

## Sources for Heirloom Seeds

Southern Exposure Seed Exchange  
PO Box 170  
Earlysville, VA 22936

(804) 973-4703 | [www.southernexposure.com](http://www.southernexposure.com)

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Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds  
2278 Baker Creek Road  
Mansfield, MO 65704

(417) 924-8917 | [www.rareseeds.com](http://www.rareseeds.com)

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Seed Savers Exchange  
Route 3 Box 239  
Decorah, IA 52101

(319) 382-5990 | [www.seedsavers.org](http://www.seedsavers.org)

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The Heirloom Seed Project  
2431 Kissel Hill Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601-4899

(717) 569-0402 | [www.landisvalleymuseum.org](http://www.landisvalleymuseum.org)

## For more Heirloom Gardening information:

*Heirloom Vegetable Gardening* by William Woys Weaver; New York, Henry Holt Company, 1997

*Heirloom Vegetables* by Sue Stickland; London, Gaia Books Ltd., 1998

*Saving Seeds: The Gardener's Guide to Growing and Storing Vegetable and Flower Seeds* by Marc Rogers; Pownal, VT Storey Communications, 1990

*Seed to Seed* by Suzanne Ashworth; Decorah, IA, Seed Saver Publications, 1991

*Taylor's Guide to Heirloom Vegetables*, Boston/New York, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1996



Official Website

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## [Visit the Homeplace 1850s Farm](#)

[Woodlands Trace](#)

[National Scenic Byway](#)

4512 The Trace, Dover, TN 37058

931-232-6457 | Groups 270-924-2020

N 36° 39' 20.07" W 87° 58' 25.17"

## Land Between The Lakes

National Recreation Area | USDA Forest Service

1-800-525-7077 or 270-924-2000

[www.LandBetweenTheLakes.US](http://www.LandBetweenTheLakes.US)

## Homeplace 1850s Gazette

The Homeplace Gazette serves as a public journal for visitors and friends of the Homeplace 1850s Working Farm and Living History Museum in the Tennessee portion of Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area. It is published periodically. Comments can be emailed to [LBLInfo@fs.fed.us](mailto:LBLInfo@fs.fed.us) with the subject of "Gazette" or drop in and tell us in person.

## Affiliations:

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- [National Association for Interpretation](#)
- [Kentucky Association for Environmental Education](#)
- [North American Association for Environmental Education](#)
- [Association of Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums](#)



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# HOMEPLACE GAZETTE

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## Heirloom Gardening at the Homeplace Farm

Gardens and orchards in the mid-19th century were more than just a hobby, they were major food sources for farm families. Different crops were grown according to the season, providing a welcome variety throughout the year.

In early spring, as soon as the ground can be "worked up," the garden gates will be open wide. You are welcome to come in and help, or keep the ladies and gentlemen company while they work to set seeds in the plant beds. The fresh greens that sprout will be a welcome change from winter's leftover root crops and dried and pickled foods. Please remember farm etiquette—close the gate on your way out; the Homeplace sheep like those fresh greens too!

When you visit the Homeplace anytime, come on back through that gate to see what's new.



# Special Edition: 2015 Heirloom Gardening

Homeplace 1850s Farm at Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area | KY/TN

## Heirloom Plants

The Homeplace Farm strives for historical authenticity by planting heirloom fruits and vegetables like families did “between the rivers” in the mid-1800s. Most garden plants in the 19th century were “open-pollinated.” Open-pollinated plants produce seeds that maintain true characteristics of the parent plant from generation to generation. Because of this genetic stability, these older varieties are often referred to as “heirloom.” Many heirloom varieties produce small yields, with less uniform growth. Commercial seed producers no longer sell many of them. Some heirloom varieties are close to extinction because so few people currently plant and save seeds. Find seeds in our gift shop if you wish to carry on the heirloom tradition.

