



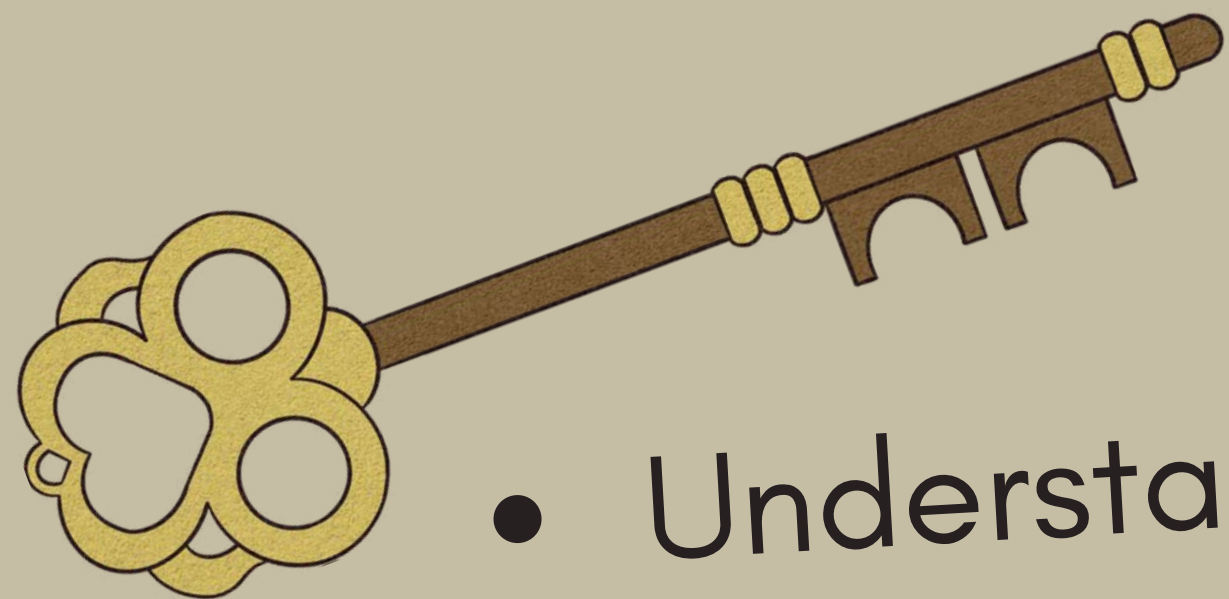
Discovering your  
**Culture Crops**  
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# Introduction



# What we'll discuss



- Define and Describe what a culture crop is
- Understand how culture crops improve our communities
- Quick tips on seed saving practices



# What is a culture crop?

a plant that is cultivated to reflect the customs, beliefs, practices and way of life for a particular group of people.



