



Bruce Station Horticultural Society

# Winter Sowing



# Workshop

Want to learn about Native Plants and why they are so important to our pollinators?

Come to the Bruce Station Hall  
on **Thursday, February 19th**

2:00 - 4:00

And learn how to grow your own Native Plants to start a pollinator garden.

Anne, Lois and Laurie will be our guest speakers and will guide us through planting native seeds in a container. These native seeds need a period of moist cold, known as stratification. That's why winter sowing is a great method to grow native plants from seed, or any perennial that requires cold stratification.

**Dirt and Native Seeds will be provided.**

## Here's what you need to bring:

A container, duct or tuck tape, marking pencil and native seeds that you would like to plant rather than the ones provided.

Check page 2 and 3 for specific supply information.

## **Specific Information for Supplies**

### **Ideas for Your Winter Sowing Container:**

- clear juice jug
- vinegar jug
- distilled water jug
- wiper fluid jug (readily available at gas stations in winter; rinse thoroughly)
- clear 2 litre pop bottle
- clear plastic bin with lid (clear lids are best but coloured ones will do)
- large yogurt tub (but must have a clear cover, for example, an inverted ziploc with a few snow/rain holes)

### **Container Preparation:**

- containers require holes in the bottom, bigger containers i.e., 4 litre vinegar jug needs 8-10 holes, medium containers i.e., 2 litre pop bottle needs 6-8 holes, small containers i.e., red solo cup with a plastic clear cover needs 2-4 holes. It would be helpful to have your container prepared with the holes prior to the workshop. An electric drill with a small bit, or a needle heated with a propane torch are tools that work to make the holes.

### **Marking Pencil:**

- ideas for the marking pencil include: a wax pencil, a Lee Valley outdoor garden marker, STAEDTLER garden marker from Amazon. This is important as the snow, water and sun will erase most labels used with a pen or permanent marker.

### **Duct or Tuck Tape:**

- you will need a tape that is waterproof and a strong adhesive, see the next page for picture examples.

## Duct Tape



## Tuck Tape



**Check out more information about Winter Sowing at Clean North**

[www.cleannorth.org](http://www.cleannorth.org) - winter sowing