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Greeting Relatives,

Happy Fall Harvest time to you all! We are excited to announce the release of the final episode of Season 3 of [The Native Seed Pod](#).

In this episode "[First Scientist: Exploring the Harmonics of Abundance](#)" we honor the voice and wisdom of Rose Imai, a beloved Tuscarora elder who passed into the spirit world on April 22nd, 2022. We recorded this episode in Rose's home studio in the summer of 2021 and worked with her on shaping it along with her visual art works "The Children Series," and the "Four Horses of Healing" series. Stay tuned for a special video release featuring those teachings soon.



In this free-flowing conversation, Rose shares her inspiration for the "First Scientist" vision, a pregnant woman planting seeds in the Earth. With that story and image as a springboard, Rose and host Melissa K. Nelson traverse many topics, from the song of corn to the harmonics of abundance. At 83, Rose shares profound philosophical and spiritual insights as someone preparing for death. Embodying the first scientist herself, Rose uncovers the many layers of human experience as one reflects and prepares for that powerful journey, in her own words, "within the whole," while being fully alive with humor, wit, and love.

Many thanks and wishes for health, wellness, and good listening to you all!

The Native Seed Pod Team



Image Notes

top - Melissa with Rose in her art studio

mid - Melissa and Rose at conference in Canada

lower left - *The Horse of the West - The Place of Transformation/Where Answers Live* by Rose Imai

lower right - *The Horse of the East - Bringer of Light* by Rose Imai



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We are excited to share that The Native Seed Pod's episode "[The Poetry of Sacred Food Culture: Conversations with Simon Ortiz](#)" has been selected for this year's [imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival](#) in Toronto! It is a great honor to be invited to be a part of such a powerful community of Indigenous media makers and storytellers, and to continue on this journey of sharing seeds and stories!





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