Seeds

Demonstrates successful achievement of all previous topics / elements
Self-sufficiency / Biodynamic / local adaptation (survival & selection)
Concentration of value – seed-bank – what would you take to relocate
Abundance of nature – 20,000 Maize in Mexico
Future potential – exponential increase Jack & Beanstalk
Economic & political engagement – GM – agrochemical monopoly
Organic superior – ref Steiner Biodynamic story
Commercial seed – availability – catalogues Legal – EU Reg.s

Why save seed?
Save money / broadcasting – edible green manures
Heritage / Heirloom

Botany - Types
Distribution Strategies – ref: Categories / Weeds
Self-sowing (ideal)
Self-pollinating
Cross-pollination
Promiscuous - Isolation

Tips
Growing to maturity – after usual cropping point (e.g. biennials)
Intention – by design or by accident (peas)
Space over time – planning Label and record on diagram
Select specimens and transplant
Retain genetic diversity of variety = 12 plants minimum
F^1 Varieties / F^2 latent appear

Processing – demonstration
Sieve – soil / dirt / dust
Winnow / sift chaff / cases

Storage (relatively indestructible) Paper not plastic
Storage life – 3-5 years average (level humidity and temperature)
1 year - Apiaceae (Umbellifer) and Amaryllidaceae (Allium)
Fresh – Sweet Cicely / Angelica (Rice)