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Preservation, knowledge, and sharing of heirloom seeds.

Structure : Loire Seed Center

LA MAISON DES SEMENCES PAYSANNES
DU CENTRE-VAL DE LOIRE

Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes

Maison Semence Loire is an association based in the Loire department (42) dedicated to the preservation, understanding, and sharing of heirloom seeds.

As a member of the Réseau Semences Paysannes, its primary goal is to keep heirloom seeds alive by raising awareness about them and sharing them.

Every year since 2013, Maison de la Semence de la Loire has organized a “Fête des semences paysannes” (Heirloom Seed Festival) in March in Marcilly-le-Chatel, featuring lectures and workshops, a farmers’ market, and seed sales and exchanges. Each year brings a varied program and is a huge success.

In Saint-Étienne, in the spring and fall, there are seed and seedling giveaways, as well as gatherings where gardeners return the seeds they’ve harvested—a much-appreciated opportunity to meet others.
MS Loire members live throughout the department (Saint-Étienne, Montbrison, Roanne, Saint-Galmier, etc.), and the small collective that created this blog is active in the Pilat Rhodanien region.

In practice, since 2016, the association’s activities have centered primarily on the propagation of heirloom seeds—that is, gardening and all its related aspects. The goal is to grow the varieties to maturity in order to harvest the seeds, preventing them from hybridizing with other varieties of the same species and taking care to select the best plants. These seeds are added to the MS Loire seed bank, which also receives seeds from other gardeners.

Another of our activities is communication and outreach. This includes, in particular, running a booth at organic fairs.

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