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HARMONY

Heritage Garden

- WHAT IS HARMONY?** It's a new Public Service campaign designed to increase awareness of natural resource conservation issues and solutions. Harmony draws parallels between the American Indian philosophy regarding natural resources and the Natural Resources Conservation Service's vision of A Productive Nation in Harmony with a Quality Environment. This vision reflects our commitment to protect the productive capacity of all of our natural resources and ensure a healthy environment for our children's future.
- WHY FIVE SEPARATE GARDEN BEDS?** The garden beds themselves represent the different regions of the country - east, prairie, northwest and Alaska, and southwest. The fifth bed is a wetland bed.
- WHY A WETLAND BED?** For the American Indian, a key to survival was living in harmony with watersheds. Wetlands keep the watershed healthy by purifying water and controlling floods and erosion.
- WHAT ARE SOME OF THE TRIBES ASSOCIATED WITH THE VARIOUS GARDEN PLOTS DEPICTED HERE?**
- Indians of the Northwest and Alaska - Yakima, Chinook, Flathead, Nez Perce, Cowichan, Bella Coola, Salish Kutenai,
- Indians of the East - Delaware, Powhatan, Abenaki, Micmac, Shawnee, Ojibway, Ottawa, Huron, Iroquois, Mohegan, Illinois
- Indians of the Prairies - Comanche, Apache, Cheyenne, San Felipo, Osage, Pawnee, Sioux, Crow, Blackfoot, Oglala, Arapaho, Tonkawa
- Indians of the Dry Southwest - Apache, Mescalero, Chiricahua, Pueblo, Taos, Hopi, Navajo, Acoma, Zuni, Pima, Yuma
- WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THESE PACKAGED SEEDS?** Both varieties of bean seeds can be grown just about anywhere in the United States. They were obtained from Native Seeds/SEARCH, a non-profit seed conservation organization in Tucson, Arizona. They operate a seed bank for edible crops and other plants of cultural importance to more than 40 Indian tribes in Arizona, New Mexico, and northern Mexico.
- WHO ARE THE OTHER SUPPLIERS?**
- American Desert Plants, Tucson, AZ
Benke's, Beltsville, MD
FourthCorner Nurseries, Bellingham, WA
Plants of the Southwest, Santa Fe, NM
Shooting Star Nursery, Frankfort, KY
Sunny Border, Kensington, CT
Sylva Native Nursery, New Freedom, PA
Water Ways Nursery, Lovettsville, VA

**WHAT ARE SOME
OTHER FOODS
AMERICAN INDIANS
INTRODUCED TO
THE NEW SETTLERS?**

hammocks
hubbard squash
Burma beans
black walnuts
turkey
lima beans
corn
pineapples
cranberries
peanuts
avocados
tomatoes
pumpkins
corn bread
sassafras
haricot beans
cocoa
paprika
zucchini squash
chewing gum
sweet potatoes
wildrice
navy beans
maple syrup

pole beans
kidney beans
acorn squash
papaya
banana squash
pinto beans
jerky
yellow crookneck squash
snap beans
Chili peppers
sweet peppers
butternut squash
sunflowers
popcorn
butter beans
tapioca
cactus plants
pecan nuts
string beans
gourds
cashews
vanilla
white potatoes

**WHAT IS NRCS,
NACD and NASCA?**

NRCS is the federal agency in USDA that works hand in hand with the American people to conserve natural resources on private lands.

NACD is the National organization for 3,000 local conservation districts - local units of state government responsible for natural resources conservation within their boundaries.

NASCA is the National Association of State Conservation Agencies.

Commonly referred to as the Conservation Partnership, these organizations support a holistic approach to ecosystem management. They form a dynamic relationship between federal, state and nonprofit groups who have pledged to jointly provide conservation leadership to the nation.

**HOW CAN I GET
MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT THE HARMONY
CAMPAIGN?**

Call 1-800-THE SOIL. They will send you an action packet that includes conservation tips and ways in which you can get involved in your community for natural resource protection.

**INFORMATION ON
PLANTS IN HERITAGE
GARDEN**

See Attached.

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"Make every decision on behalf of the seventh generation to come ... give thanks for all that sustains us, the life-giving forces of the natural world"
— The Great Iroquois League of Peace

MEDIA ALERT

NATIVE VOICES SPEAK FOR MOTHER EARTH

Native elders, scientists and tribal leaders will deliver messages for healing an unhealthy Earth. The country's first ecologists will gather in Washington, D.C. for three historic days of speaking, teaching, dancing, and praying for the Earth and for the next seven generations. The "Gathering for the Earth" will take place on the National Ellipse, April 21-22-23, 1995.

