

[A History: New Mexico Food and Seed Sovereignty Alliance](#)

New Mexico Acequia Association, Traditional Native American Farmer's Association, Honor Our Pueblo Existence, Tewa Women United

The New Mexico Food and Seed Sovereignty Alliance was formed in 2006 following the Seed Sovereignty Declaration in which farmers from tribal, Pueblo, acequia communities, and other farmers, signed the declaration to defend seeds from genetic contamination.

The name of our annual gathering in three languages, beginning with Tewa, recognizes indigenous peoples as seed savers and guardians of countless generations of seeds. It also recognizes that land-based people have borrowed from and added to these traditions with seeds and food traditions from around the world. The Indo-Hispano people, who are mestizo, or of mixed ancestry, have evolved a land-based culture after centuries of growing food in their respective villages.

Later, other migrants established roots and continued or revived seed saving traditions of their ancestors as well. The seed exchange and gathering is an affirmation of the unity that is possible between cultures and the unity that is necessary to defend seeds so that future generations can continue their freedom to save seed and grow their own food.

Our mission statement is to continue, revive, and protect our native seeds, crops, heritage fruits, animals, wild plants, traditions, and knowledge of our indigenous, land- and acequia- based communities in New Mexico for the purpose of maintaining and continuing our culture and resisting the global, industrialized food system that can corrupt our health, freedom, and culture through inappropriate food production and genetic engineering.

For more information, visit www.lasacequias.org/foodandagriculture/seedalliance/



Thank you to our Co-Sponsors and the following Businesses and Individuals that made important donations:

American Friends Service Committee, Casa Vieja Farm, Communities for Clean Water, CostCo, Dixon Cooperative Market, Española Fiber Arts Market, Flowering Tree Permaculture Institute & Roxanne Swentzell, Fourbridges Traveling Permaculture & Agri-Kidz, FedCo Seeds, La Montanita Coop, La Tiendita de Paz, National Immigrant Farming Initiative (NIFI), Native Seed Search, Natural Grocers, Northern Youth Project, Red Willow, Rio Arriba County, Rio Arriba County Cooperative Extension, Romero's Fruit Stand, Santa Cruz Farm, Sam's Club, SeedBroadcast, Sembrando Semillas de Chamisal, Virgil & Isabel Trujillo, Xochitl & Gilberto Romero, Zenitram Industries

12th Annual Ówíngeh Táh Pueblos y Semillas Gathering and Seed Exchange



NM Food and Seed Sovereignty Alliance presents:



**Seeds of
Hope and Healing:
Acknowledging Indigenous Truth**

Saturday, April 22, 2017

9:00am to 4:00pm

**Abiquilú - Rural Events Center
aka County Fair Grounds**

Hosted by

NM Food & Seed Sovereignty Alliance, Sembrando Semillas de Abiquilú Youth
(in partnership with Northern Youth Project) and El Pueblo de Abiquilú Library
and Cultural Center

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

We ask that each farmer set aside a small amount of their seed for the ceremony and blessing.

Please do not exchange seeds until after the blessing.

The seed ceremony will begin after los Hermanos Penitentes bless the space with a special *alabado* and prayer for our departed. The leader of the ceremony will call forward the four land and water offerings. Afterwards, the people who brought seed will line up to make their offering. We will hand out baskets for each seed-saver to put a sampling of their seeds. The participants will move through the line and walk around the ceremonial circle to offer their seeds for the blessing, directed by the ceremony leader.

People who did not bring seeds are welcome to participate in the ceremony by walking through the circle after the seeds are offered.

Note: PLEASE ABSOLUTELY NO PHOTOS OR VIDEO ALLOWED DURING ANY PARTS OF THE CEREMONY

The seed exchange will take place after the ceremony.
We will provide envelopes and labels for seeds.

The NM Food and Seed Sovereignty Alliance would like to thank the following for their support with the gathering:

El Pueblo de Abiquiu Library & Cultural Center, Sembrando Semillas de Abiquiu youth and Northern Youth Project

Los Hermanos Penitentes

Santa Clara Pueblo Dancers

Dexter Trujillo y los Genizaros de Abiquiu

Land and water offerings:

(North) Tayler Suazo & Jesus Montoya, (West) Kateri Peña & Josh Tsosie,
(South) Kasey Naranjo & Ethan Naranjo, (East) Donne Gonzales & Ignacio Gonzales

Margaret Garcia of Taos Real Food for the delicious and healthy lunch

All of the afternoon presenters for their informative presentations

All of the volunteers for giving us your time and good energy

David F. Garcia and Jeremias Martinez for the wonderful music

Our Sponsors and the Individuals who made donations! (See back)

All of the families and individuals who brought seed ~ you are our reason and inspiration for this gathering!



Ōwîngeh Tâh Pueblos y Semillas PROGRAM



9:00am Registration

9:30am Welcome & Opening Remarks

10:00am Seed Ceremony Begins

Opening blessing & prayer for our departed farmers, acequeros and community members by Los Hermanos Penitentes de:

La Morada del Alto (Abiquiu)

La Morada de Nuestro Señor de Esquipula (Chimayo)

La Cofradia de la Santísima Trinidad (Santa Cruz)

y otras Moradas

Land and Water Offerings

Seed Offerings by Farmers

11:00am Santa Clara Pueblo Dancers- *bless the offerings*

11:30am Anciano Se:daa Lifeways Award:
Cornelio Salazar & Clara Salazar-Suazo

11:45am Seed Exchange for Farmers & Seed Savers
Seed balls and other hands-on activities

1:00pm Lunch: traditional meal prepared & served by Taos Real Food
Blue and white corn posole (TNAFA/Clayton Brascoupe)
Red chile with local beef (Romero's Fruit Stand, Zenitram Industries)
Beans (Colorado), Salad (Santa Cruz Farm), Horno Bread (Pojoaque & Taos), Sweet Rice Pudding, Tea

Community Presentations

2:15pm Acknowledging Indigenous *Marian Naranjo & Beata Tsosie-Peña*
Truth & Place

Los Genizaros de Abiquiu *Virgil Trujillo*

Seeds of Hope & Healing *Youth from Sembrando Semillas, NYP, TWU, CCW, Santa Clara youth council*

3:45 pm Closing Ceremony
Los Genizaros de Abiquiu closing dance- Dexter Trujillo
Special seed pot for Abiquiu by Roxanne Swentzell

4:00pm Closing Prayer