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## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2012

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

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## A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2012, and ending , 20

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization SEED SAVERS EXCHANGE INC		<b>D</b> Employer identification number 43-1214133
	Doing Business As		<b>E</b> Telephone number 563-382-5990
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/Suite 3094 NORTH WINN RD		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 5834400.
	City, town or post office, state and ZIP code DECORAH IA 52101		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer JOHN TROGRIMSON 3094 NORTH WIN DECORAH IA 52101-		<b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? If "No", attach a list (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)( ) (insert no ) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
<b>J</b> Website: www.seedsavers.org			
<b>K</b> Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<b>L</b> Year of formation.	<b>M</b> State of legal domicile

## Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities. PRESERVATION OF HERTITAGE SEEDS			
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.			
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	8	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	8	
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	103	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	50	
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12		
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34		
	Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year: 965942. Current Year: 1235870.
		9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	30480. 22372.
10		Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7e)	8998. 39198.	
11		Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	3646338. 3836930.	
12		Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	4651758. 5134370.	
Expenses		13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	
		14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	
		15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	2464838. 2605385.
		16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	
		b	Total fundraising expenses, (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	23351.
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	2402912. 2322764.	
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	4867750. 4928149.	
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-215992. 206221.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year: 6260699. End of Year: 6660529.	
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	653098. 846706.	
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	5607601. 5813823.	

## Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer JOHN TROGRIMSON	Date 05/07/2013
	Type or print name and title PRESIDENT	Date 5/29/2013
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Earl E Engelson	Preparer's signature Earl Engelson
	Firm's name Engelson & Associates Ltd	Firm's EIN 39-1625814
	Firm's address 3317 Mormon Coulee Road LA CROSSE WI 54601-6749	Phone no. 608-788-2181

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (See instructions)

Yes ☒ No ☐

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form 990 (2012)

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**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III. ☐**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

DEDICATED TO SAVING SEEDS OF ENDANGERED GARDEN & FOOD CROPS, BY  
DEVELOPING GRASSROOTS NETWORK OF GARDENERS & ORCHARDISTS WHO WORK  
TOGETHER TO COLLECT, MAINTAIN, & DISTRIBUTE TRADITIONAL VARIETIES

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

**4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.**4a** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 227824. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 474509.)

PUBICATIONS OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE ORGANIZATIONS 14,100  
MEMBERS WHO GROW AND EXCHANGE SEEDS OF ENDANGERED FOOD CROPS

**4b** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 378436. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

GROWING GARDENS NECESSARY FOR MAINTAINING SEED COLLECTION OF 25,000  
RARE VEGETABLE VARIETIES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE LIKELY BECOME EXTINCT

**4c** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 286795. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

OPERATE HERTIAGE FARM AS A VISTOR CENTER AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER  
DEVELOPING A NETWORK OF ISOLATION GARDENS TO PREVENT CROSS-POLLINATION  
AND CONTAMINATION FOR GETETICAL MODIFIED CROPS

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )

(Expenses \$ 3040099. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e** Total program service expenses ► 3933154.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? (see instructions)	2 X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	X
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	X
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8 X	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b	X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c X	
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e	X
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f	X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, and XII	12a X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statement for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b	X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b X	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV	15	X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV	16	X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18 X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . . .		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25 . . . . .		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions) . . . . .		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .		X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III or IV, and Part V, line 1 . . . . .		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .		X
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .		X
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	X	

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 23		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b 0		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	X	
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a 103		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	X	
<b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).			
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		X
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. See the instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		X
c If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		X
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
<b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		
g If the organization rec'd a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
<b>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			
	8		X
<b>9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>			
a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		X
b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		X
<b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:</b>			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
<b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter.</b>			
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b		
<b>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b		
<b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a		
<b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b		
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c		
<b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?			
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b		

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI ☐**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . . . .	1a	8	
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.			
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . . . . .	1b	8	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? . . . . .	2		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . . . . .	3		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .	4		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .	5		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .	6		X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? . . . . .	7a		X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? . . . . .	7b		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following . . . . .			
a	The governing body? . . . . .	8a	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .	8b		X
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O . . . . .	9	X	

**Section B. Policies** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . .	10a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? . . . . .	10b		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . .	11a	X	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 . . . . .	12a	X	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .	12b	X	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done . . . . .	12c	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .	13	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .	14	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? . . . . .			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official . . . . .	15a	X	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . .	15b	X	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . .	16a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? . . . . .	16b		

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ►
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☐ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ► LYNNE RILLING 3094 N WIN DECORAH IA 52101- 563-382-5990

