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Contact: Paige, Customer Service Specialist, Port Angeles Main Library
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Re: NOLS and WSU Master Gardener's Present Seed Saving Basics
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Seed Cleaning.jpg

NOLS Grows Seed Library will host Washington State University's Master Gardeners of Clallam County for a discussion about saving seeds on Monday, June 5, at 6:30pm at the Port Angeles Main Library of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS). Discover a cure for "plant-catalog-itis", a common ailment affecting thousands in early spring. The primary symptom is usually spending over budget ordering seeds from catalogs. Find your seed cure with NOLS this spring!

Drawing on her roots as a biology professor, Muriel Nesbitt will discuss the benefits of saving seeds, and introduce participants to the techniques and timing required for proper seed saving. The seed saving process begins at pollination, and includes the harvest, drying, and cleaning of seeds. Nesbitt will help demystify how the pollination process unfolds for different types of plants, and how gardeners can be pollinators in their own garden. This talk will also discuss the history of seed saving, which dates back at least 12,000 years. What exactly is an heirloom plant? What is a hybrid? Find answers to these questions and many more while learning how to save seeds from plants in your own backyard this spring.

About Muriel Nesbitt

Muriel Nesbitt has a PhD in the field of genetics, and has taught biology at the University of California. She is a Master Gardener of Clallam County, and is a community educator who is passionate about engaging the residents of Clallam County in a variety of horticultural topics.

NOLS Grows Seed Library

NOLS Grows Seed Library opened at the Port Angeles Main Library in March. The new program offers free vegetable seeds and educational materials related to growing and seed saving. Stay tuned for additional seedy educational programs throughout the year. Visit nols.org and select “Services” and “*NOLS Grows* Seed Library” to learn how to begin borrowing and seeds.

The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 S. Peabody Street in Port Angeles. To learn more about this and other events happening at your library, visit www.nols.org and click on “Events”, email Discover@nols.org, or call 360-417-8500.



Butterfly Pollination.



NOLS Grows volunteer cleans parsnip seeds.

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