever before in living memory. And people instinctively (re)turned to seeds and plants for that connection.

As this gratitude report highlights, Seed Savers Exchange was able to reach more people than ever before thanks to your generosity, as well as explore increasingly diverse and meaningful ways to authentically connect with our growing community and welcome you into this work or support your evolving personal journeys.

The ability to stretch our roots and shoots in new directions takes precious energy that is only possible with the love and support people like you have given us to make that happen. The light you shine into our work is what powers us to explore new cracks in the soil and spaces in the canopy. Thank you for helping us to be here, staying adaptable to changes in the world around us and discovering rich reservoirs of new opportunities within our reach that can help us continue (re)connecting people everywhere with their seeds and stories.

To the generosity of adaptation,

Emily Rose Haga

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Executive Director



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2020

The staff and board of Seed Savers Exchange hope you enjoy this brief snapshot of some of the highlights of 2020 that were possible because of your support. It was a challenging year in many ways, yet one filled with connections of all kinds. Thank you so much for your support and the good energy you sent to ensure our collective ability to continue preserving, sharing, and connecting people with seeds and their stories.

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH SEEDS

In 2020, Seed Savers Exchange (SSE) experienced the greatest demand for seeds in our history, with record distribution of the heirloom varieties in our catalog. (We sent out 931,347 seed packets between November 2019 and October 2020!) In addition, Yearbook and Exchange participants requested 2,370 seed packets, tubers, and scions from Heritage Farm in 2020 (775 more than in 2019), and dozens of new participants signed on for the Community Science ADAPT and RENEW programs to grow varieties for evaluation and regeneration. SSE also sent 43,864 seed packets to people in need through the Herman's Garden and Disaster Relief seed-donation programs, distributed 17,332 free seed packets through the Resilience Gardens Project, and donated over 48,000 seed packets and 30 pounds of brassica seeds (about 84,000 packets worth!) to the Cooperative Gardens Commission. Connecting tens of thousands of people with seeds last year made an incredible and indelible impact. Thank you for supporting this work! You made it all possible.



SEED REMATRIATION: RECONNECTING PEOPLE WITH THEIR ANCESTRAL SEEDS

Seed Savers Exchange is grateful for the generous support our community has shown for the seed rematriation work in which we are participating. In 2020, with seed keeper and SSE board chair Rowen White's guidance and funding from the North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program, SSE and our seed rematriation partners—Shelley Buffalo, then coordinator of the Meskwaki Food Sovereignty Initiative; Jessika Greendeer, Ho Chunk seed keeper and farm manager at Dream of Wild Health; and Becky Webster, farmer and seed keeper with the Oneida Nation—collaboratively developed a participatory conservation model in which all partners chose and grew seeds from the collection, shared growing and seed-saving methods and knowledge, and saved seeds for both preservation and sharing with Indigenous communities. Through this collaboration, these communities are helping SSE regenerate seed for our collection as well as growing their seed and food sovereignty.

Thanks to a second grant in early 2021 from the North Central SARE program and generous individual gifts, the seed rematriation work is rippling outward. From SSE's initial partnership with the Indigenous Seed Keepers Network in 2017, to this 2020 project with three partners, and now the ongoing 2021 project with eight partners at nine sites, this work is expanding and growing.

“We are reconnecting to our foods. We are making the seeds available for our community. We're doing that out in the open and very proudly.” — Becky Webster, Oneida Nation



Shelley Buffalo, former coordinator of the Meskwaki Food Sovereignty Initiative in Tama, Iowa.



Jessika Greendeer, Ho Chunk seed keeper and farm manager at Dream of Wild Health in Hugo, Minnesota.



Becky Webster, farmer and seed keeper with the Oneida Nation in Oneida, Wisconsin.

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH HEIRLOOM COLLARDS

The Heirloom Collard Project was initiated in 2016 when Seed Savers Exchange, in collaboration with Ira Wallace of Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, requested over 60 rare heirloom varieties of collards from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's seed bank. SSE has been growing, evaluating, and preserving the collards at Heritage Farm since that time, but in 2020 the project expanded when SSE and partners Ira Wallace, Chris Smith of the Utopian Seed Project, and Melissa DeSa of Working Food decided to breathe new life into it.