For Native peoples, the land and the people are one. Leon Shenandoah, Principal Chief of the Onondaga, says, "Nature: that's our religion, our way of life." Indigenous people lived for thousands of years on this continent without damaging the land's ability to sustain life. Yet, in the last two hundred years they have witnessed the destruction of an environment and the extinction of life forms that they consider sacred. The speakers at the Gathering will offer the collective wisdom and experience of uncounted generations

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before them, about how to live in balance WITH the Earth, not merely ON it. To emphasize the serious spiritual nature of their messages, participants will beat a drum no-stop, 24 hours a day throughout the Gathering.

In addition to speakers, the Gathering will feature art work by Native artists, educational exhibits, storytellers, living history demonstrations, a native plants garden, musicians, and interpretive and traditional dancing. Activities begin Friday, April 21, at noon EST, and at 10:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday; activities end at 6:00 p.m. every evening.

Speakers will include Oren Lyons, a Chief of the Onondaga Nation; Thomas Banyacya, Hopi; Henrietta Mann, Southern Cheyenne; Lee Piper, Cherokee; Arvol Looking Horse, Lakota; Grace Thorpe, Sac and Fox; June Echohawk, Pawnee; Crosslin Smith, Cherokee; Vine Deloria, Lakota; George Godfrey, Potawatomi; poet Simon Ortiz, Pueblo; Dawn Hill, Mohawk; and storyteller Will Hill, Muscogee. Songwriter/singer Joanne Shenandoah, Oneida, will deliver musical messages on Friday and Saturday. The Thunderbird Theater Dance Company from Haskell Indian Nations University will perform each day.

The Gathering is sponsored by Project Earthlink, a partnership of thirteen federal agencies under the auspices of the Subcommittee on Global Change Research. The mission of Project Earthlink is to raise public awareness and knowledge of global change issues.

EVENT: "A Gathering for the Earth"
American Indian Earth Day Program

LOCATION: The National Ellipse, Washington, DC

DATES: Friday, April 21, noon to 6:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday, April 22-23, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

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1. Menominee Forestry Project (WI) - contact: Jackie Pubanz
Attendees: Joe Besaw, Steve Arnold
1 Table, 1 Plug
2. U.S. Geological Survey (VA) - contact: Sharon Crowley
Attendees: Sharon Crowley, et al.
2 Tables, 6 Plugs
3. Akwasasne Freedom School (NY) - contact: Carla Ransom - 518
Attendees: Carla Ransom, et al
1 Table, 1 Plug *Massena*
James W. Ransom
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4. Central Intelligence Agency (VA) - contact: Gigi
Attendees: Gigi, et al
1 Table, 2 Plugs
5. America's Eagle Magazine (VA) - contact: David Holt
Attendees: David Holt, et al.
2 Tables, 1 Plug
6. National Forest Service (CO) - contact: Joe Mitchell/Bob Tippecon
Attendees: Joe Mitchell, et al.
2 Tables, 2 Plugs
7. University of Hawaii (HI) - contact: Scott Bogle
Attendees: Puanani and Hawaiian elder
1 Table, 0 Plugs
8. Department of Energy
9. Renewable Energy Office (CO) - contact: Greg Gardner
Attendees: Greg Gardner, et al.
2 booths - 1 Table, 3 Plugs in each booth
10. Regional Biomass Program (DC) - contact: Mohammad Adra
Attendees: Mohammad Adra, et al.
1 Table, 2-3 Plugs
11. Uranium Mill Tailings Restoration (AZ) - contact: Russell Edge
Attendees:
12. Civilian Radioactive Waste Management-TRW (VA) - contact: Dolline Pryer
Attendees: Dolline Pryer, et al.
2 Tables, 0 Plugs, 1 Chair
13. Salmon Corps Project - contact: Joanna Stancil
14. Livermore Laboratories - contact: Joanna Stancil

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AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS TAKING PART IN HERITAGE GARDEN,
AMERICAN INDIAN EARTH DAY CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY, ON THE
ELLIPSE, WASHINGTON, APRIL 21-23

