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LISTENING TO BLACK FARMERS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2ND AT 6PM
via Zoom



Shaniqua Bowden
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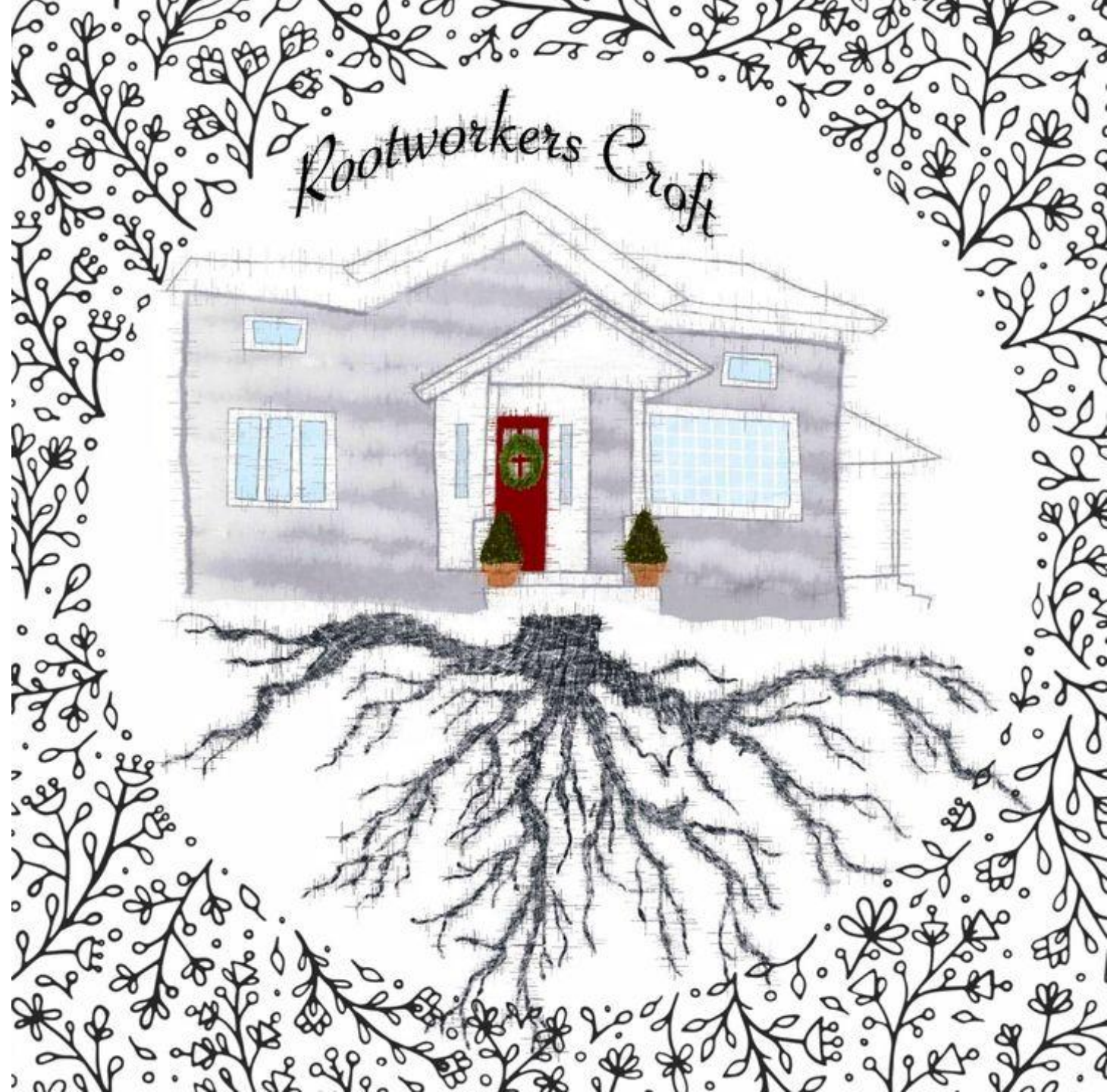


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Phillies Bridge Farm



Alison Espinosa
Rootworker's Craft

Rootworker's Croft West Bloomfield, NY



Phillies Bridge Farm, New Paltz, NY



Phillies
Bridge
Farm
Project

learn

grow

share

SEEKING FREE USE OF LAND?

