

IN SEARCH OF THE ALL COMOX VALLEY SQUASH

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Creekside Commons



CHARACTERISTICS AND HOW

- Grows well under wet, heat and drought
 - Early flowering with good balance of male and female flowers
 - Produces copious amounts of squash
 - Good storage life (winter squash)
 - Disease resistant especially powdery mildew
 - Sweet and tasty (low in the bitter tasting cucurbitacin)
- Query growers for candidates (seed bank, meetings and tonight)
 - Seek volunteers to grow eight plants of the same variety for 1-3 yrs.
 - Save best seed from the earliest of the best plants
 - At least 12 hours of sun/day is needed, 12 ft² for two hills of 3 to 5 plants each
 - Fertilize well, squash are heavy feeders
 - For highest squash production fertilize only female flowers on side shoots
 - Hand pollination and isolation
 - Report yields

TYPES

Cucurbita maxima

Hubbard
Giant pumpkins
Buttercup
Turk's Turban
Hokkaido

Cucurbita pepo

Acorn
Pumpkin
Crookneck
Spaghetti
Candystick Dessert
Delicata
Zucchini

Cucurbita moschata

Butternut

C. MAXIMA CANDIDATES

Turk's Turban



Cinderella



2015 ACVW Red Kuri



C. PEPO CANDIDATES

**Sweet Dumpling
Acorn**



Styrian Pumpkin



**Gem (S. African
Treasure)**



C. MOSCHATA
CANDIDATE
BUTTERNUT



**Candystick Dessert
Delicata**

New in Seed Bank

C. pepo





OTHER CANDIDATES?



Hill size .5 m diameter and 15 cm high, and mulch between hills.

WE NEED GROWERS!!!!

GROWERS FOR 2015 ALL COMOX VALLEY WINNER
RED KURI (EACH GROWER WILL RETURN 120
SEEDS THIS YEAR)

GROWERS FOR ANY OTHER TEST VARIETY.

PLEASE SIGN UP WITH JENNY, TERRY, ROYANN OR
VIA EMAIL ROYANNJEAN@GMAIL.COM

**SEEDINGS, INSTRUCTIONS AND HELP WILL BE
PROVIDED**

TAKE AWAY MESSAGE

- Squash of the same species cross
- No need to carry out hand pollination if only one variety from each of the three squash species are grown together
- Hand pollination is required when multiple varieties of the same squash species are grown together.
- Hand pollinate the squash that are attached to the strongest plants and the most true to type.
- Help us accumulate the best seed from the best plants from around the Valley