

Free the Seeds! 1st Annual Seed and Start Fair - March 19th FVCC

Thank you for joining us for the first annual Free the Seeds! seed, start, cutting, scion and resource fair on **Saturday, March 19th**. We are excited to have you participate! Our goal is to share information that will further the cause of sustainable agriculture in our valley for both farmers and backyard gardeners, as well as to inform the consumers of our goods. In the interest of keeping things flowing smoothly, we would like to make the following requests:

If you would like a booth, our suggested donation is \$20. This will help finance this as well as future events. These fees will be collected at the event. Please make checks payable to **Nourish the Flathead with "seed fair" in the memo line**.

Set-up time begins at 9:00 a.m. at the FVCC Arts & Technology building. Drop-off access is available in the front cul-de-sac as well as behind the building. If you take the road beyond the A&T building exit, turn left to access the back doors of the community room. **Clean-up will begin at 1:00**, with the same provisions for picking up your items closer to the building. FVCC has requested **all booths and seed swapping materials to be cleaned up and removed as early as possible after 1:00**.

All **Audio/Visual, electrical and space specific requests** for your booth or workshop need to be made in writing by **March 1st** to the logistics and workshop coordinator, Tawnya Rourke Kelly. Her contact info is tawnyark@gmail.com or (406) 471-0022.

Booths will be a 5'x2.5' table with two chairs. Booths will line the walls inside the community room and the base of the stairs going into the room. Please direct any questions to Brooke Bohannon, the booth coordinator. Her contact info is: farmer@thewickedgoodfarm.com or (406) 471-3287.

Workshops will take place in neighboring classrooms, and include a white board and seating for 20-30 people. These rooms are carpeted and will include a table for your presentation. Please contact Tawnya in advance if you need a TV or have any other audio visual concerns - again, by **MARCH 1st**.

The goal of Free the Seeds! is to share information and resources, and to provide a free-to-the-public event for sharing seeds, starts, cuttings, scions and knowledge. This is not a

crafters' market or retail event. **There are non-solicitation regulations at FVCC which prevent us from selling anything during the event.** We hope that you will give out your cards or information for future purchases and contact with potential customers, however, during both workshops and booths!

Our event supports non-GMO, open-pollinated and organic seeds, plants and food whenever possible. We look forward to working with you, learning from you, and giving you a venue to share with your public!

Please join us 12-1 for one of our two visioning sessions. One will be a conversation about a future seed library. We invite farmers to the other conversation about the future of Farm Hands: a new map, a new vision.

Thanks again for participating!

Sincerely,

the Event Coordinators of the 1st Annual Free the Seeds!