

# Whole-Farm Integrated Seed Production Series

For your 2018 calendar

## Please consider joining us!

A 2018 workshop series\* dedicated to farmers and gardeners seeking more information and practice on Seed Production as part of a farm's diversified income.

Registration is FREE: to get more details, RSVP and contact us! bcorymb@gmail.com and www.meadowlarkhearth.org

#### Planting Out Biennials & Planning, (Saturday, April 7 on farm market too,

11 am -2 pm) class continues through Sunday

Apr. 7-8 /// Meadowlark Hearth; Scottsbluff, NE

Kick off the season with a hands-on intensive workshop focused on care and rearing of biennial seed crops; carrots, brassicas, beets, etc. Come ready to plant overwintered carrots, cabbage, onions and beets. We'll cover basics about over-wintering whole plants and roots in a harsh climate, basic crop planning, isolation and population needs for Seed Work.





### Blossom workshop: See the

biennials in bloom:

Sunday 4: pm, Sunday, July 8 /// Meadowlark Hearth; Scottsbluff,NE

Visit Meadowlark Hearth fields and take in the latest blooms of our annual and biennial seed crops such as carrots, beets, cabbage, onions, parsnips! Topics to be covered include pollination, isolation requirements, and population size considerations. You'll be able see how trellising works for certain crops and visualize how Seed Work will integrate into your farm or garden.

#### Sixth Annual Labor Day SEED FEST and Professional SEED WORKSHOP

Sept. 1-2-3 /// Meadowlark Hearth; Scottsbluff, NE, camping available for non local participants. Come by Friday evening, to be ready to participate early Saturday morning, Sept  $1^{st}$ , 8 am -5 pm for the Professional Seed Workshop and SUNDAY, Sept  $2^{nd}$  8 am - 3: pm

This course is designed for experienced growers and farmers but we will welcome anyone interested in seed. We'll focus on seed production techniques for many crops, learn how to initiate & carry out seed contracts and figure out how to weave Seed onto a working farm how to choose what to grow to seed in relation to your climate etc. Come prepared with questions and expect many hands-on activities. You'll have the chance to see various small and mid-scale tools.

SEED FEST Dance and supper: Sunday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> evening: 4 pm dance on the seeds with live music, celebrating by dancing on the seed in order to thresh it Sunday evening:

Welcome to our Celebration of Seed! Always a hoot with a bean stomp with local live music and other fun threshing activities.



Monday morning Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 am-noon: watch milking and then join interesting projects harvesting seed and cleaning seed etc! An annual event where friends, family and local community come together to learn and share in our seed saving traditions. This will be an exciting and welcoming atmosphere for beginners and experienced folk alike.

RSVP: bcorymb@gmail.com, 308-631-5877

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