

## Follow-up answers to questions raised during the presentation.

- Q. I read that adding a piece of chalk to the jar would absorb any moisture left in the seeds. Is this a viable idea?
- A. The chalk used today is gypsum. Both chalk and gypsum are a desiccant. However, blackboard chalk that is sold today has a shellac type coating on it to keep dust down. So, with that coating, I'm not sure how much moisture it can absorb. I recommend using the silica desiccant packs you find in shipping boxes or some powdered milk wrapped in tissues. Also, in Arizona, keeping seeds dry isn't normally a problem unless you keep your home humidified.
- Q. I have onion chive. I saved three but only one flowered and is in bloom now. Is onion chive self-pollinating or am I put of luck since no others flowered?
- A. Chives are insect pollinated. So, isolating a single flower won't work. Chives have perfect flowers arranged in a spherical umbel, it is very likely that the seed from that chive flower, because it has multiple small flowers, will produce viable seeds. You will have to do a germination test on the seed to know for sure.