Because of your support, these partners were able to facilitate a national collard variety trial of 18 rare heirloom varieties (and two control varieties) from the Seed Savers Exchange collection for which over 250 gardeners from around the country signed up!

The trial's foremost goal was to connect people with collard seeds to begin building a community of collard lovers and stewards committed to growing, saving seeds from, and experiencing this crop. This large community-based trial fostered new dialogue around collards as participants assessed their own experiences growing and cooking them.

In addition, the Heirloom Collard Project website (heirloomcollards.org) was created, and in collaboration with the Culinary Breeding Network, the project partners hosted a virtual Collard Week celebration in December 2020. Collard Week allowed collard enthusiasts across the country to learn more about collard seed saving, the history and cultural significance of collards in the South, initial results from the trial, and different ways to cook collards. You can visit the project website for links to the recorded sessions, and connect with the collards yourself!



A young 2020 Collard Trial participant shows the reward for his labor.

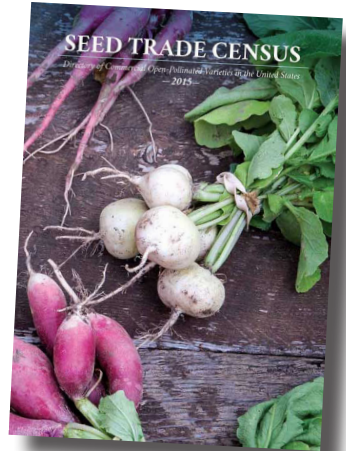


Cody Egan holds a 'Susan Turner' collard grown for seed regeneration at SSE's Heritage Farm.

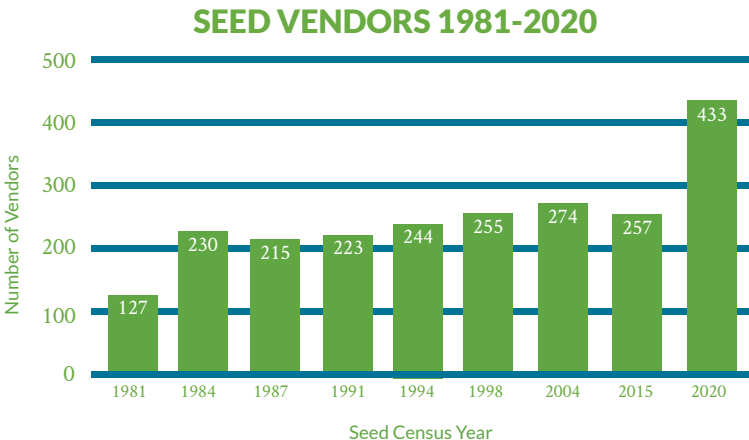
CONNECTING PEOPLE TO ENDANGERED SEEDS WITH THE SEED TRADE CENSUS

In our founding years as a nonprofit, Seed Savers Exchange identified the need to conduct a comprehensive census on open-pollinated varieties in the seed trade to see where the gaps were in preservation and distribution. Our first census was published in 1985, and information gathered approximately every five years since then has been invaluable as SSE works to identify rare varieties in the open-pollinated seed trade that are in need of more protection and stewardship.

Thanks to a grant, a significant gift, and your support, data collection for the next edition of the SSE Seed Trade Census began in the spring of 2020. Approximately 433 seed companies were contacted about what seeds they are listing in their catalogs, including 220 new seed companies since the 2015 census! This huge task was complicated by the pandemic, which caused seed companies to be too overwhelmed to respond in our originally hoped-for time frame. But with the help of interns and additional staff, the team at SSE has persevered.



All of the listings have been gathered, but a number of steps to completing the census still remain. Once completed, it will be an invaluable resource to connect gardeners and seed companies to specific seeds, and to connect those who want to help preserve the full biodiversity in the heirloom seed trade with the rare and endangered seeds we all hope can be brought back into prominence.