Natural Resources Conservation Service - Beltsville, MD

The Beltsville team has been involved in projects to restore trails and prevent erosion (Prince Georges County), staking out a handicapped-accessible trail (Zekiah Swamp, Waldorf, MD), worked with NRCS engineers and hydrologist on Emergency Flood Plan (Gilbert Run, MD)

Gloria Chatman, Pittsburgh, PA. B.S. in education, Duquesne University; wants to focus on environmental education. **Troy Hershberger**, Hagerstown, MD. Has BA in resource economic, University of Maryland; wants to pursue a graduate degree in environmental biology. **Rose Levandowski**, Baltimore, MD. Completing undergraduate education; wants to pursue degree in outdoor education. **Jennifer Sines**, Baltimore Co., MD. B.A. in international studies, Frostburg State University; wants to pursue career in global environmental issues. **Marguerite White**, Montgomery County, MD. B.A. in chemistry, Connecticut College; wants to continue education in environmental science.

Natural Resources Conservation Service - Washington, DC

The Washington AmerCorps volunteers have been working on cleaning and restoring parks in the District, including Banniker Park and Fort Lincoln Park; they are helping to install bluebird houses in Kenilworth Marsh and helping teach 4th and 5th graders how to monitor the birdhouses.

Tyone Gattis, **Adrian Harris**, **Charles Hope** and **William Watkins**, all from Washington, hoping to obtain further education in horticulture, education. **Susan Jolley**, Falls Church, VA, has a BA in Environmental Science from UDC and hopes to work in the environmental field. **Dean Mosher**, Alexandria, VA, is attending Northern Virginia Community College; hopes to be able to go away to school.

Agricultural Research Service - National Arboretum, Washington, DC

These AmeriCorps volunteers have so far worked exclusively in the Arboretum, but will soon be helping on other projects in the District.

Mike Smith, Washington area; has a year of college and is working to continue; interests include business and accounting. **Terrance Payne**, Washington area; two years out of high school, wants to become a physical therapist. **Kelvin McQueen**, North Carolina; working out career goals; **Bridget Avery**, Louisiana; BS in environmental science; **Chris Rhames**, Washington area; about to enter college, interests include engineering or mechanics.

Center Circle Schedule*

A Gathering for the Earth

MC - Bob Tenequer, Pueblo
Host Drum - Little River Singers

Friday, April 21 -

- Sunrise SPECIAL SUNRISE CEREMONY led by Thomas Banyacya, *Hopi*; Arvol Lookinghorse, *Lakota*; Oren Lyons, *Onondaga*; and Crosslin Smith, *Western Cherokee* (NO ELECTRONIC MEDIA)
- Noon OPENING CEREMONY, Arvol Looking Horse, *Lakota*
- SPEECHES: Thomas Banyacya, *Hopi*; Grace Thorpe, *Potawatomi/Sac & Fox*
- 2:30 MUSIC - Joanne Shenandoah, *Oneida*
- AWARDS PRESENTATION TO ART POSTER CONTEST WINNERS
- SPEECHES: Puanani Burgess, *Native Hawaiian*; Dawn Hill, *Mohawk*; Oren Lyons, *Onondaga*; Dwight Gourneau, *Chippewa*; Henrietta Mann, *Southern Cheyenne*
- 6:00 CLOSING CEREMONY, Crosslin Smith, *Western Cherokee*

Saturday, April 22

- 10:00 OPENING CEREMONY, James Ransom, *Mohawk*; Akewesasne Freedom School
- SPEECHES: June Echohawk, *Pawnee*; Lee Piper, *Eastern Cherokee*; Dwight Gourneau, *Chippewa*; Vine Deloria, *Lakota*; Douglas George-Kanentiio, *Mohawk*; and tribal representatives
- 3:30 DANCE - Thunderbird Theater
- 4:00 MUSIC - Joanne Shenandoah, *Oneida*
- 6:00 CLOSING CEREMONY, James Ransom, *Mohawk*

Sunday, April 23

- Noon GRAND ENTRY - TRADITIONAL DANCING
VEVITA Color Guard - Arena Director: Max Little, *Seminole*
Head Lady Dancer: Dawnita Neconie, *Kiowa/Pawnee*
Head Man Dancer: Amos Goodfox, *Pawnee*
- 2:30 Thunderbird Theater
- 3:00 TRADITIONAL DANCING
- 6:00 CLOSING CEREMONY

FRIDAY EXHIBITS from NOON to 6 PM: Art Tent, Educational Exhibits Tent, Woodlands Village.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY EXHIBITS from 10 am to 6 pm: Art Tent, Educational Exhibits Tent, Woodlands Village and the Storytellers' Tent featuring: Will Hill, Simon Ortiz, LaVonna Weller, Lee Francis, Rayna Green, Mary Arpante, and many others!

