

# GEB



**GROWING ESTER'S BIODIVERSITY**  
a program of the John Trigg Ester Library



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*"Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been,  
I have great faith in a seed. Convince me that you have a seed there,  
and I am prepared to expect wonders."*

— HENRY DAVID THOREAU —

## announcements

### NEW LIBRARY PROGRAM LAUNCHED!

#### Growing Ester's Biodiversity

#### GEB book/movie discussion group

Food and agriculture have become hot topics for many writers and directors in recent years, with topics ranging from biotechnology to the food nutrition pyramid to manure to climate change to the rise of the modern tomato to the Gaia hypothesis. Hot topics around the interaction of humanity with food and agriculture have inspired filmmakers, poets, and political movements, and brought the literature of food to the front and center of modern society. Come join us on the second Saturday of the month at the library office for movies, snacks, and rousing conversation! See suggested titles and more information about the group at [www.esterlibrary.org/programs/GEB/booklist.html](http://www.esterlibrary.org/programs/GEB/booklist.html).

#### 1st Seed Swap!

For the next two years, while the new Ester library building is being constructed, the GEB program will host seed swaps instead of attempting to create an actual seed library. Our first seed swap will be held in February at Hartung Hall in Ester. Gardeners are encouraged to bring heirloom varieties or seeds they have saved themselves, in small containers. Some seed packets will be provided. Guidelines for the seed swap and directions will be posted at the GEB Facebook and webpage soon.

#### 8th annual Sustainable Agriculture Conference

The Cooperative Extension Service is holding the **2012 Sustainable Agriculture Conference March 13-15** at the Princess Riverside Lodge. Preconference workshops will focus on mushroom cultivation and business planning. The GEB program will offer a presentation on seed libraries and community seed banking. Other presentations will cover: handy homemade devices made by Alaska farmers; a history of vegetable varieties developed for Alaska; The Alaska Flour Company in Delta Junction; and more! For more on this conference, please contact CES at [www.uaf.edu/ces/ah/sare/conference/](http://www.uaf.edu/ces/ah/sare/conference/) or call 474-5211.

## GEB & JTEL events

### January 2012

GEB discussion group meeting • January 14, 4:30 pm Saturday, JTEL office

GEB grantwriting group meeting • January 15, 4:30 pm Sunday, JTEL office

library lecture: **Sandy Jamieson: artist, pilot, and game guide** • January 18, 7 pm Wednesday, Hartung Hall

### February 2012

GEB discussion group • February 11, 4:30 pm Saturday, JTEL office

library lecture: **David Stone on animal migration** • February 15, 7 pm Wednesday, Hartung Hall

GEB seed swap • February 18, 3-5 pm Saturday, Hartung Hall

## projects

### Volunteers needed for:

- program fundraising & grantwriting
- seed swap & event planning
- Food Film Festival planning

For more information on volunteering for the GEB program or for the full year's event calendar, please contact Deirdre Helfferich, GEB coordinator. Events and projects are posted at [www.esterlibrary.org/programs/GEB/gebcalendar.html](http://www.esterlibrary.org/programs/GEB/gebcalendar.html).

**contact the GEB coordinator to help on any of these events or projects!**