CONNECTING PEOPLE TO HEIRLOOM APPLE VARIETIES

You and hundreds of others in this community have made an incredible contribution to orchard management and preservation at Seed Savers Exchange's Heritage Farm! The Historic Orchard Campaign of 2019, combined with generous gifts that continue to arrive in support of this work, have made a measurable impact. One of the results: SSE hired our first assistant orchard manager in 2020, more than doubling our capacity to care for the orchards.

Late last summer, SSE's orchard team bud grafted 120 varieties of apple trees that needed to be rejuvenated. (The parent trees were in poor health or poorly spaced, or we didn't have a backup tree in the orchard.) Six copies of each variety were grafted, two copies each onto three different rootstocks. These were carefully documented in order to study rootstock/variatal compatibility for under-researched and rare varieties. This is exciting work as many of these have not been studied, and rootstock/variety compatibility data will benefit the orchard community as a whole. Scheduled grafting plans have been established to assure the health and longevity of each variety with regular regeneration.

Staff spent additional time removing old trees (referred to as "grubbing") based on carefully developed criteria. In all, 120 trees were removed, offering a fresh new start for the young trees and providing space for planting new trees that meet our collection criteria.

Over the winter, staff researched each of the varieties in the current database system for their compatibility with the accessions policy, identified duplicates, and updated the collection database. Understanding what we have in the orchards helps us prioritize stewardship and identify stewardship partners who will help ensure that the valuable strengths and traits of these varieties are not lost.



Apple blossoms, spring 2021.

CONNECTING SEEDS WITH THEIR STORIES

Yet another important example of what your support of Seed Savers Exchange makes possible is our ability to document the seed stories and stewardship histories of the varieties in our collection. Each variety comes to us with a story, but sometimes the story isn't with the seeds when they arrive. It's the job of SSE's seed historians to contact seed donors or their families—or research the varieties in other ways—to ensure that we are able to document the line of stewardship, important dates in the stewardship history, and any number of important and interesting facts about the varieties to share with you and everyone else in this community.

With 20,000-plus varieties in the collection, this work has been backlogged for a long time—even with community support. But thanks to a significant multi-year grant in 2020, SSE was able to hire two assistant seed historians to focus on the backlog as well as on the new donations that continue to arrive. They are making steady progress, connecting with donors and having some amazing conversations, and we are pleased to share a few highlights (see photo captions)!



Debbie Premus and Irina Bagmout at Irina's apartment in Moscow, August 1991.

"Irina learned I loved gardening and had an interest in seed saving, so she put together a gift package for me containing many flowers, herbs, and vegetables to bring back from my 1991 visit along with a bag of traditional Russian tea leaves," says Debbie.

"Unfortunately, not all the seeds survived, but the ones that did have been growing in my garden since 1991."

Found growing in the wild in 1983, the 'Hahnsberg' garlic is a hardy-beyond-belief, long-storing, hardneck variety that thrives in the South.

"One morning in 1983, I was clearing brush from a field when I noticed the potent smell of garlic. I dug some up thinking to make a goulash with it. The flavor was amazing, so I began harvesting the stuff, eventually planting the largest cloves in my garden. It's been growing there ever since," recalls Richard von Weber-Hahnsberg.





CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

Along with the tremendous responsibility that comes with caring for a diverse collection of seeds and their stories, our mission also comes with a responsibility to honor the important role of America's seed keepers (past, present, and future) in stewarding this legacy. As a nonprofit organization, the key to success lies in our grassroots foundation and in ensuring that the connections between people, seeds, and stories remain strong—or in many cases, are reconnected, repaired, and healed after being separated over time.

Seed Savers Exchange is committed to doing the deep internal work needed to grow our organization's cultural competence in ways that will help us do better at connecting with each other around our mission. One important step taken in 2020 was identifying a partner to help move our workplace further towards shared awareness, common language, and a strategic framework that can support us in doing this work respectfully and authentically.

SSE staff and board formed a working group to determine priorities and search for the right group of people to lead us on this journey. And in the spring of 2021, we began a two-year relationship with Team Dynamics to engage in diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice work. With their assessment, training, and guidance, we will work together to build skill sets and set clear goals that will allow SSE to engage more people in collecting, regenerating, and sharing their garden heritage in the most welcoming and impactful ways possible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR IMPACT

Thank you for your support of Seed Savers Exchange. We are grateful you are with us in this critical work to preserve the biodiversity and cultural heritage of the seeds, and care for the people who steward them.