* Schedule subject to change without notice!

	Sun	Shade	Pest Resist.	Wildlife Habitat	Low Maint.	Pest Repellant	Attract Insect Eating Birds	Types of Uses by American Indians
Plants of Wetlands								
Black Willow	☼		☼	☼	☼			Ritual, domestic products
Blueberry	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼		☼	Food
Blue Flag	☼		☼	☼	☼			Medicinal
Cattail	☼		☼	☼	☼			Domestic product
Elderberry	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼		☼	Food
Highbush Cranberry	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼		☼	Food, domestic product
River Birch	☼	☼		☼				Medicinal
Sweet Flag	☼		☼		☼			Medicinal
Plants of Northwest and Alaska								
Fireweed	☼		☼		☼			Medicinal
Ligonberry	☼	☼	☼		☼			Food
Red Alder	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼			Domestic products
Salal	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼			Food
Saskatoon	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼			Food
Sitka Willow	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼			Medicinal
Sword Fern		☼	☼		☼			Food
Tuel	☼		☼	☼	☼			Domestic products
Western Red Cedar	☼		☼	☼	☼			Domestic products
Plants of the East								
Anise Hyssop	☼		☼	☼	☼			Food
Bearberry	☼		☼	☼	☼			Food
Bowman's Root		☼	☼		☼			Medicinal
Columbine		☼			☼			Ritual
Flowering Dogwood	☼	☼		☼			☼	Medicinal
Hazelnut	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼			Food, domestic products
Lowbush Blueberry		☼	☼	☼	☼		☼	Food
White Pine	☼			☼				Food
Wild Geranium		☼	☼		☼			Medicinal
Plants of the Prairies								
Bean	☼							Food
Bergamot	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼			Medicinal
Big Bluestem	☼		☼	☼	☼			Medicinal
Corn	☼	☼		☼				Food
Green Ash	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼			Domestic produce
Prairie Dropseed	☼	☼	☼	☼	☼			Food
Snowberry		☼	☼	☼	☼			Medicinal
Sumac	☼		☼	☼	☼			Food
Sunflower	☼		☼	☼	☼		☼	Food
Wild Quinine	☼		☼					Medicinal
Plants of the Dry Southwest								
Brittlebush	☼		☼	☼	☼			Food, domestic products
Century Plant	☼		☼	☼	☼			Food, domestic products
Croosote Bush	☼		☼	☼	☼			Medicinal
Ironwood	☼		☼	☼	☼			Food, domestic products
Jojoba	☼		☼	☼	☼			Medicinal
Mesquite	☼		☼	☼	☼		☼	Domestic products
Paloverde	☼		☼	☼	☼		☼	Food

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM: Joel Berg, Director
Office of National Service

DATE: April 5, 1995

RE: AmeriCorps sites for Secretary Glickman for Earth Day

There are five sites which Secretary Glickman might be interested in visiting on Earth Day. These sites represent what AmeriCorps members are doing in different regions of the country.

The National Arboretum, Washington, DC

AmeriCorps members are restoring the Azalea overlook and Juniper hedges at the National Arboretum. Also, the team is clearing weeds and vines that threaten the existing trees at the arboretum.

Western Kansas

Members in western Kansas are repairing, rehabilitating, and re-planting windbreaks created by the original Civilian Conservation Corps. The Secretary might like to invite Senator Dole and Chairman Roberts to accompany him. NOTE TO JOEL: Can we find some former CCC members to go with him?

Pacific Northwest

Six Rivers National Forest, Northern California

Members are rehabilitating hiking and horse trails, as well as performing reforestation work. Additionally, members are developing a riparian revegetation project and rehabilitating streams.

Rogue River National Forest, Oregon

Members are restoring overused campgrounds and building hiking trails. Also, they are enhancing fish habitats and helping timber stands grow better by pruning bushes and

anchoring them in reservoirs. In addition, members have second growth trees to improve forest health.

Olympic National Forest

Members are maintaining hiking trails and rehabilitating camp sites. Additionally, the members are hand-pruning timber stands and surveying Threatening and Endangering Species habitat.

White Mountain National Forest, New Hampshire

 If you have any questions, please call Elizabeth Jones or me at 720-6350.