

# Barbara Moscato Brown Memorial Library

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## Seed Library

### Donation Sign Up Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Background: How much seed saving knowledge and experience do you have?\*

**None    1-2 yrs    2-5 yrs    5-10 yrs    10+ yrs**

How much gardening experience do you have?

**None    1-2 yrs    2-5 yrs    5-10 yrs    10+ yrs**

### The Safe Seed Pledge

Agriculture and seeds provide the basis upon which our lives depend. We must protect this foundation as a safe and genetically stable source for future generations.

**For the benefit of all farmers, gardeners and consumers who want an alternative, I pledge that I do not knowingly buy, grow, share or trade genetically engineered (GMO) seeds or plants.**

The mechanical transfer of genetic material outside of natural reproductive methods and between genera, families or kingdoms, poses great biological risks as well as economic, political, and cultural threats. I feel that genetically engineered varieties have been insufficiently tested prior to public release. More research and testing is necessary to further assess the potential risks of genetically engineered seeds. Further, I wish to support agricultural progress that leads to healthier soils, genetically diverse agricultural ecosystems and ultimately people and communities.\*\*

Additionally, I pledge to grow plants according to best practices and save the seeds of those plants according to best practices to insure that I return viable seed that will produce seeds true to the variety I label them to be. If I do not know how to properly follow the Library's published 'best practices,' I will contact someone with the Library to help me. I understand I am dealing with a living thing and the responsibility that comes with this. I pledge to participate in this project and acknowledge the sacred bond between the seeds, the other members of the Library and myself and will be honest and forthright in all my dealings with the seeds, the other members of the Library and the Library itself.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your interest in saving and donating seeds.*

\*Please note that at this time we are only accepting seeds from those with experience in seed saving. Newer gardeners will have the opportunity to contribute at a later date.

\*\*The Safe Seed Pledge originated with The Council for Responsible Genetics founded in 1983, ... comprised of scientists, lawyers, public health advocates and citizens concerned about the social, ethical and environmental impact of new genetic technologies. The Barbara Moscato Brown Library did not create it, but adopted it as a standard for our organization.