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Presentation Given on Growing Plants from Seed

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Master Gardener Judy Haldeman will present "Growing Your Garden with Seeds" on Tuesday, February 18, 5:30 p.m., Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library, 121 S. Prairieville, Athens. This presentation is part of Henderson County Master Gardener Association's "Learn at the Library" and is free and open to the public.

Many gardeners grow plants from seed. Seed is much less expensive than purchasing potted plants, so learning how to grow plants from seed saves money. If you are wanting a large number of plants, you can grow as many as you need without being at the mercy of plant suppliers.

Harvesting seed is fun and economical. Seed grown from your own plants may adapt to your weather and soil conditions, making for a better plant. Do you know when and how to save seed from the plants you grow?

Haldeman will explain how to select the seeds that do well in our area, the technique and tips of seed starting, and how to make certain your small starts grow big and strong. She will discuss starting seed indoors vs. planting seed directly in the garden. Should you choose to grow

your seeds indoors, she will inform you of the equipment needed and the growing medium preferred. She will also teach you how to adequately harden off your seedlings before you plant them outside. .

If you direct-sow your seeds outdoors, Haldeman will tell you how to know the proper depth to cover your seeds, when to protect them from inclement weather, and if thinning is needed. Completing the cycle of life, Haldeman will explain how to gather seed from mature plants to increase your abundance.

There is a lot to know when you start plants from seed. Come to the presentation and learn the best techniques for seed selection and growing.

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