Visit our Land Matching Portal

kingstonlandtrust.org/initiatives/land-matching

Making land available for the common good

FIND YOUR LAND MATCH

A **LANDSEEKER PROFILE**
allows you to search for land
listings and reach out to
landholders



A **LANDHOLDER PROFILE**
allows you to create a land
listing and connect with
landseekers



Thank you
Jordan Williams –
Land Steward at
Kingston Land Trust

Who compiled the following
Resource Guide, including
descriptions of organizations and
lists of relevant books and
podcasts.



Kingston Land Trust, NY

[Kingston Land Trust](#)

“The Kingston Land Trust is a nonprofit organization that protects environmentally and socially significant land for the common good. In addition to traditional land conservation, we work collaboratively to address inequities by making land accessible to the community through urban agriculture, commuter trails, recreation, heritage sites, and affordable homes. Our innovative and inclusive programming encourages our diverse community to live in a sustainable and healthy relationship to the land and other living beings. Land for all, all for land!”

Average Net Income of White Farmers vs. Black Farmers



-\$906

Black Farmer
Fund

Empathize: Existing Knowledge & Stories

1920 15 million acres

2017 1 million acres



Across the USA, Black farm ownership declined from 15 million acres in 1920 to 1 million acres in 2017

Soul Fire Farm

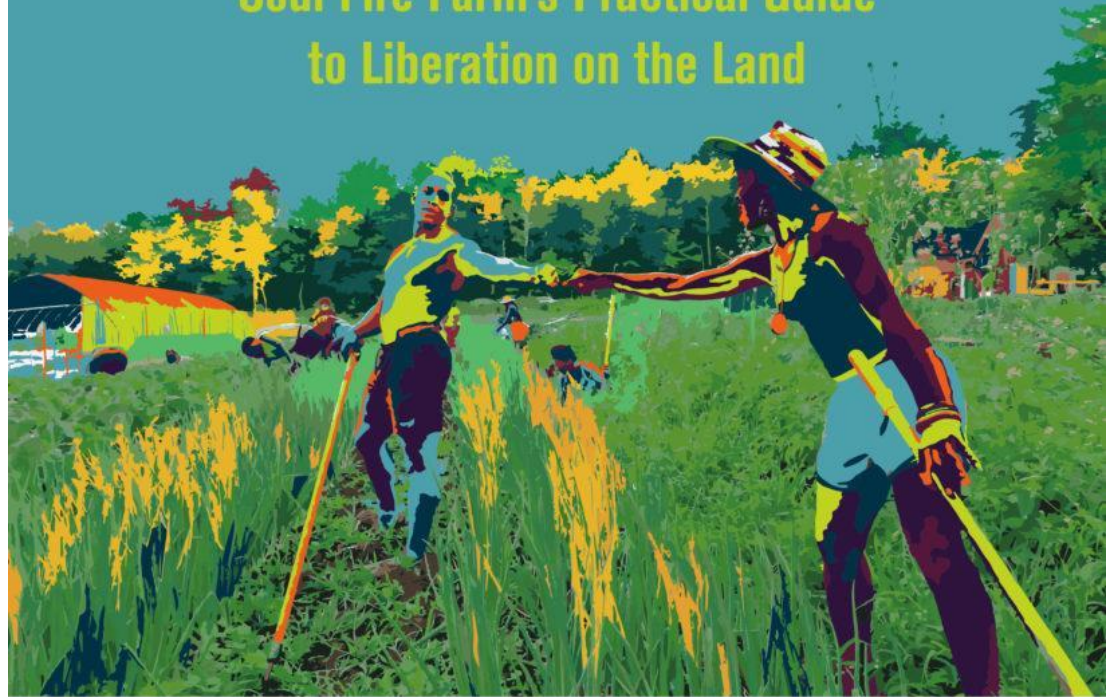
[Soul Fire Farm](#)

“an Afro-Indigenous centered community farm committed to uprooting racism and seeding sovereignty in the food system. We raise and distribute life-giving food as a means to end food apartheid. With deep reverence for the land and wisdom of our ancestors, we work to reclaim our collective right to belong to the earth and to have agency in the food system. We bring diverse communities together on this healing land to share skills on sustainable agriculture, natural building, spiritual activism, health, and environmental justice. We are training the next generation of activist-farmers and strengthening the movements for food sovereignty and community self-determination.”

