
The Native Seed Pod

an antidote to the monoculture



We are honored to feature original art created by John Jairo Valencia for this episode.

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Greetings Relatives,

We are excited to release the latest episode of the Native Seed Pod, [Knowledge Symbiosis with Roxanne Swentzell and Anne LaForti](#), the fourth episode of our limited series [Knowledge Symbiosis: Can Biomimicry and Indigenous Science Harmonize?](#), a collaborative podcast series between the Arizona State University Center for Biomimicry and The Cultural Conservancy.

In this episode we join Roxanne Swentzell and Anne LaForti in a conversation hosted by Sara El-Sayed of ASU, as they discuss converging Indigenous ideologies and scientific understanding of soils, seeds, regenerative and sustainable terminologies, and steps towards healing ourselves and our ecosystems.

We are honored to co-host this special series that invites dialogue from both perspectives—practitioners in biomimicry, and elders, practitioners, and Indigenous scholars—so we might better understand each other and explore opportunities to weave these learnings together.

Thank you for joining us, happy listening to you all!



Roxanne Swentzell
Santa Clara Tewa Native American sculptor, ceramic artist, Indigenous food activist, farmer, and gallerist



Anne LaForti
Soil health expert with a Master's in Biomimicry from Arizona State University and Project Manager at Biomimicry 3.8



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Lily Urmann
Creator and host of *Learning from Nature: The Biomimicry Podcast*, a biomimic, educator, and nature communicator



Five episodes will be available for listening on [The Native Seed Pod](#) and [Learning From Nature: The Biomimicry Podcast with Lily Urmann](#).

We continue to acknowledge the wonderful Knowledge Holders that, like seeds, generously share their teachings and knowledge with us and all of you. We thank the Tamalpais Trust for supporting the production of the Native Seed Pod. Many thanks and good wishes for health and wellness.



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