



November 2020

Greetings Relatives!

We reach out to you in celebration of Native American Heritage Month, a time to acknowledge and celebrate the abundant and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of Native peoples. As we recognize the important contributions of our Native communities, we must also recognize the extraordinary year of challenges and struggles we have endured that have brought on even more uncertainty and vulnerability to these same communities.

The Cultural Conservancy strives to serve Indigenous communities through both celebratory and difficult times in areas where needs are greatest. This past year has proven to be a time when we must adjust and adapt our services according to current needs. With deep appreciation of your continued support, ally-ships and partnerships, we are honored to share with you some of the ways we have been able to provide for those needs while also furthering our mission to protect and restore Indigenous cultures.

Direct COVID-19 Support

We are honored to have supported the Diné Community Advocacy Alliance in Arizona through First Nations Development Institute and our local Bay Area Native communities with direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic through granting funds, supplying PPE equipment, and providing local access to healthy foods. Globally we provided support to Indigenous communities in South America through our Mino Niibi Fund. Through our Te Ha Alliance, we connected these communities so that they can engage in COVID awareness, response, and mutual support.

Mino-Niibi Fund for Indigenous Cultures

We recently announced our current Mino-Niibi Fund partnerships. To honor community needs during these difficult times, and to recognize the power of multi-year grants and long-term partnerships, we are in dialogue with our existing partners to extend our adaptable support for our 2020-2021 grant cycle. [Learn more about each of these inspiring projects!](#)



Native Foodways Program

The Native Foodways Program worked with community and farm partners to distribute **4,000+ pounds of food** to Native families across the Bay Area this season! In addition, we grew a dozen varieties of heirloom seeds for our Native Seed Library and began work on a second farm that will further our impact and expand our food, seed, and educational community work for years to come.

Native Media

We contributed to two video projects produced by the Intertribal Agriculture Council and are featured in an upcoming episode of KCET's *Tending Nature*. We screened our Indigenous Seed Keepers Network short film in the American Indian Film Festival and dived into production for a new short film on Seed Rematriation. We have also been building our educational materials and working on an online library portal for access to resources from our archive.

Native Seed Pod

We are currently recording Season 3 of the [Native Seed Pod](#), which will be released in the new year! This year we are collaborating with the Indigenous Seed Keepers Network and look forward to continuing these inspirational conversations with Native Knowledge-Holders, farmers, elders, and advocates, who articulate the cutting-edge of food sovereignty and beyond. We hope you join us in celebrating the diversity and beauty of Native seeds!

Upcoming: Visit TCC In The Media

KCET *Tending Nature* Season 3 TV Episode

[“Cultivating Native Foodways with The Cultural Conservancy”](#)

Sunday, 11/29 at 7:30pm (PT) / Thursday, 12/3 at 5:30pm (PT)

TCC is featured on the last episode of season 3 of the *Tending Nature* series along with long-term partners like the Native American Land Conservancy. See how The Cultural Conservancy is revitalizing Indigenous knowledge by inviting people to re-engage with the land, honor heirloom seeds, grow clean food and medicines, and decolonize their foodways.

Cultural Survival Quarterly Magazine

[“From Soil to Sky: Mending the Circle of Our Native Food Systems”](#)

The Cultural Conservancy was featured in an article by Melissa Nelson and Maya Harjo this past September, highlighting TCC's Indigenous food sovereignty advocacy through local farms, national and international networks, a podcast series, global grant-making and more.

Edible Marin & Wine Country

[“Revitalizing Native Foodways and Food Sovereignty in the North Bay”](#)

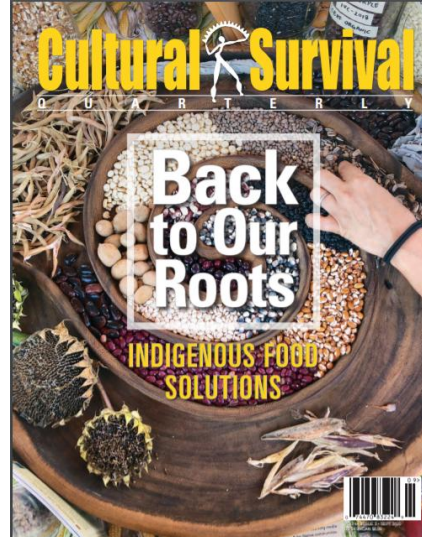
Featured with local partner, the [California Indian Museum and Cultural Center](#), TCC's work as Native foodways leaders is highlighted through

organic farming; workshops with Indigenous chefs, nutritionists, Indigenous knowledge holders and organic farmers; and maintaining a Native seed library for future generations.

Center for Human & Nature
[“Decolonizing Conquest Consciousness”](#)

We are honored to highlight a recent article that Melissa Nelson published with the Center for Humans & Nature as part of a tribunal to answer the question “*How Can We Live Respectfully With The Land And With One Another?*”

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Real Food Media

[Gather: The Fight to Revitalize Our Native Foodways](#)

Monday 11/23 at 7pm (PT)

A special screening and panel discussion of the acclaimed documentary *Gather: The Fight to Revitalize Our Native Foodways* for Native American Heritage Month will be available on virtual cinema. Hosted by Real Food Media Panel to follow with Anna Lappe, Melissa K. Nelson, Elizabeth Hoover, Sanjay Rawal (Director of Gather) and more!



Through collaborating with communities, organizations and individuals of all kinds, together, with our dedicated supporters as part of our extended team, we are able to keep our institution resilient and continue as an on-the-ground intermediary between Indigenous Peoples, allies, seeds, traditional knowledge holders, and local, regional and global movements.

[Please make a year-end tax-deductible donation today!](#)

Chi-miigwech, Chioke utte'esia, Yakuzhonday, Yawλko, Áho, to each and every one of you for your support, inspiration, partnership, kindness, investment, collaboration, and kinship! We are grateful for your support. It is absolutely crucial to the work we do in protecting and revitalizing Indigenous cultures and ancestral lands.

We wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy Native American Heritage Month.

In Kinship and Gratitude,
The Team at TCC

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