

**Eastern Canadian Organic Seed Growers Network (ECOSGN)
and
Seeds of Diversity Canada (SoDC) present:**

**Planning Your Farm's Organic Seed Production:
The ABC's of Crop Planning, Crop Economics and CFIA Regulations**

**April 10-11, 2010
Ottawa, Ontario**

Have you ever thought about adding a couple seed crops to your organic farm? There is a lack of good quality organic seed available from local producers in Eastern Canada. This two-day workshop will address some of the regulations and economics of growing organic seed on a market scale. It will also provide a forum for seed growers and seed companies to further build the growing Eastern Canadian organic seed network.

This weekend targets seed people of all levels of experience. During this weekend participants who are new to seed production will make a seed production plan to grow one seed crop this summer.

Where:

Trillium Room at the Metro Central Y – YMCA YWCA
180 Argyle Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario

Cost: 75\$ for workshop (includes lunch on both days).
We have a limited number of student spaces. Contact us for our student rate.

Accommodations can be booked on site at the YMCA YWCA Shenkman Residence
Tel: 613.237.1320, ext 0
Online <http://www.ymcaywca.ca/Adults/housing/shenkmanresidence/reservations>
Alternative accommodations (hotels) are within short distance of the YMCA.

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ECOSGN Mission Statement:

To foster a community of seed growers and seed sellers who can protect and enhance an economically viable and ecologically sustainable organic seed supply for Eastern Canada. We strive to do this through education, shared resources, research and a united political voice.

Workshop Schedule

Saturday April 10, 2010

- 8:30 - 9:00 Course Registration
9:00 - 10:30 Selling Seed - CFIA Regulations - Jennifer Hutson/True North Seed Trust
10:30 - 10:45 Break
10:45 - 12:00 Group discussion about seed regulations, Q&A with Jennifer Hutson
12:00 - 13:15 Lunch
13:15 - 15:00 Adding organic seed production to your farm: Profitability and Marketing
– Daniel Brisebois/La ferme cooperative Tourne-Sol
15:00 - 15:15 Break
15:15 - 17:30 Planning your summer 2010 seed crop – Group and Individual Activity

Sunday April 11, 2011

- 9:00 - 10:30 Developing a seed network – Learning from the BC Seeds Network
Patrick Steiner and Robin Tunnicliffe.
10:30 - 10:45 Break
10:45 - 12:00 Q&A with Patrick and Robin about the BC Seeds Network
12:00 - 13:15 Lunch
13:15 - 15:00 Direction for the Eastern Canadian Organic Seed Network – Group
Discussion
15:00 – 15:30 Wrapping up the weekend

Speaker Bios:

Patrick Steiner is a seed grower and owner/operator of Stellar Seeds in Sorrento, BC. He is a board member with USC Canada and the author of Small-Scale Organic Seed Production.

Robin Tunnicliffe is a full-time farmer, and owner of Feisty Field Organic Farm in Victoria, BC. She is also co-owner of Saanich Organics, a cooperative marketing business for certified organic produce.

Daniel Brisebois is part of la ferme cooperative Tourne-Sol in Les Cèdres, QC. Tourne-Sol integrates seed production with vegetable production. Daniel is co-author of Crop Planning for the Organic Vegetable Grower and vice-president of Canadian Organic Growers.

Jennifer Hutson operates the True North Seed Trust.

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Registration Form

Mail in this form by April 1st.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Farm Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Please include 75\$ course fee
Make cheque payable to Seeds of Diversity Canada.
Registration includes lunch on both days.

Send **registration form** and **payment** to

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