seed orbs—
the experience of wonder and beauty

A Seed Orb is a magical new way of appreciating the miraculous beauty of Nature. Each orb consists of a three-and-a quarter inch clear glass globe, filled with an opened goat's beard seed-head—similar to an opened dandelion but the size of an orange.

My name is Richard Solomon. I am an environmental artist who has worked exclusively with plant materials for over 20 years. I feel privileged to present these Seed Orbs as my newest way of expressing the magic, mystery and wonder of Nature.

handmade with a little help from mother nature

Each orb begins when I collect the goat's beard buds from the fields and mountains of northern New Mexico, from May through mid August. I clean each bud, sort it, and put it in water for days until it's ready to be inserted into the orb. Even after the bud is in the orb, I still work with it. While it might sound simple to do, it's not. There are about 15 steps in making the orb. Finally, the bud opens inside the orb. Each seed-head contains 60 to 80 individually aligned seeds.

To see Richard Solomon's other work, please visit www.seedshaman.com

see nature newly, differently

One thing is for sure: You've never seen Nature this way before. When you hold a Seed Orb to the light, you will see endless kaleidoscopic effects. You will see the beauty and wonder of Nature in an entirely new way.

Last year, as a test I made and sold over 600 Seed Orbs, even though I started collecting late in the season. The reaction from buyers and consumers was very positive. We received many reorders and were featured at several Five Star resorts. We could have sold thousands more. This year, I plan on making 4,000 orbs +/- providing the weather stays favorable.

After displaying the orbs all year as pieces of art, during the holidays, the orbs become Christmas ornaments for your tree by attaching the ornament cap, included with each orb. So, for most of the year, you have a unique piece of art, and in December you have a beautiful ornament for your tree.

displaying seed orbs in your store

There are many creative ways to display the orbs in your store. Put several orbs on the tops of drinking glasses by the check out; the glass becomes a pedestal. Fill your favorite large clear glass container with 10 to 25 orbs, creating another larger piece to sell. Or hang them from the ceiling, or in front of a wall.

wholesale prices

- Minimum order 48 orbs (one case)...$10.00 each, $480 for case
- Plus shipping costs from Santa Fe, NM. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery
- Payment info: 50% with order, balance COD
- No returns or exchanges

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seed orbs: the process

This Goats beard plant will eventually grow approximately 20-25 seed heads. The yellow flowers turn into buds. I only pick 5-7 buds per plant then return a week later to pick the buds that are ready.

A pile of the buds with 5”-7” stems.

Within 6-8 hours after cutting the stems, I place the buds in water to continue their life cycle. Just as they start to open, I carefully work them into the glass orb. The finished orbs sit in trays, leaving the seeds to open naturally.