



Native Foodways

Our Native Foodways team grew, sourced, donated, and distributed over 16,500 pounds of fresh produce (an increase from 8,100 pounds in 2021!), 980 plant starts supporting at-home and community gardens, and handed out over 100 native seed packets to community. The gift of land also allowed us to expand our community networks and nurture new partnerships for sourcing, growing and donating organic, clean foods throughout the region which increased our overall support to community. We also hosted a handful of educational workshops and land tending activities in partnership with Sogorea Te' Land Trust's circle of families and community and California Indian Museum & Cultural Center's Tribal Youth Ambassadors program, among others.

Heron Shadow

We have been busy tending to our land base at Heron Shadow, both in traditional ecological revitalization and Indigenous food cultivation. This year we redesigned and launched our Native Youth Internship Program, opening back up to the next generation of land-tenders and traditional knowledge learners. Each intern worked at both our land project sites, Heron Shadow and Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden, and were able to create an avenue of focus based on their particular areas of interest. From



hands-on work learning Native farming to joining community program design meetings and community health projects, each intern was able to dive deeply into cultural land tending, traditional ecological knowledge, and growing foods and seeds to nourish their communities.

In The News

We were also honored to have our land project and food justice work featured in [Eating Well's Heritage Cooking](#) series, in a recent [The Press Democrat article](#), as well as on [ABC7 News Allies in Action](#) program!



Watch the video to experience a little more of 2022 at Heron Shadow!



Native Media

We are honored to have our Native Media work recognized as official selections for the 2022 ImagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival, the 2022 Santa Fe International Film Festival, and the international 2022 Sustainable Living Film Festival. Official screenings of our collaborative short film [Seed Mother: Coming Home](#) were met with standing ovations and our Native Seed Pod episode [The Poetry of Sacred Food Culture with Simon Ortiz](#) was featured in ImagineNATIVE's audio collection for the duration of the festival. We are also growing our Native Foodways media resource library and documenting the ongoing transformation of the land at Heron Shadow as part of sharing and learning with community.

Native Seed Pod

This past fall we completed our third season of [The Native Seed Pod](#) podcast series, finalizing a full season of episodes dedicated to uplifting the voices of Native women. We are honored that this season includes three seed keepers and the important work of seed rematriation, a dialogue with Corrina Gould and the work of Sogorea Te' Land Trust, community food partner Chef Crystal Wahpepah, and Tuscarora elder Rose Imai sharing the power and beauty of Native arts and science.

Mino-Niibi Fund

Since 2012, the [Mino-Niibi Fund for Indigenous Cultures](#) has provided small grants through re-granting to Indigenous organizations across Turtle Island and Abya Yala (Americas) and Moananuiākea (Pacific). Our 2021-2022 giving cycle completed this year with over \$150,000 in grant-making through 18 grants serving Indigenous peoples in 9 countries. We are honored to support Native women's weaving collectives, Native youth networks, Indigenous land practices, traditional arts circles and more. Please [visit our website](#) to learn more about these incredible Native groups and projects.



Annual Report

We released our [2021 Annual Report](#) sharing all the circles of our work in service to community.

Chi-miigwech, Chioke utte'esia, Yakuzhonday, Yawako, Áho, to each of you for your connection, inspiration, partnership, kindness, investment, collaboration, and kinship! Please consider [making an end-of-year gift](#) in support of the work we do and the communities we serve.

Thank you, to all our circles, for joining us. We wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy continued winter solstice season!

In Kinship and Gratitude,

The TCC Team



Images

2022 Tule Boat Project with Mino-Niibi Fund partner Alliance for Felix Cove
Summer family farm camp day, Heron Shadow 2022
TCC team and Youth in the field planting Spring 2022
2022 Native Youth Interns with TCC team Maya Harjo and Sara Moncada
Mino-Niibi Fund partner Ixbalamke weaving collective

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