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Seedy Sunday means spring not far away

Annual event takes place Sunday at Parkinson Recreation Centre, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In spite of the snow-flakes falling as I sit down to write this, I keep optimistically telling myself, spring must be coming.

**Sigrie Kendrick
GARDENING
WITH NATURE**



conserve water by tr a n s i - tioning to xeric land-scaping.

will be onsite offer- ing yummy eats, and beverages will also be available at the Mas- ter Gardener's coffee station.

Come join a bunch of gardening enthu- siasts keen on getting their hands in the soil, golfers welcome.

Seedy Sunday takes place Sunday, March 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Parkinson Rec- reation Centre. Adult admission is \$2, cash only, but no charge for those under 12.

Sigrie Kendrick is ex- ecutive director of the Okanagan Xeriscape Association and a cer- tified Master Gardener.

For me, one of the first harbingers of spring is the annual exchange of seeds among people who enjoy planting them — otherwise known as Seedy Sunday, the unofficial kick-off to the gardening season.

The seed exchange was initially started by the Alcock family, owners of Sunshine Farms, and subse- quently has been run by the Kelowna chap- ter of the Master Gar- dener's Association of B.C.

Over the years the

event has grown to include seed compa- nies offering unique organic and heirloom seeds in addition to more than 40 vendors focused on a variety of garden-related ac- tivities and education.

The Okanagan Xeriscape Association booth will feature xeric seeds available by donation and garden- ing advice from OXA's garden manager Ali- son Lennie.

The xeriscape asso- ciation's mandate is to help the community

to bring children of all ages to introduce

membership signu- p is available and OXA will have information about our own annual plant sale set for May 2 in the unH20 garden, located at 4075 Gor- don Dr.

The establishment of an early connectiv- ity with, and appreci- ation for, the natural world is instrumental in creating climate warriors of the future.

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