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
  - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
  - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
  - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
  - List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week <small>(list any hours for related organiza- tions below)</small>	(C) Position <small>(do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)</small>						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) J TORGRIMSON PRESIDENT	40					X		104809.	0	200.
(2) DIANE WHEALY VICE PRESIDENT	40			X				85885.	0	33200.
(3) JOANNE THUENTE SECRETARY	40			X				49818.	0	200.
(4) LYNNE RILLING TREASURER	40			X				56461.	0	200.
(5) KEITH CROTZ CHAIR		X						0	0	0
(6) NEIL HAMILTON VICE CHAIR		X						0	0	0
(7) GEORGE DEVAULT SECRETARY		X						0	0	0
(8) LARRY GRIMSTAD TREASURER		X						0	0	0
(9) ROS CREASY DIRECTOR		X						0	0	0
(10) ROB JOHNSTON DIRECTOR		X						0	0	0
(11) DAVE CAVAGNARO DIRECTOR		X						0	0	0
(12) AMY GOLDMAN CHAIR							X	0	0	0
(13) LAURA MERRICK DIRECTOR							X	0	0	0
(14)										



**Part VII** Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
<b>1b Sub-total</b>								296973.	0	33800.
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								0	0	0
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								296973.	0	33800.

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ►

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ►

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII ☐

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b> 474509.				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b> 22915.				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>				
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b> 738446.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	...				
	<b>h</b> Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1235870.			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> ANNUAL CONFERENCE	Business Code 900099	22372.	22372.		
	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b>					
	<b>d</b>					
	<b>e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue					
	<b>g</b> Total. Add lines 2a-2f		22372.			
	<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		39198.	39198.	
<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
<b>5</b> Royalties						
<b>6a</b> Gross rents		(i) Real 15235. (ii) Personal				
<b>b</b> Less rental expenses						
<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)		15235.				
<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)			15235.	15235.		
<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities (ii) Other				
<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses						
<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)						
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)						
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c)						
See Part IV, line 18		<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses		<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities		See Part IV, line 19 <b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses		<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b> 4477305.					
<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold	<b>b</b> 700030.					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		3777275.	3777275.			
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Business Code</b>				
<b>11a</b> MISCELLANEOUS	900099	44420.	44420.			
<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b> All other revenue						
<b>e</b> Total. Add lines 11a-11d		44420.				
<b>12</b> Total revenue		5134370.	3898500.			
See instructions						

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and Organizations in the US See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	320627.	109880.	210153.	594.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1786886.	1372295.	407449.	7142.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	64394.	20038.	44129.	227.
9 Other employee benefits	278096.	184216.	92848.	1032.
10 Payroll taxes	155382.	113381.	41429.	572.
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	44125.		44125.	
c Accounting	16915.		16915.	
d Lobbying				
e Prof. fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, col (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion	126219.	119085.	4065.	3069.
13 Office expenses	147154.	135694.	11460.	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	86089.	4924.	79562.	1603.
17 Travel	54664.	12117.	40888.	1659.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	6374.		6374.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	259765.		259765.	
23 Insurance	59119.	1025.	58094.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a SEE STMT				
b	34206.			
c	83787.			
d	4596.			
e All other expenses.	1399750.			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	4928148.	3233124.	1671673.	23351.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X. . . . .

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing . . . . .	187923.	<b>1</b>	105065.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	298884.	<b>2</b>	430693.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		<b>3</b>	100000.
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	111693.	<b>4</b>	164002.
	<b>5</b> Loans & other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	1390320.	<b>8</b>	1435918.
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	53911.	<b>9</b>	50223.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	<b>10a</b> 5723878.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b> 2049350.		
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	498239.	<b>13</b>	515151.
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	129203.	<b>15</b>	184949.
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	6260699.	<b>16</b>	6660529.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	130017.	<b>17</b>	465679.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	376113.	<b>19</b>	184640.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	146968.	<b>23</b>	196387.
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	653098.	<b>26</b>	846706.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	5573447.	<b>27</b>	5787116.
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	34154.	<b>28</b>	102421.
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
	<b>33</b> <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> . . . . .	5607601.	<b>33</b>	5889537.
	<b>34</b> <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> . . . . .	6260699.	<b>34</b>	6736243.

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI ☐

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	5134370.
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	4852434.
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	281936.
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	5607601.
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	5889537.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990. <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
<b>2a</b> Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
<b>b</b> Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
<b>c</b> If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? _____ If the organization changed either its oversight process or selected process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	X	
<b>3a</b> As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? _____		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits _____		

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Form 990 (2012)

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ See separate instructions.