Please let us know if you have comments or questions about the impact of your support, the work highlighted here, or our plans moving forward. More detailed information about many of the highlights featured in this Gratitude Report can be found online at blog.seedsavers.org.

SSE is grateful to you for your support. We are grateful for the gifts of time, resources, and connections from everyone in our community that make all of our work possible. Volunteers, interns, partners, sponsors, and donors of \$1,000 or more between November 1, 2019, and October 31, 2020, are listed here.

We make every effort to ensure accuracy, but if you notice an error or omission, please contact us at donations@seedsavers.org.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AT THE 2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Owen Taylor and Amirah Mitchell of Truelove Seeds

2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE PARTNER

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2020 VIRTUAL BENEFIT CONCERT PERFORMERS AND SPEAKERS

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(The farms and individuals listed here grew significant numbers of varieties in 2020.)

SeedLinked (technology partner); Bjorn Bergman; Blackberry Farm (Michael Washburn and John Coykendall); Aaron Dinwoodie; Cody Egan; Daniela Elliot; Hamilton County, Indiana, Master Gardeners; Thomas Martucci, Monticello, Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Center for Historic Plants; Washington County, Wisconsin, Master Gardeners

Our sincere gratitude to all of the ADAPT and RENEW Program participants who are helping steward and adapt SSE's collection of 20,000-plus varieties.

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2020 SEED REMATRIATION PARTNERS

Shelley Buffalo, Meskwaki Nation, Meskwaki Food Sovereignty Initiative; Jessika Greendeer, Ho-Chunk Nation, Dream of Wild Health; Indigenous Seed Keepers Network; Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance; Becky Webster, Oneida Nation

2020 HEIRLOOM COLLARD PROJECT PARTNERS

Melissa DeSa, Working Food; Nico Enjalbert, SeedLinked; Heidi Noordijk, Oregon State University Extension; Lane Selman, Culinary Breeding Network; Chris Smith, Utopian Seed Project; Ira Wallace, Southern Exposure Seed Exchange

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FINANCIALS

The financial information provided here is for SSE's fiscal year ending October 31, 2020.

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Contributions


Conference	\$6,275	0.09%
Corporations	\$514,679	7.36%
Membership	\$300,465	4.31%
Donations	\$470,413	6.73%
Fundraisers & sponsorships	\$75,620	1.08%
Foundation grants	\$349,759	5.00%
Sales & shipping	\$5,091,778	72.86%
Investment income	\$41,960	0.60%
Rental income	\$12,163	0.17%
Other income	\$45,654	0.65%
Net assets released from restrictions	\$80,009	1.15%
Total support and revenue	\$6,988,775	

EXPENSES

Programs	\$4,381,318	70.85%
General & administration	\$1,377,936	22.28%
Facilities (farm expenses)	\$245,742	3.97%
Fundraising	\$179,471	2.90%
Total expenses	\$6,184,467	

Net revenue **\$804,308**

The standard goal for nonprofits is to maintain 3-6 months of cash reserves, and for farms/agricultural operations (especially given the climate and weather volatility we are experiencing), it is preferable to have 6 months to a full year of cash reserves on hand. As a result of the revenue received in FY 2020, at the end of the fiscal year SSE had 52% of our FY 2021 total budget, or approximately 6 months, of cash reserves on hand. These funds are thus not available for programmatic expenses in FY 2021 except in the case of an emergency.

A close-up photograph of a bumblebee with black and yellow stripes, perched on a cluster of small blue flowers. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting foliage.

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Lillian Goldman Visitors Center at Heritage Farm
3074 North Winn Road | Decorah, IA 52101

*The Visitors Center is open March 1 through Oct 31 daily from 11am-5pm (closed holidays). The display gardens, orchards, trout stream, and the 8-mile trail network at Heritage Farm are open year-round, dawn to dusk.

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