



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### CENTER FOR URBAN HORTICULTURE UNVEILS NEW SEED VAULT

- WHO:** The Center for Urban Horticulture, a Center for Plant Conservation participating institution
- WHAT:** The Center for Urban Horticulture will unveil the opening of Miller Seed Vault. The state-of-the-art seed vault will be used to securely store seeds from the region's imperiled, native plants. The unveiling will include a champagne toast and tours of the vault.
- WHERE:** Douglas Research Conservatory at the Center for Urban Horticulture. Located at the University of Washington, the Conservatory is at 3501 NE 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Seattle, WA 98105.
- WHEN:** Champagne toast will begin at 2 p.m., Friday, March 7, 2003. Tours of the vault will be offered immediately after the toast and presentation. Sarah Reichard, Ph.D., director of the Center's Rare Plant Care and Conservation Program, will be available for interviews after the event and the following week.
- WHY:** Washington is home to more than 460 rare plant species. Conservation seed banks, such as Miller Seed Vault, keep plant restoration options open. Scientists can use stored material to study the species and grow plants for plant reintroductions. The grand opening of this vault is a significant boost to the Center for Urban Horticulture's plant conservation program.
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*Please note: This event is only open to invited guests and members of the press.*

