Seed Basics for Farmers and Home Gardeners

A TWO DAY INTENSIVE HANDS-ON WORKSHOP ON SEED SAVING & PRODUCTION

Saturday, November 3rd - 8:30am - 4:30pm
Sunday, November 4th - 9am - 4:30pm

Registration Deadline, October 15th

Location: Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden, Captain Cook

Cost of the workshop: $50 for both days and includes a Seed Manual and lunches.

The Seed Basics and Production workshop is designed to create a practical working knowledge of; seed production, botany and biology, techniques for plant selection, how to conduct variety trials, disease issues, seed harvesting, cleaning, and proper seed saving and storage. In the first year, presentations and hands-on fieldwork will focus on the examples of growing lettuce and tomato to seed. Propagation of the Hawaiian crops, sweet potato and taro will also be discussed. Participants will be able to practice harvesting and cleaning seed as well as learn how to select, prepare and, store fresh seed. Strategies to account for differences in elevation, weather patterns, rainfall and disease resistance and ideas for creating Island Seed Networks will also be discussed. Participants will be given seed for variety trials, information collected will be used to evaluate these varieties in a 5-island plant trial.

Friday, November 2nd, 3-5pm 10th Annual Hawai’i Island Westside Seed Exchange (optional activity)
At Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden. This year we have also invited students from the Hawai’i Island School garden Network to bring seed saved. The public is welcome - bring and share your seeds. If you are attending the workshop please consider joining us.

Camping is available at the Amy Greenwell Garden Friday & Saturday Night - you must make a reservation.

Presenters will include:
- Hector Valenzuela, Ph.D., CTAHR Extension - Vegetable specialist.
- Russell Nagata, Ph.D., CTAHR County of Hawai’i Extension Administrator - Lettuce propagation and seed production specialist.
- Glenn Teves, CTAHR Moloka‘i Extension Office - Taro and tomato propagation specialist.
- Paul Massey, Regenerations Botanical Garden & Community Seed Bank, Kaua‘i
- Nancy Redfeather, Hawai’i Island School Garden Network Program Director, Coordinator Hawai’i Public Seed Initiative & Co-owner of Kawanui Farm, Captain Cook

Five Youth Scholarships will be offered to students interested in agriculture from grade 11-college level. We encourage the teachers on the island to notify their students about this opportunity.

For more information about these workshops and camping reservations; contact Lyn Howe 808-756-5310 or seedproject@kohalacenter.org

Online payment, registration and scholarship forms can be downloaded at: http://kohalacenter.org/seedbasicsworkshop/hawaii.html