

Some seeds can be saved for the next year

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One of my most vivid memories of the backyard garden as a kid was saving seed from some of the vegetables we grew each year. When I look back on that project now, a smile always comes to my face.

Those were hard times, those years of the 30's and early 40's. A packet of just about any kind of seed probably cost at least a dime, and a dime in those days would buy a loaf of bread or a small sack of sugar. So we would save the seeds from some of the vegetables to plant in next year's garden and save a few dimes for other essential uses.

I can remember my parents watching for the largest and sweetest cantaloupe or watermelon, the best looking cucumber, or the nicest looking pumpkin, and when the goodie had been removed and eaten, the seeds would be spread out



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on a newspaper, dried thoroughly, and then stored in fruit jars for next year's plantings. Several different species of flowers were given the same treatment. And the crops the following year were just as good as always, and we saved quite a few dimes.

I thought about those days this summer when I picked a big, beautiful Ambrosia cantaloupe. But I didn't save the seed, despite the fact a packet of Ambrosia cantaloupe seed next spring will cost me at least \$3.50.

You see, an Ambrosia cantaloupe is a hybrid, and if I were to plant

this year's production of seeds next year, not telling what I might get. But you can be sure any production you might get would not be true to the species.

The same would be true for Sweet Success cucumbers, Celebrity or Northern Exposure tomatoes, Maestro peas, or Derby green beans. Those are all my favorites today, and all are hybrids. All are much more productive than Straight Eight cucumbers, Little Marvel peas, Kentucky Wonder beans; or Brandywine, Sioux, Rutgers or Marglobe tomatoes. Those are all

open pollinated, the kind we used to plant before hybrids came on the scene in the 50's and 60's.

Those old timers are still available, but none of them can approach the growth habit or production of the hybrids, although many gardeners will argue the oldies taste better than the newer models.

So, I do not save seeds like my parents did. Unfortunately, there are gardeners today who will save some of this year's seed and plant it next year, expecting to duplicate this year's production. That cannot happen unless you harvested the seed from open pollinated parents. The sad part of the story is that it is

occasionally difficult to determine which packet of seed is hybrid and which is open pollinated. Read the information printed on the seed packet before you buy. Most seed catalogs will give you the information in their description of the seed.

The rule of thumb should be..... if it's a hybrid, forget about saving the seed. If it's an open pollinated

"heirloom" variety, feel free to save enough seed for next year's plantings.

Hey! Time marches on, and as a result of that march, next weeks rantings in this space will be the last of the season. Please hold the applause. Watch for my season ending special offer that just might be of value next spring.

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