

## **About John Torgrimson, President and Executive Director of Seed Savers Exchange**

John Torgrimson is a gardener and seed saver. His first garden was in the Solomon Islands, where he and his wife Patricia served as Peace Corps Volunteers, setting up a cacao and coconut plantation in a resettlement scheme for earthquake victims on Guadalcanal. He has more than 30 years' experience working with and managing non-profit organizations in Asia and the United States, including his work as executive director of Oxfam Hong Kong, where he helped establish micro-credit agricultural schemes in Southwest China and Vietnam. He has been the executive director of Seed Savers Exchange since 2010. He and his wife live on a 20-acre farm in Minnesota. They have two adult children.

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