

Seed Basics for Farmers and Gardeners on O'ahu

A statewide series of workshops for farmers and gardeners on Seed Saving Basics will be held on O'ahu at the Lyon Arboretum on Saturday, March 24th and Sunday March 25th with an optional farm tour on Monday March 26th. The cost of the workshop is \$50 for both days, this includes lunch. Five youth Scholarships will be offered to K11 thru college level students who are interested in Agriculture.

You can register online at: <http://www.kohalacenter.org/seedbasicsworkshop/about.html>
For questions contact Lyn Howe, Workshop Coordinator at: seedproject@kohalacenter.org

The two-day workshops, funded by a Ceres Trust grant awarded to [The Kohala Center](#), are designed to create a practical working knowledge of seed growing, botany and biology, plant selection, seed harvesting, cleaning, and saving. Each workshop will include hands-on fieldwork with a focus on growing lettuce and tomato to seed as well as taro propagation. The O'ahu workshop will include both lecture presentations and hands-on fieldwork so participants can practice harvesting, selecting, cleaning, and storing fresh seed. Strategies to account for differences in elevation, weather patterns, and rainfall will be discussed.

O'ahu presenters include:

- ▶ Hector Valenzuela, Ph.D., CTAHR Extension - Vegetable specialist
- ▶ Russell Nagata, Ph.D., CTAHR County of Hawai'i Extension Administrator, lettuce propagation and seed production
- ▶ Glenn Teves, CTAHR Moloka'i Extension Office - taro and tomato propagation
- ▶ Alvin Yoshinaga, retired Seed Conservation Laboratory-Restoration Ecologist at UH Mānoa - seed storage