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**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 2 ☐ A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☒ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
- a ☐ Type I      b ☐ Type II      c ☐ Type III - Functionally integrated      d ☐ Type III - Non-functionally integrated
- e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box ☐

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii)

and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? ☐

(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? ☐

(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? ☐

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2012

**Part III****Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.

If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1074836.	520784.	1143515.	1563291.	1235870.	5538296.
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	2169731.	4290464.	4122004.	3623970.	4477305.	18683474.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business, under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	3244567.	4811248.	5265519.	5187261.	5713175.	24221770.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						4221770.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	3244567.	4811248.	5265519.	5187261.	5713175.	24221770.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	68743.	60692.	39592.	8998.	39198.	217223.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	68743.	60692.	39592.	8998.	39198.	217223.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)			73382.	78419.	82027.	233828.
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)	25014.	31414.	5378493.	5274678.	5834400.	24672821.
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	98.17 %
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	97.86 %

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.88 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	1.26 %

- 19a 33 1/3 % support tests - 2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☒
- b 33 1/3 % support tests - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐
- 20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ☐

**Part IV** • **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10, Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

PART 111 LINE 12- MISCELLANEOUS INCOME



**SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.  
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Tax Yr.
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

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Schedule D (Form 990) 2012

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets**

(continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a ☒ Public exhibition  
 b ☐ Scholarly research  
 c ☒ Preservation for future generations  
 d ☐ Loan or exchange programs  
 e ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  $\blacktriangleright$  0.00 %  
 b Permanent endowment  $\blacktriangleright$  0.00 %  
 c Temporarily restricted endowment  $\blacktriangleright$  0.00 %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

- (i) unrelated organizations  
 (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	875,450.			875,450.
b Buildings	3,081,046.		855,357.	2,225,689.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment	1,767,382.		1,193,993.	573,389.
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))  $\blacktriangleright$  3,674,528.

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 12

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12 ) ▶		

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.** See Form 990, Part X, line 13

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) CERIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	249,000.	COST
(2) BONDS AND SECURITIES	266,151.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13 ) ▶		515,151.

**Part IX Other Assets.** See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15 ) ▶	

**Part X Other Liabilities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 25

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Book value
1 (1) Federal Income Taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25 ) ▶	

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☐

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	5,834,400.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	700,030.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	700,030.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	5,134,370.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	5,134,370.

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	5,628,179.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	700,030.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	700,030.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,928,149.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	4,928,149.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART 111 LINE 1A - SSE'S COLLECTIONS ARE ON DISPLAY & ARE USED AS

MODELS AND RESOURCES BY RESEACHERS, GENETIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS,

ALTNATIVE SEED COMPANIES, AND OTHERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SAVING

HEIRLOOM GARDEN SEEDS FROM EXTINCTION.SSE EMPLOYS CURATORS TO INSURE

THE COLLECTIONS ARE PROTECTED, MULTIPLIED FOR SEED, AND PRESERVED. IN

THE NORMAL COURSE, COLLECTION ITEMS ARE NOT TO BE SOLD BUT RATHER MAIN

TAINED IN PERPETUITY. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE BOARD DEEM IT APPROPRIATE

TO DISPOSE OF AN ITEM, ANY PROCEED FROM THE DISPOSAL ARE TO BE USED

**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

PART 111 1-A CONTINUED- TO PURCHASE NEW ITEMS FOR THE COLLECTION,  
OR TO MAINTAIN EXISTING ITEMS.

PART 111 LINE 4 - SSE'S COLLECTION CONSISTS OF OVER 28,000 VARIETIES  
OF SEED, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, AND DISPLAY ITEMS USED BY RESEARCHERS  
AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN SAVING HEIRLOOM SEEDS.

PART X11 LINE 2D - COSTS OF GOODS SOLD REPORTED ON STATEMENT OF  
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

PART X111 LINE 2D - COST OF GOODS SOLD REPORTED ON STMT OF FUNCTIONAL  
EXPENSES IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**SCHEDULE F  
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Statement of Activities Outside the United States**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,

Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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**Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . ☒ Yes ☐ No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States

3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1) EUROPE			PROGRAM SVCS	SEED MDSE	73,115.
(2) SOUTH AMERICA			PROGRAM SVCS	SEED MDSE	2,000.
(3) CANADA			PROGRAM SVCS	SEED MDSE	1,779.
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
3a Sub-total					76,894.
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)					76,894.

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Schedule F (Form 990) 2012

**Part IV Foreign Forms**

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see instructions for Form 926) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons with Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations (see instructions for Form 5471) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see instructions for Form 8621) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons with respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see instructions for Form 8865) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see instructions for Form 5713) ☐ Yes ☒ No

**SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information Regarding  
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18,  
or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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**Part I**

**Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

**1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations               | <b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants |
| <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations | <b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants     |
| <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations              | <b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events            |
| <b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations          |   |

**2 a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

**b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
<b>Total</b> . . . . . ▶						

**3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing



**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 ANNUAL CONV (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events (total number)	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	22,915.			22,915.
	2 Less Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	22,915.			22,915.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	1,603.			1,603.
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment	2,527.			2,527.
	9 Other direct expenses	19,221.			19,221.
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				23,351.
	11 Net income summary Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				(436.)

