

Nebraska and Western Iowa SEED OF THE YEAR Rattlesnake Bean

from Meadlowlark Hearth Farms

Free seeds and growing guides are available at The Big Garden, City Sprouts, Big Muddy Urban Farm and Omaha Public Library locations, and The Union for Contemporary Art.

This year The Big Garden, City Sprouts, Big Muddy Urban Farm, and Omaha Public Library, and The Union for Contemporary Art are teaming up to distribute free Rattlesnake Bean seeds to increase seed saving and food sovereignty. The Rattlesnake Bean comes to us from Meadlowlark Hearth, a certified organic and biodynamic seed farm in Western Nebraska. We want to encourage gardeners and farmers in the Omaha and surrounding area to grow out this seed and save it. In the Fall we will gather together to process and package the seeds. Extra seed will go to supply the Common Soil Seed Library at Omaha Public Library.

This effort was inspired by our work with Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance and our mission to build more resilient food systems in our area. We want to work toward greater resiliency in our community and that

involves many sources of local seed and access to regionally-adapted seed. Grab a packet of seeds and a growing guide! If you want to learn more about seed saving check out our Growing Gardener's Urban Ag School schedule for upcoming classes.











