



Sault College News Release

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Seedy Saturday at Sault College

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON February 27, 2013) It may seem hard to believe with so much snow upon us, but spring is just around the corner. That being so, it's time to start thinking about those next blooms as Sault College proudly hosts the 6th annual Seedy Saturday. The event is set for Saturday March 2nd, where attendees can meet up with members of the community to share gardening tips, heirloom seeds and more.

Located in Sault College's Essar Hall, the community is invited to come out and swap or purchase heritage, open-pollinated and/or unusual seeds from local gardeners. Local environmental, food security, gardening organizations and vendors will be on hand to answer all of your gardening questions.

New to this year's event, the public will be invited to select seed varieties to be officially adopted in Seeds of Diversity's Adopt-a-Seed Variety Program. This program seeks to protect rare or endangered heritage seeds from extinction by adding them to the Canadian Seed Library where they will be kept viable and accessible to all.

The main event of the day is the popular Seed Exchange. Those wishing to participate in the swapping of seeds can register from 10am to 11am for the seed exchange that will take place between 11:15am to 12:15pm. Educational displays, children's activities, vendors, food and refreshments are also all available throughout the day.

Beginning at 10:30am, a variety of speaker presentations and workshops will run all day. Some of the topics include Seed Saving 101 with Kate Green of USC Canada, and Cities Feeding Themselves with Laura Wyper. Ted Smith returns to this year's event with "Meeker's Magic Mix" fish compost from Manitoulin Island, and Clean North will be presenting a "Worms for Sale" offer for those who are keen on composting with worms.

"Seedy Saturday brings together gardeners, farmers, seed savers and citizens passionate about gardening, food security and the environment," says Suzanne Hanna, co-organizer of the annual event. "This year's event promises to be even better than the last. The Seed Exchange, which is a highlight of the day, allows citizens to swap their saved seeds with local gardeners and purchase open-pollination varieties from Soggy Creek, Urban Tomato, Greta's Organic Seeds, Tourne-Sol, Seeds of Change, Renee's Garden Seeds and the Old Stone House."

Seedy Saturday is co-sponsored by Sault College, the Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society, Clean North, USC Canada, and Seeds of Diversity Canada. Admission is by donation and free parking is available anywhere on campus, including the A-Lot parking lot located across the street from Sault College.

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About Seedy Saturday

Seedy Saturdays have been held across Canada since 1989 usually during the months of February and March each year. This is a great opportunity for people interested in gardening, growing their own food, buying local produce, food security and environmental issues to come together and exchange or buy heritage varieties of vegetable and flower seeds, purchase local and area food products, participate in hands-on workshops, hear speakers and network.

About Sault College

The vision of Sault College is to provide a transformative life experience through empowering those who study with us to think and learn in progressive, innovative ways, including those we have not yet imagined. Sault College grants Ontario College certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, graduate certificates, and degrees to its graduates. The College is the largest deliverer of apprenticeship training in all of Northern Ontario. Sault College has ranked 82.8% in Student Satisfaction, the highest score for a Northern College and second highest score overall in the province. Educating over 4,500 students each

year, Sault College has a significant economic impact on the community, with spin-offs in excess of \$150 million. Over \$2 million dollars in scholarships, bursaries and awards are distributed annually to students at the College. Located on the border to the United States and situated in the middle of three of the largest great lakes on the planet, Sault College is one of 24 publicly-funded colleges in the province of Ontario. Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca to learn more.

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