

# Symposium for SUSTAINABLE FOOD & SEED SOVEREIGNTY



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October 6-7  
2006

Tesuque Pueblo  
Inter-Generational Center



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Native Earth Bioculture Council/INTK

c/o Tesuque Pueblo Agricultural Resources Department,

Route 42, Box 360-T

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506

## REGISTRATION

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### Suggested Donations:

Individual/Family Rate

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 100 \_\_\_\_\_

Some scholarships available. Call for details.

Native/Farmer-Family Rate

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 50 \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer (N/Q)

Volunteers will be required to work for 2 to 4 hours (total) during the conference.

Please call 505-983-2667 to sign up (spaces are limited.)

Please tell us the best time to call you \_\_\_\_\_  or would you rather be contacted by e-mail .

Student (N/Q)

Dinner & Evening Plenary  \$ 35 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday evening keynote only  \$ 15 \_\_\_\_\_

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7:30 AM to 9:00 PM Friday

8:30 AM to 9:00 PM Saturday

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## October 6

7:30 **Sunrise Opening:** Seed, Water, Land & Air  
Prayers & Seed Blessings begin at Labyrinth

7:45-8:30 **Registration** – w/ Light Breakfast

8:30 **Opening Blessings for Conference**  
Establish Seed Altar

8:45 **Welcome and Introduction**

9:00-10:00 **Opening Keynote Address**  
**Indigenous Sovereignty** – John Mohawk,  
Seneca Farmer

10:00-11:45 **Land-based Cultures: Agricultural Land  
and Water Management Panel**  
Dry Farming & Water Issues/Acequia Management

11:45-12:00 **Blessing of the Seeds & Food**

12:00-1:00 **LUNCH & Grassroots Networking**  
Tribal Youth Dances

1:00-2:00 **Traditional Farming & Community Building**  
The Next Generation's Voices & Visions

2:00-3:00 **Harvest & Seeds Panels**  
**Medicinal Herbs and Plants**

3:00-3:45 **Traditional Crops: Nutrition & Health**

3:45-4:00 **BREAK**

4:00-4:45 **Heirloom Seeds: Cleaning & Saving**

4:45-5:30 **Alternative Plant Uses**

5:30-6:15 **Bio Dynamics & Spiritual Agriculture**

6:15-6:30 **Blessing of the Seeds & Food – Evening Seed Prayer**

6:30-7:30 **DINNER** (Optional)

7:30-9:00 **Evening Plenary** (Optional)  
**Global Agricultural Activism**  
Winona LaDuke, White Earth Land Recovery  
Project, Anishinaabekwe (Ojibwe)

## October 7

8:30 **Opening Blessing of the Seeds & Food**  
- Light Breakfast

9:00-10:30 **Plenary**  
**The Zapatista Model of Autonomy &  
Resistance: A Global Awakening** - Ohki  
Simine Forest, Red Wind Councils, Chiapas,  
Mexico, Canadian Mohawk descent

10:30-10:45 **BREAK**

10:45-11:45 **Tribal Councils & Legislative Update**

11:45-12:15 **Seed Sovereignty Declaration**

12:15-12:30 **Blessing of the Seeds & Food**

12:30- 1:30 **LUNCH**

1:30-1:45 **Food & Seed Sovereignty: Solidarity Walk**

2:30- 3:30 **Blessings for Seed Walk – Ohki Simine Forest**

3:30-4:00 **Seed Walk to Poeh Center, Pueblo of Pojoaque**

4:00-6:30 **Seed Blessing & Ceremonial Exchange of Seed**

**Food & Seed Sovereignty**  
**Solidarity Rally** – Poeh Center, Pueblo of  
Pojoaque w/ Harvest Celebration & Light Meal  
for walkers

6:30-8:45 **Evening Keynote** - at Pojoaque Pueblo  
Conference Center  
**The Second Coming of Columbus: Global  
Food Security** – Dr. Vandana Shiva, Research  
Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology  
(RFSTE), New Delhi, India

8:45-9:00 **Closing Thanks & Blessings for Seeds  
and Conference**

## Keynote Speakers

**Winona LaDuke** is an Anishinaabekwe (Ojibwe) enrolled member of the Mississippi Band Anishinaabeg who lives and works on the White Earth Reservations. As Program Director of the Honor the Earth Fund, she works on a national level to advocate, raise public support and create funding for frontline native environmental groups. She ran as Green Party Vice Presidential Candidate along with Ralph Nader in the 1996 & 2000 national elections and is Founding Director for White Earth Land Recovery Project.

The recipient of numerous awards and honors, she is a graduate of Harvard and Antioch Universities and is a former board member of Greenpeace USA. She has also served on many other organizations and has been published in national and international journals and newspapers. She is author of *All Our Relations*, on Native environmental struggles.

**John C. Mohawk**, a Turtle Clan Seneca farmer from the Cattaraugus Reservation (Iroquois), former editor of *Akwesasne Notes*, once the largest Indian publication in the US and Canada, is an assistant professor of American Studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo and associate professor and director of Indigenous Studies in the Center for the Americas, who lectures on topics in Native American Studies. He is working with Bioneers to develop food products based on traditional Iroquois white corn, serves on the Bioneers board, and is the author of *Utopian Legacies*.

**Ohki Siminè Forest**, of Canadian Mohawk descent, is a vision holder who has lived in Chiapas, Mexico since 1986 collaborating with the indigenous Maya Zapatista people in resistance. She is founder of the spiritual and social justice organization, Red Wind Councils, and author of *Dreaming the Council Ways: True Native Teachings from the Red Lodge*.

**Vandana Shiva**, born in Dehradun, India, received her B.S in Physics, a M.A. in philosophy, and completed her Ph.D. in Quantum Theory Physics at the University of Western Ontario in 1979. In 1982, Shiva founded the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology (RFSTE), an institution concerned with biodiversity conservation. Nine years later, she founded Navdanya, which literally means "nine seeds," to protect the diversity of native seeds. RFSTE and Navdanya encourage local farmers to reject political and economic pressures that may endanger India's natural biodiversity. The author of 13 books and over 300 published papers, Dr. Shiva has spoken out against the "Green Revolution" of the 1970's, and has internationally campaigned against Genetically Engineered Foods. She has served as an advisor to many government organizations in India and abroad, concerned with biotechnology and ecology. Dr. Shiva has received over 15 national and international awards for her contributions to ecology awareness and environment preservation, including the Earth Day International Award in 1993, and the International Award of Ecology in 1997.