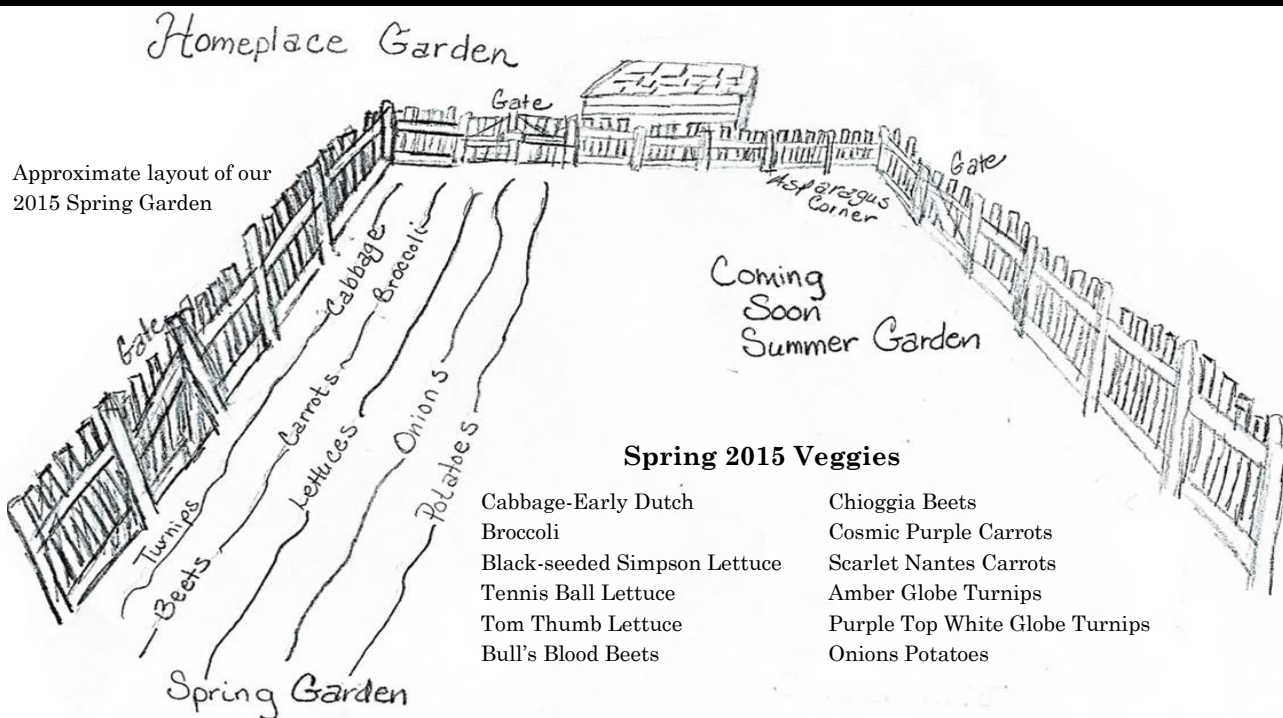


## Homeplace Seeds

### ~~Spring Garden~~

**Early Blood Turnips (Beets)** — Originally eaten as a pot herb, seed catalogs listed them in the 1830s.

**Late Flat Dutch Cabbage** — Brought to America by early Dutch settlers, it was a good variety for making kraut and storing.



Approximate layout of our 2015 Spring Garden

### Spring 2015 Veggies

Cabbage-Early Dutch  
Broccoli  
Black-seeded Simpson Lettuce  
Tennis Ball Lettuce  
Tom Thumb Lettuce  
Bull's Blood Beets

Chioggia Beets  
Cosmic Purple Carrots  
Scarlet Nantes Carrots  
Amber Globe Turnips  
Purple Top White Globe Turnips  
Onions Potatoes

### ~~Summer Garden~~

**Large Red Tomato** — This tomato was one of the most commonly grown and best documented in the country prior to the Civil War.

**Red Ripper Pea** — One of several varieties of peas popular in the South. This variety came from Virginia and North Carolina. They grow well in hot, dry climates, and in poor soil.

**Russian Cucumbers** — Originating from East India, early French explorers introduced them to America in the 1850s.

**Yellow Crook Neck Squash** — Found in seed catalogs from the 1700s. Period recipe books call it Cymling.

### ~~Fall Garden~~

**Purple White Top Turnip** — Still popular today, this type of turnip dates back to the 1800s.