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
	2 Cash prizes				
Direct Expenses	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	Yes <u>0.0%</u> No	Yes <u>0.0%</u> No	Yes <u>0.0%</u> No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary Combine line 1, column d, and line 7				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain

**Depreciation and Amortization**  
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

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**2012**Attachment  
Sequence No. 179

Name(s) shown on return

SEED SAVERS EXCHANGE INC

Business or activity to which this form relates

NON PROFIT

Identifying number

43-1214133

**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179**

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2010 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2012 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 ▶	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)**

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

**Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)****Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2012	17	249,496.
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Section B-Assets Placed in Service During 2012 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System**

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depr. (business/investment use only - see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property		5,438.	5	MM	SL	814.
c 7-year property		335,536.	7	MM	SL	8,311.
d 10-year property		3,235.	7	MM	SL	195.
e 15-year property		9,322.	15	MM	SL	319.
f 20-year property		18,893.	20	MM	SL	630.
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			27 5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

**Section C-Assets Placed in Service During 2012 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System**

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

**Part IV Summary (See instructions)**

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations - see instructions	22	259,765.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs.	23	

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Form 4562 (2012)

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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PART 111 LINE 40D - OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES INCLUDE MAINTAINING A  
BREEDING HERD OF ENDANGERED WHITE PARK CATTLE, AND HOLDING THE  
ANNUAL CONVENTION.

OTHER POLICIES:

PART V1 LINE 11 - THE FORM 990 WAS EMAILED TO EACH BOARD MEMBER FOR  
REVIEW PRIOR TO FILING.

PART V1 LINE 12C- THE POLICY REQUIRES ALL DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND  
EMPLOYEES TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AT LEAST ON  
AN ANNUAL BASIS USING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ANNUAL DISCLOSURE FORM.

PART V1 LINE 19 - COMPENSATION DECISIONS INCLUDE COMPARING SALARIES  
WITH DATA FROM AT LEAST 3 SOURCES, COMPARISON TO CURRENT REVENUES &  
EXPENSES, DETERMINATION OF REASONABLE COMPENSATION, AND APPROVAL BY  
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ALL COMPENSATION  
DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS ARE DOCUMENTED.

PART V1 LINE 19 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CAN BE VIEWED THROUGH A  
HYPERLINK ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL WEBSITE. OTHER ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTS  
ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

**US 990****Other Functional Expenses: Page 10, Line 24****2012**

Description of the Asset	Total	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising
SEE STATEMENT				
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	34,206.	9,760.	24,446.	
CONTRACT LABOR	83,787.	42,596.	39,091.	2,100.
ART & ARTICLES	4,596.	4,596.		
FUEL AND MISC	46,446.	29,275.	17,171.	
GERMINATION TESTING	28,493.	28,493.		
LIVESTOCK PROJECT	3,902.	3,902.		
TAXES & LICENSES	17,839.	4,436.	13,403.	
SHIPPING & HANDLING	451,599.	448,836.	2,763.	
SEED PACKETS & RACKS	65,294.	65,294.		
PRINTING	218,332.	215,556.	2,464.	312.
BANK CHARGES	154,061.	152,095.	1,966.	
TELEPHONE	28,796.		28,796.	
COMPUTER CONSULTANTS	92,569.		92,569.	
CURATOR	110.	110.		
PROMOTIONAL MAILINGS	16,184.	16,159.	25.	
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTION	7,791.	1,566.	6,225.	
SUPPLIES	149,139.	111,079.	35,546.	2,514.
MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT	32,768.	16,293.	13,948.	2,527.
OTHER	10,162.		10,162.	
CONSULTNANT & REGIST	63,359.	4,661.	58,698.	
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	12,907.	5,762.	7,145.	
	1,522,340.	1,160,469.	354,418.	7,453.

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Form **8868**  
(Rev. January 2013)  
Department of the Treasury  
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# Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

► **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box ☒
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form)

**Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile) and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits.

**Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only ☐

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

<b>Type or print</b>  File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Name of exempt organization <b>SEED SAVERS EXCHANGE INC</b>	Employer identification number <b>43-1214133</b>
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions <b>3094 NORTH WINN RD</b>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions <b>DECORAH IA 52101</b>	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) ☐ 01

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

- The books are in the care of ► LYNNE RILLING  
Telephone No ► 563-382-5990 FAX No. ► \_\_\_\_\_
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until AUG 15, 20 13, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for  
► ☒ calendar year 2012 or  
► ☐ tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason. ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return  
☐ Change in accounting period

<b>3a</b> If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	<b>3a</b>	\$
<b>b</b> If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	<b>3b</b>	\$
<b>c</b> <b>Balance due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>3c</b>	\$

**Caution.** If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.

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