

# **Port Burwell Seedy Saturday has taken root**

## **In its third year, event routinely sells out**

Even if spring is still just a glimmer on the frosty cold horizon, Port Burwell will warm you up with a busy day of blooming inspiration at its annual Seedy Saturday event.

Held on Saturday, February 20th at the Trinity Parish Hall in Port Burwell, Seedy Saturday aims to Unleash Your Inner Gardener with a theme focusing on the creative and expressive sides of gardening. The speaker roster includes four inspiring gardening experts: award-winning gardener Daisy Moore of Elora will present Gardening by Choice, Chance and Necessity. Paul Geary of Toronto's Petal Pushers Garden Design, a self-admitted garden therapist who helps people really enjoy gardening, brings us Gardening by Feel.

Back by popular demand is Kim Delaney of Hawthorn Farm Organic Seeds. Delaney is an off-grid farmer and seed retailer who will speak on Growing Your Dreams: Favourite Veggies, Herbs and Flowers. Also speaking at this year's event is Seeds of Diversity founder Ken McMullen of Spring Harbour Farm who will tell us about his original collection of heirloom flowers.

Seedy Saturday will again include a guided nature walk through Port Burwell Provincial Park. New this year is a special morning opening of the Port Burwell Marine Museum and historic lighthouse. A hands-on seed starting workshop is an added bonus this year.

Seedy Saturday is part of a series of independent local events which have sprung up across the country in the past twelve years. They are public events, for the betterment of the local gardening community, organized and operated by volunteers.

They bring together home gardeners, seed savers, native plant collectors, agriculture conservation groups, and community gardeners as well as local seed companies that sell open-pollinated varieties of vegetables, fruits, flowers, grains and herbs.

Admission to the Port Burwell event is \$10 or \$20 depending on whether dinner is included. Tickets must be purchased in advance (the event regularly sells out) and proceeds go to Seeds of Diversity, a charitable organization dedicated to the conservation, documentation and use of public-domain non-hybrid plants of Canadian significance.

The event is being organized by local citizens in partnership with Port Burwell Trinity Anglican Church and the Otter Valley Naturalists Club. Contact Bev Wagar or Sean Hurley for details (874-1227) or visit [www.theviennacafe.ca/seedysaturdays/](http://www.theviennacafe.ca/seedysaturdays/) for information and online ticket sales.

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