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**No Sales. Just trades or freebies please**



**What it is.** The Green Elephant Plant Swap is an event for gardeners to exchange and increase their gardens. It is hosted at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross in Redmond. The site offers parking, covered areas, indoor facilities, kitchen, lawn, and playground. It's five minutes from I-405 and I-520.

**How it works.** The format for the trade is like a tailgate party. You just pull into the parking lot and open up your trunk to display your treasures. Traders exchange expert gardening information as well as plant materials. In two hours all the deals are sealed.

The Spring and Fall Green Elephants are convenient for trading bareroot plants. Simply dig and divide perennials bareroot to trade. They are dormant and can be transplanted with no shock. Label your plants clearly. If a trader can see what this brown lump of roots will look like when it grows, it helps seal the deal.

#### **What if I am just starting out?**

The Green Elephant Plant Swap is a great place to start your garden. Many traders love to help new gardeners get started. Come and ask questions, get advice, schmooze a little and you'll walk away with some goodies. Bring some homemade cookies; gardeners are a pushover for food.

**Saturday November 7, 2009**

**Autumn Abundance**

**10 am to Noon**

**Features Trees, Shrubs, Harvested Fruits, Seeds, Dried Flowers, and Perennials.**

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin.

*Henry Alford*

November is an excellent time to move woody plants, to empty your containers, to divide perennials, gather seeds, and store tender tropicals. While we are at it, now is the time to exchange, and to talk about the highlights of our summer gardens.



**Saturday January 16, 2010**

**Winter Seed Sowing**

**1 to 3 PM**

**Indoors**

**A Seed Exchange of seeds that require cold treatment to ensure germination.**

In the bleak midwinter  
Frosty wind made moan.  
Earth stood hard as iron;  
Water like a stone . . .”

*Christina Rosetti*

Right after the holidays, in the cold dark of winter, we get together with all our treasure troves of seeds and dirt and pots and labels; to winter sow perennials. Winter sowing is an excellent way to

increase your gardens. The cold rains of winter will unlock your seeds for abundant germination come April. Never pay for a perennial again!



**Saturday March 6, 2010**  
**Bareroot Bonanza**

**Features dormant Perennials, Shrubs, Trees, Tubers, Corms, Roots, Stolons, and Bulbs.**

Now the Green Blade Riseth  
From the buried grain.  
Wheat that in the dark earth  
Many days has lain;

*John Macleod Campbell Crum*

It may still feel wintery, but spring is on the way. March is an excellent month to move dormant plants. Annual seeds can be traded for spring planting. It's time to dream big for the coming summer.

**Saturday May 1, 2010**  
**Victory Garden Vegi-Swap**

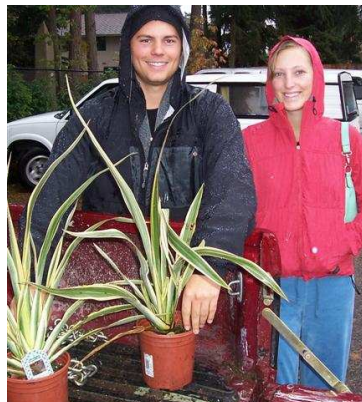
**Features Annual Vegetable Seed Exchange and Vegetable Starts, potted plant materials.**

Fair are the meadows,  
Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming  
Garb of spring”

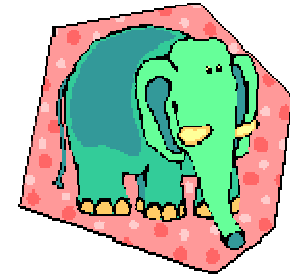
*Leipzig*

Whether you are feeling the budget crunch or just want to grow your own delicious healthy food, the Vegi-Swap is offered so we can exchange and share seeds and plant starts for our own Victory Gardens.

It's too late for bareroot plants, but potted perennials, trees, shrubs and tropicals are welcome.



**You are invited  
to the  
GREEN ELEPHANT  
PLANT SWAP  
in  
Redmond, Washington**



**“Divide and conquer” your gardens. Then exchange and share plants, seeds and stories from your yard.**

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