

Empowering Tribal Culture, Ecology, and Food Systems Webinar Series

Trees, Water & People (TWP) supports Indigenous communities within US Tribal lands and in marginalized communities in Central America. We support community grassroots efforts to promote healing of Tribal homelands, and in this series look to lift Indigenous voices on these timely topics. We are honored to co-sponsor this series of webinar episodes with the USFS, Intertribal Nursery Council (INC) and the Western Forestry and Conservation Association (WFCA).

Series purpose: This webinar series aims to support Indigenous communities' efforts to restore their land, reduce food insecurity, and increase economic opportunity through the production of native plants. Through these efforts, tribes can improve access to healthy and traditionally harvested foods, medicines and plants for textiles and ceremonial use. Expert voices will offer strategies Tribes can utilize to develop or improve food sovereignty initiatives and native plant propagation. Webinars are 75-minutes each, including time for questions and discussion. The series begins on September 30th at noon MDST and are held each Wednesday thereafter.

WEBINAR MEETING AGENDA

Episode 1: Restoring Traditional Native American Food Systems

Date: Wednesday September 30th, 2020

Time: 12-1:15pm MDST

Speaker: Sean Sherman 'The Sioux Chef', author of *The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen*, winner of the James Beard Award for Best American Cookbook, Minneapolis, MN

"Decolonizing the Indigenous Diet."

Episode 2: Restoring Seed Relatives: Collection and Storage Techniques

Date: Wednesday October 7th, 2020

Time: 12-1:15pm MDST

Speaker: Mervyn L. Tano, M.Ed., J.D., President, International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management, Attorney, and Author in Indian law and Cultural Resource Management, Denver, CO

"There's a Whole Lot of Saving Needed to Save Seeds."

Speaker: Bridget McNassar MS, Native Plants and Conservation Manager, Oxbow Farm and Conservation Center, Carnation, Washington

"Seed Collection, Cleaning, Storage, Propagation and Germination."

Episode 3: Agroforestry: Indigenous Knowledge and Central American Perspectives

Date: Wednesday October 14th, 2020

Time: 12-1:15pm MDST

Speaker: Kate MacFarland, Agroforester, National Agroforestry Center, Lincoln, Nebraska

“Defining Agroforestry within Traditional Ecological Knowledge—It has always been a Practice!”

Speaker: Valentina de Rooy, Regional Manager, Trees, Water & People, Fort Collins, Colorado

“Community-led Agroforestry in Central America.”

Episode 4: Tribal Greenhouse Development

Date: Wednesday October 21st, 2020

Time: 12-1:15pm MDST

Speaker: Jeremiah Pinto, PhD, Tribal Nursery Specialist/Research Plant Physiologist, USDA Forest Service, Moscow, Idaho

“Starting a Native Plant Nursery: Challenges and Opportunities.”

Episode 5: Building a Tribal Restoration and Nursery Program

Date: Wednesday October 28th, 2020

Time: 12-1:15pm MDST

Speakers: Cristina Eisenberg, PhD, Oregon State University, FBIC/BLM/SER Native Seed and Grassland Restoration Program Director, Corvallis, Oregon. Wendy Velman, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Botany Program Lead, Billings, Montana

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