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Bennington Seed Fest Weekend

Bennington, VT--The Bennington College Seed Library and the Center for the Advancement of Public Action (CAPA) present Bennington Seed Fest (**April 21-23**), three days of events and activities that provide opportunities to learn about the importance of seed saving and how all citizens can help promote food sovereignty. All events are free and open to the public.

"We feel it's important to create a community around the Seed Library and bring people together around the questions it asks of the world," said Joana Santos '18, one of the student founders of the Seed Library. "The festival is all about creating regenerative power—around seeds, around the library, and around our community and our food."

Bennington Seed Fest will include the following events:

Friday, April 21

[Screening](#) of *Seeds: The Untold Story*

7:00-9:00 PM in CAPA Symposium (Bennington College campus)

There will be a group discussion with guest speakers, including Sue Johnson from Seeds for Peace, following the documentary.

Saturday, April 22

[Seed Arts](#)

2:00-5:00 PM at the Left Bank (North Bennington)

Community members will be able to make seed jewelry, seed collages, and to paint pots. Families welcome.

Sunday, April 23

[Workshop](#): "Intro to Seed Saving" taught by Sylvia Davatz

10:00 AM-12:00 PM at Crossett Library (Bennington College campus)

This class will be conducted at an introductory level. All are welcome.

[Potluck lunch](#)

12:30-2:30 PM at the Left Bank (North Bennington)

Please bring a dish (and perennials) to share.

About the Seed Library

The [Bennington Seed Library](#), which grew out of a student initiative at CAPA, opened in the fall of 2016. It is a collection of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds that community members can borrow for free. The project has been based around two main goals: first, to create a public physical space and system to trade seeds amongst community members; and second, to empower community members through education and promotion of food sovereignty. Community members who would like to borrow or donate seeds should feel free to visit Crossett Library on the Bennington College campus.

About Bennington College

Bennington College is a liberal arts college in southwestern Vermont that distinguished itself early as a vanguard institution within American higher education. It was the first to include the visual and performing arts in a liberal arts education, and to integrate work in the classroom with work in the field. To this day, Bennington stands apart in requiring that every student—every winter term—get a job, complete an internship, or pursue an entrepreneurial experience. Bennington students work intensively with faculty to forge individual educational paths around their driving questions and interests. The College graduates small classes of tested students, regardless of chosen field, who are notably confident in their capacity to engage and succeed in the world. For additional information, www.bennington.edu.