



Seed Savers EXCHANGE

Member Growing Club Details and FAQs

What is it:

The Member Growing Club is a perk of Seed Savers Exchange membership and is available to current, active Seed Savers Exchange members. Through the program, packets of selected seeds are made available to members for free.

How it works:

Our Preservation team grows out varieties every year at the SSE headquarters for evaluation and seed supply increase. We often have extra seed and want to share the bounty with our members. Selected varieties are being made available to members through the Member Growing Club, free of charge (members pay shipping). (See details for receiving seeds below.)

Seeds are meant to be grown and shared. This is one way we can see to that: by getting seeds into the hands of our members, who care about seed diversity and are passionate about rare varieties. We hope that by having yet another way to share seeds with our members, we are serving to strengthen our seed bank while learning more about the seeds themselves.

How to receive seeds:

1. Log in to seedsavers.org. (You'll need to be logged in with the email address associated with your membership to view and order the Member Growing Club seeds.)
2. Go to seedsavers.org/MGC. Here, you'll see the varieties that are currently available and can "shop" the seeds, like you do other items on our site.
3. Add varieties to your cart.
4. Order, following the standard ordering process on the website.
5. Grow, save, and share! In addition, you are invited to let us know how the variety did in your garden (seedsavers.org/MGCsurvey), save seeds for next year, and share them with other gardeners and on the Exchange. (See the FAQs for more information about the survey.)

Thank you for your membership and support of Seed Savers Exchange.

FAQs and Program Guidelines:

What is the availability of seed?

You must be an active Seed Savers Exchange member to order and receive Member Growing Club seeds. The seeds are available in limited quantities. We cannot issue rainchecks or take backorders. We ask that members only order one packet per variety to ensure we have sufficient quantities for sharing. Know that varieties may be added or removed from the program at any time.

How do I access the seeds?

Log into seedsavers.org with the email address associated with your membership. Go to seedsavers.org/MGC to view and order the seeds. Please note: if you are not logged in, you will not be able to view/order the seeds.

How much are the packets?

Free. You only pay shipping. The seeds are given as a complimentary gift to members.

What methods are available for ordering seeds?

Seeds are available online only and orders can only be placed on seedsavers.org.

Why is there no “satisfaction guaranteed” statement, like on your other seeds?

The Member Growing Club seeds are not germination tested like our retail seeds. Every effort has been made to ensure you are receiving quality seeds. They are given as a complimentary gift as a perk for being a member and we cannot issue refunds, returns will not be accepted, and we cannot provide compensation for performance issues of any Member Growing Club seeds

Am I obligated to anything by choosing to receive these seeds?

No. We certainly hope you enjoy growing the seeds and welcome your feedback through a simple survey (seedsavers.org/MGC-survey). By providing information via the survey, you help us learn how a variety grows in a different climate/zone/region and we will have a better understanding of the variety. We also welcome the saving and sharing of seeds from your harvest through your community groups (according to local ordinances and laws) or on the Exchange. But we consider these seeds a gift to our members and you are under no obligation to do anything.

What types of questions are on the survey?

You will be asked about where you are growing the variety, your soil type, how the grow out did, and general comments/observations. You will also have the opportunity to add photos.

Are the seeds available here different than what SSE offers on the Exchange?

Yes. The Member Growing Club seeds are available to members only. In early fall 2017, the Exchange was opened to non-members. For access to over 15,000 unique varieties, including thousands of varieties from SSE's seed bank collection, visit the Exchange (exchange.seedsavers.org) and create an account to browse and request seeds.

Why can't I find the MGC seeds?

Please make sure you are logged into seedsavers.org with the email address associated with your membership. Once you are logged in, go to seedsavers.org/MGC. This is where the seeds will be listed. If you receive an error message on this page, you are either not logged in or the email address you logged in with is not associated with a membership. Please contact membership@seedsavers.org or 563.382.5990 for assistance.

Can I order MGC seeds along with other items from your website?

Yes. MGC seeds will display as \$0.00. The shipping and handling will calculate based on what you are ordering, including the MGC seeds.