



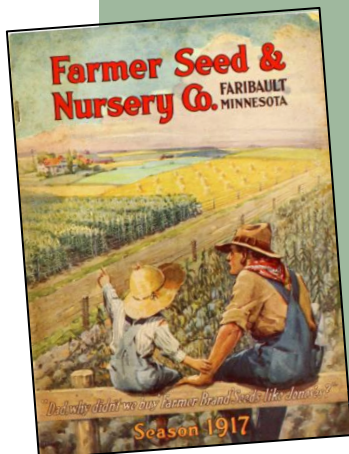
Twin Cities Metro Grower's Network 2020 Kickoff!

Digging into Seed Catalogs, Demystifying Crop Varieties

Wednesday, March 4th – 5:30-7:00 PM

Join us at Common Roots Cafe,

2558 Lyndale Ave. So., Mpls., in the Community Room



What crop varieties should I grow?

As you get ready for the 2020 growing season, the wonderful world of seed catalogs awaits. But ... how to decide which varieties to grow? There may be 30, 50 or over 100 varieties of the same crop from one seed house! What does disease resistance really mean? How about days to maturity? Shade tolerant? Heirloom? Indeterminate? We'll have a selection of seed catalogs to decipher all the crop descriptions so you can choose the right ones for your situation.

Variety—An identifiable strain within a species, usually referring to a strain that arises in nature as opposed to a cultivar, which is specifically bred for particular properties; sometimes used synonymously with cultivar. **Cultivar**—Cultivated variety; a subdivision of a species; a result of human selection. ... **Wait, What?**

Welcome & Introductions, Network Coordinator Karl Hakanson, UM Extension-Hennepin County. *It's our second season!* Karl will share what's planned so far and welcome your ideas for a great season of Networking!

Cracking the Seed Catalog Code, Natalie Hoidal, U of M Extension Educator, Horticulture & Food Systems, will bring a box of 2020 seed catalogs and we will explore how to make sense of the crop varietal descriptions and the useful grower information contained in these catalogs.

Come with your experiences, questions and business cards!

Order off the menu - www.commonrootscafe.com/menu

A sample of catalogs from long gone local seed houses; UMN Libraries:
www.lib.umn.edu/ahl/seed-nursery-catalogs



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For information about the Network and past events: www.sfa-mn.org/twin-cities-growers-network