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### SAVING YOUR OWN SEEDS

Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service is offering an introductory level class on how to save your own seeds. The class is scheduled Wednesday, June 5, 2002, 7-9 pm at the OSU Extension Auditorium, 215 Ringuette Street, Grants Pass, Oregon. There is a \$5 fee per individual or couple. Call (541) 476-6613 to register.

This class is designed to teach basic techniques for saving seeds. Seed saving can be one of the most rewarding aspects of farming or gardening. Class participants will learn about the kinds of seeds that can be saved and why, as well as methods for isolating, harvesting, drying, and storing seeds with the goal of re-planting. Other class topics will include pollination, heirloom seeds, rouging for best quality and seed cleaning.

Randy Carey, permaculture expert, teacher and local farmer, will instruct the "seed saving" class. Randy owns and operates the 30-acre Williams Creek Farm, a certified organic farm in the Rogue Valley that produces seed for Seeds of Change (explain). Randy has farmed for the past 19 years. He will teach you how to harvest and save seeds for fun or profit.

A calendar of Oregon State University Extension Service classes is available at the OSU Extension Service Office, 215 Ringuette Street in Grants Pass or 569 Hanley Road in Central Point. Information on the classes is also available on the Internet at <http://www.oregonstate.edu/extension/josephine>.

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