Soul Fire
Farm near
Albany, NY

FARMING WHILE BLACK

Soul Fire Farm's Practical Guide
to Liberation on the Land



Leah Penniman

Foreword by Karen Washington

Resource Guide: Land Justice

[Resources for Land Justice](#)

“The aim of this guide is to offer resources, tools, and models of land return in support of Black and Indigenous sovereignty. These resources were compiled by members of the RG Land Reparations leadership team in recognition that the theft and concentration of land among people with wealth has been central in the exploitation, dispossession, and systemic disregard of Indigenous and Black lives, and as such, the redistribution of Land is and must be central to repair. There is no “roadmap” to Land Return - no one way that it can look or must be. This guide is not intended to be a map, but rather an offering in support of movements towards land justice. It is an offering towards what is possible - a world where wealth, land, and power are distributed equitably. This world is being built by those who have most directly faced the brutality of racialized capitalism, and who are globally leading decolonial, anti-racist, and abolitionist work. This guide is a call for those who have been advantaged by settler colonialism, for young people with class privilege, to support their visions by organizing our networks towards land returns.

This guide builds off of the [RG Land Reparations and Indigenous Solidarity Guide](#) from 2018, and is meant to be a living document. If you have suggestions for things to add please write to [jes kelley](#).”



Civil Eats:
nearly 2
dozen chefs,
farmers,
advocates at
Juneteenth
2020 Food
Sovereignty
Gathering



Food Tank: The Think Tank for Food

National Black Food Justice Alliance

[National Black Food Justice Alliance](#)

“The National Black Food and Justice Alliance represents hundreds of Black urban and rural farmers, organizers, and land stewards based nationwide working together towards an intergenerational, urban/rural movement to map, assess, train and deepen the organizing, institution building and advocacy work protecting Black land and work towards food sovereignty.

Together, we are designing, building and protecting the nourishing, safe and liberatory spaces our communities need and absolutely deserve.”

[Food Map](#)

Northeast Farmers of Color Network & Land Trust

[Northeast Farmers of Color Network and Land Trust](#)

“The Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust* (NEFOC LT) is a hybrid model land trust, bringing together a community land trust model and a conservation land trust model to reimagine land access as well as conservation and stewardship of communities and ecosystems with the goal of manifesting a community vision that uplifts global Indigenous, Black, and POC relationships with land, skills, and lifeways.”

[Reparations Map](#)

[Black-owned & operated farms](#)

Sustainable Economies Law Center

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“Sustainable Economies Law Center cultivates a new legal landscape that supports community resilience and grassroots economic empowerment. We provide essential legal tools - education, research, advice, and advocacy - so communities everywhere can develop their own sustainable sources of food, housing, energy, jobs, and other vital aspects of a thriving community.”

The Federation of Southern Cooperatives

[The Federation Of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund](#)

“The Federation is a non-profit cooperative association of black farmers, landowners, and cooperatives. We are organized by state associations with field offices serving a primary membership base in the Southern States. The majority of our farmers, landowners, cooperatives, and credit unions are in Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Louisiana. Our Largest individual membership base is in South Carolina. Our largest co-op membership base is in the state of Mississippi.”

Schumacher Center for a New Economics

[Schumacher Center for a New Economics](#)

“Founded in 1980 the Schumacher Center for a New Economics works to envision the elements of a just and regenerative global economy; undertakes to apply these elements in its home region of the Berkshires in western Massachusetts; and then develops the educational programs to share the results more broadly, thus encouraging replication.

We recognize that the environmental and equity crises we now face have their roots in the current economic system.”

CoFED (Cooperative Food Empowerment)

[CoFED \(Cooperative Food Empowerment Directive\)](#)

“a QBPOC-led organization that partners with young folks of color from poor and working-class backgrounds to meet our communities' needs through food and land co-ops. We are building the leadership of young BIPOC cooperators to practice cooperative values, economics, and strategies for collective liberation.”

