



Harvest Party



**With
Missouri Valley Master
Gardeners**



2016 Our year in review...

Who are we?

What did we
learn?

Where do
we go from
here?

Who are we?



Saving & Sharing Seeds

The seeds you borrow from the Yankton Seed Library are lent to you at no financial cost, and they are priceless.

A commitment to growing plants from seeds is a gift to yourself and your family. We hope you learn much, experience the joy of gardening, and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

The mission of the Yankton Seed Library is to increase our ability to feed ourselves wholesome food, while enriching our natural surroundings, by offering: free local fruit, vegetable, and flower seeds raised by and for Yankton area residents; and complimentary information, instruction and education about gardening.

The Yankton Seed Library is supported through a grant from the Yankton-Area Foundation of the South Dakota Community Foundation.

The seed is hope. The harvest is joy.

Yankton Seed Library
Located in the Yankton Community Library
515 Walnut Street
Yankton, SD 57078
library.cityofyankton.org

Seed Library FAQs

Seed saving is something humans have done for over 10,000 years. When you grow and save your own seeds, you develop seed stock that is well suited to our climate and you save money.

What is the Yankton Seed Library Offering?

- A variety of flower, vegetable, and fruit seeds.

Who can borrow seeds?

- Anyone that participates in the Yankton Seed Library's gardening classes can borrow seeds from the seed library.

What time is the library open?

- The seed library is open in conjunction with the Library's gardening classes.

What do you mean "borrow seeds"? How can I do that if I plant them?

- Plant the seeds. Then, at the end of the season, if you feel comfortable, you can return seeds from the next generation of plants. You can learn how by taking one of the library's free classes. Don't worry, there are no fines if you don't save seeds.

Do I have to bring seeds to participate?

- No, but bringing seeds helps to keep the library stocked.

Who runs the Yankton Seed Library?

- The Yankton Seed Library is a volunteer organization run by local residents and the Yankton Community Library.

Yankton Seed Library is Offering the Following Classes

Soil & Garden Preparation
February 2, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR
February 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library* OR
March 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Area Pavilion
• Topics Covered: Garden types, watering needs, & soil varieties.
• Seed starting demo
• Starter seeds available
• A coupon for seedlings to pick up at a later date will be available

Your "Growing" Questions
April 3, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR
April 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library*
• Panel discussion facilitated by Master Gardeners addressing questions submitted by gardeners

Basic Garden Care
May 10, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR
May 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library*
• Topics Covered: Planting, watering, weeding/trimming & bug prevention

Garden Problems 101
June 7, Time/place TBD

Heads-Up on Harvesting
July 12, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR
July 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library*
• Topics Covered: When are my vegetables ripe? Now what do I do with them?

Seed Saving
August 9, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR
August 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library*
• Topics Covered: Drying/saving seeds & contributing to seed library

Harvest Party
September 14 1-2 p.m., Library* OR
September 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library*
• Bring seeds that are ready for seed library
• Bring food you made from your produce

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What did we learn?

YANKTON SEED LIBRARY CLASSES

Soil & Garden Preparation - [Classroom Presentation 9Mb](#)

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April 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library*

- Panel discussion facilitated by Master Gardeners addressing questions submitted by gardeners

Basic Garden Care

May 10, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR

May 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library*

- Topics Covered: Planting, watering, weeding/thinning & bug prevention

Garden Problems 101

June 7, Time/place TBD

Heads-Up on Harvesting - [Classroom Presentation \(2Mb\)](#)

July 12, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR

July 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library*

Seed Saving - [Saving Heirloom Seeds \(2Mb\)](#)

August 9, 1-2 p.m., Library OR*

*August 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library**

- Topics Covered: Drying/saving seeds & contributing to seed library

Harvest Party


September 13 1-2 p.m., Library OR*

*September 13, 6:30 -7:30 p.m., Library**

- Topics Covered: Garden clean-up/prep for next year
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Where do we go from here?

Garden
Clean Up

Year end
classes

2017
Schedule

Garden Clean Up

- Remove old tomatoes and potatoes that may have late blight and destroy them. Do not put into your compost unless you are experienced and sure your compost will hit 140 degrees



For the birds

- ▶ In your flower bed leave some of the seed heads for the birds. Cone flowers, black eye susan and sunflowers are favorites of birds.



Winter interest

Leave some plants in your garden for winter interest. Make a four season garden that looks great all year. Tans are a color too.



Winter Perennials

- ▶ The plants will collect snow. The snow will help to insulate the crown of the plants and water the soil in the spring.



Watering Systems

- ▶ Drain and store hoses. Make sure they are not connected to your faucets. Winter freezing could cause damage to your home.
- ▶ Turn off and drain sprinkler systems



Clean garden structures

- Remove all stakes, cages and trellis.
- Clean with a 10% bleach solution to guarantee you are not carrying over any problems



Take care of your tools

- ▶ This is the time to clean, oil and sharpen your tools.
- ▶ You can use most kinds of oil will work ; motor oil, vegetable oil, and the oil of the day coconut oil.
- ▶ Sharpen every tool that has an edge.
- ▶ Store in a bucket of oiled sand.



Testing soil and amend soil

- ▶ Test soil for pH
- ▶ Add compost or manure
- ▶ Plant a cover crop. Winter rye should be planted four weeks before first frost. 50% of the time the first frost occurs in Yankton by October 5; 90% of the time by October 24.
- ▶ Rye is an excellent winter cover crop because it rapidly produces a ground cover that holds soil in place against the forces of wind and water. Rye's deep roots help prevent compaction in annually tilled fields, and because its roots are quite extensive, rye also has a positive effect on soil tilth.



Collect and save leaves

- ▶ Save your fallen leaves.
- ▶ Pick up with a mulching lawn mower . Only if you have not used a herbicide to the lawn.
- ▶ Leaf mold is an excellent source of nutrients for your garden.



Next class October 11

- ▶ All about worms



2017 will be the Year of the Pollinator

