

## **Seed Saving Session: Seed-borne diseases and Resources for Testing Plants and Treating Seeds**

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### **Bio:**

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### **Presentation Summary:**

As interest in seed saving grows, so does concern about the quality of seeds bought and sold by novice growers. Of special concern, are seed-borne diseases that once released into a farm environment, can become long term problems if the disease remains in the soil. Examples of especially challenging seed-borne diseases include garlic bloat nematode, tomato bacterial speck, spot and canker, and black rot in crucifers. This presentation will familiarize participants with seed-borne disease that can compromise seed quality, and discuss resources and treatment options for seed growers and purchasers.