New Communities, Georgia, U.S.

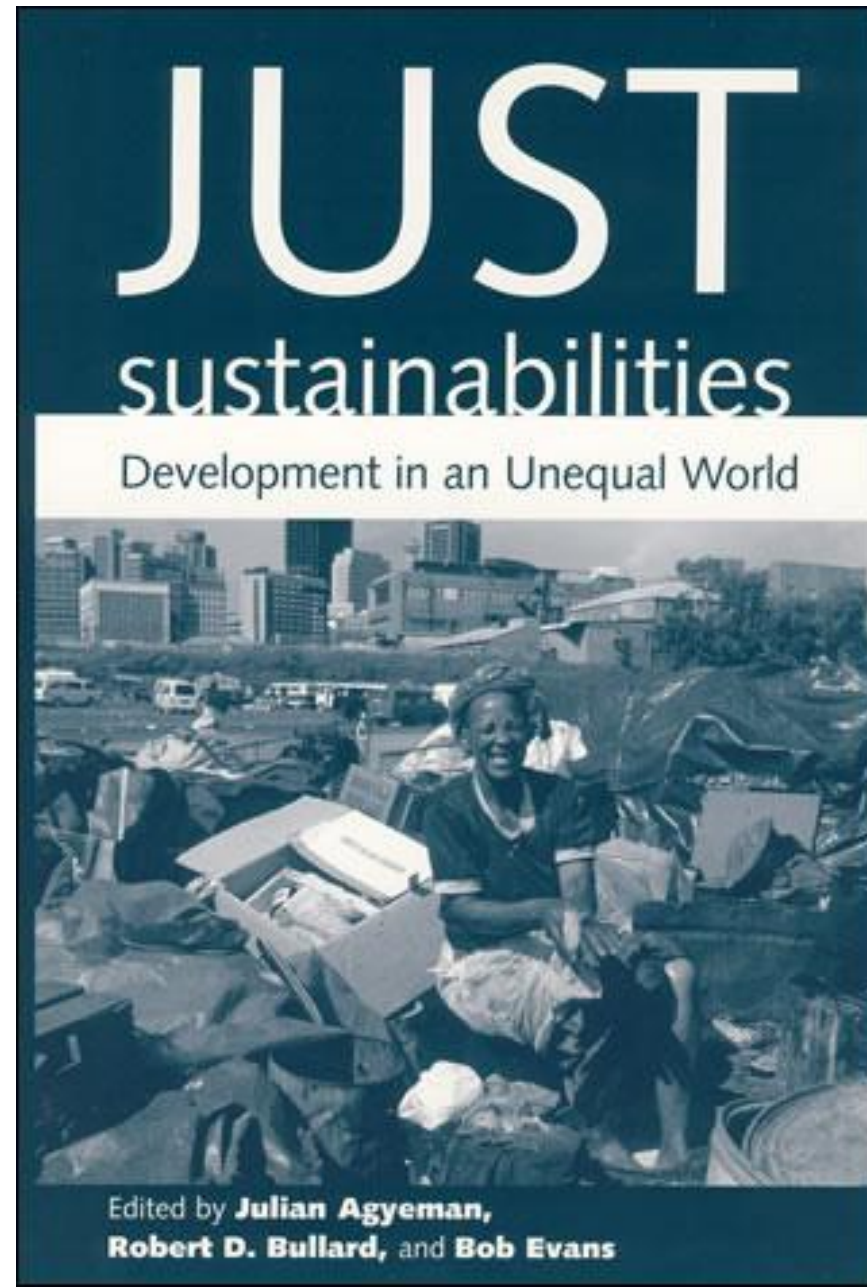
[New Communities](#)

“New Communities is a grassroots organization that has worked for more than 40 years to empower African American families in Southwest Georgia and advocate for social justice.

Born out of the Civil Rights Movement in 1969, New Communities, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(4) based in Albany, Georgia. Founded as a collective farm, New Communities is widely recognized as the original model for community land trusts in the US. Today, the founding members, including Charles and Shirley Sherrod, are dedicated to empowering the community through agribusiness and economic development.

New Communities brings a mature vision, grounded on decades of experience, adversity, and commitment to this historic opportunity. The vision of New Communities is to become a thriving organization that is a global model for community empowerment through agribusiness, education, social awareness, and wealth building.”

Julian
Agyeman,
PhD



NATIONAL BESTSELLER

"A feast of ideas and perspectives, setting a big table for the climate movement, declaring all are welcome." —*Rolling Stone*

ALL WE CAN SAVE

Truth, Courage,
and Solutions for the
Climate Crisis

Edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson
& Katharine K. Wilkinson



Books

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

As Black as Resistance: Finding the Conditions for Liberation by Zoé Samudzi & William C. Anderson

Pan-African Social Ecology by Modibo Kadalie

Emergent strategy by adrienne maree brown

Farming While Black by Leah Penniman

Sacred Instructions by Sherri Mitchell

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Mutual Aid: Building Solidarity During this Crisis (and the Next) by Dean Spade

Books continued

Freedom Farmers: Agricultural Resistance and the Black Freedom Movement by Monica M. White

Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic Thought and Practice by Jessica Gordon Nembhard

Working the Roots: Over 400 Years of Traditional African American Healing by Michele Elizabeth Lee

Medicine Stories: Essay for Radicals by Aurora Levins Morales

We Will Not Cancel Us by adrienne maree brown

Undrowned: Black Feminist Lessons from Marine Mammals by Alexis Pauline Gumbs

One Straw Revolution by Masanobu Fukuoka

For the Wild Podcast

[HOMEBOUND: EMBODYING THE REVOLUTION WITH BRONTË VELEZ](#)

- [BRONTË VELEZ ON THE PLEASURABLE SURRENDER OF WHITE SUPREMACY \[PART 1\]](#)
- [BRONTË VELEZ ON THE NECESSITY OF BEAUTY \[PART 2\]](#)
- [QUEEN QUET ON THE SURVIVAL OF SEA ISLAND WISDOM](#)
- [LEAH PENNIMAN ON LAND BASED LIBERATION](#)
- [QUEER NATURE ON RECLAIMING WILD SAFE SPACE](#)

The Red Nation Podcast

- [National Day of Mourning: 400 years of genocide and resistance w/Kisha & Mahtowin](#)
- [Post-Election Hangover Special](#)
- [Settlers Gone Wild: Capitol Hill Edition](#)
- [The Scam of Reconciliation w/Eva Jewell](#)
- [Settlers Gone Wild: Inauguration Hangover](#)

Additional recommended podcasts

Raices Verdes podcast

How to Survive the End of the World podcast

- [Guest Podcast: Decolonizing the Crone](#)

A Little Juju podcast

- [Ancestors First, Periodt](#)
- [Mama Rue Breaks the Juju Down](#)
- [The Crossroads Blues](#)
- [Hide Seeds in Your Hair \(w: @HoodooHussy\)](#)

Podcasts continued

Octavia's Parables

All My Relations

Black and Highly Dangerous

Episode 104 : [Environmental Injustice](#)

The Final Straw

[Pan-African Social Ecology: A conversation with Dr Modibo Kadalie](#)

Srsly Wrong

[Social Ecology and the Critique of Hierarchy](#)

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge with respect and gratitude that the land on which we live and that sustains us is on Turtle Island, what is commonly referred to as North America. We are in the Mahicantuck Valley (the river that flows both ways), known today as the Hudson Valley. The first people who lived here, where we presently stand, were the Esopus and Minisink peoples of the Lenni Lenape and Delaware. Wars and Indian Removal policies forced the Lenape westward. Today, Lenape people belong to the [Delaware Nation](#) and [Delaware Tribe of Indians](#) in [Oklahoma](#); the [Stockbridge-Munsee Community](#) in [Wisconsin](#); and the [Munsee-Delaware Nation, Moravian of the Thames First Nation](#), and [Delaware of Six Nations](#) in [Ontario](#).

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Erin Antonak, Oneida Wolf Clan

Land Acknowledgment resources

Here are some resources to learn more:

- <https://native-land.ca/>
- <http://www.friendsofthemahicantuck.org/history/>
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lenape>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esopus_people

Art for a New Understanding, Native Voices, 1950's to Now by Mindy N. Besaw, Candace Hopkins and Manuela Well-off-man.