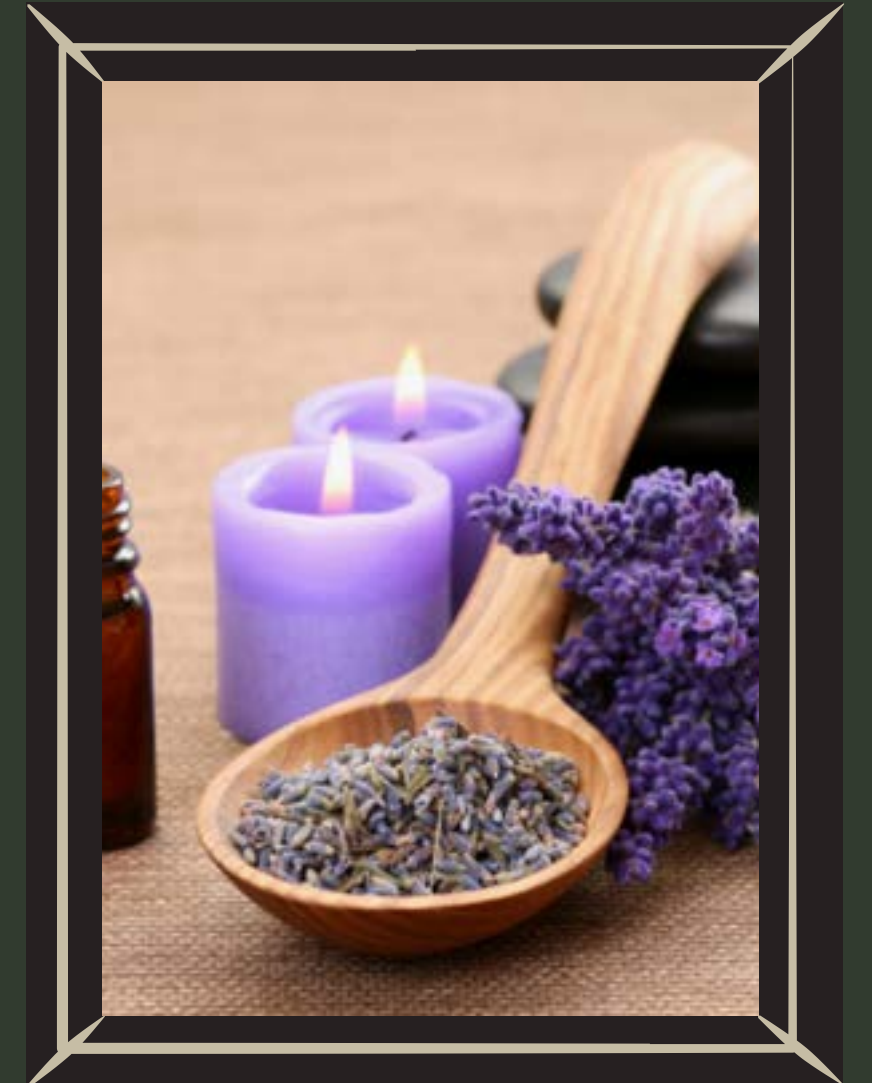
# Food Crops



# Fiber Crops



# Oil Crops



Type of Crops

# Ornamental Crops



# Industrial Crops



Type of Crops

# Why culture crops are good for communities

## Exploration

Exposes us to new foods and cultures

## Support

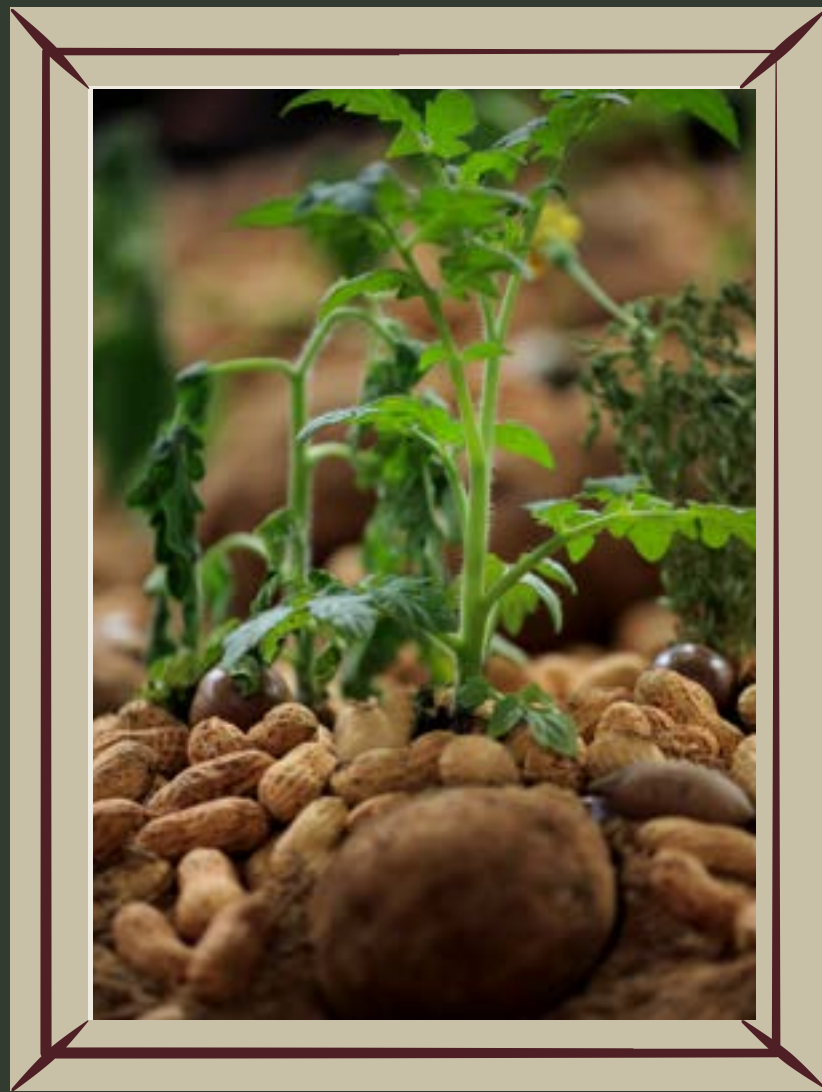
Encourages the support of local food systems

## Preservation

Tells our stories and history



**Peanuts**



**Watermelon**



**Moonflower**



**My Culture Crops**



# Learn your culture crops

- What rituals, celebrations and practices does your family participate in?
- What are your earliest memories of food?
- What part of the world is your family from and what plants are native to that location?



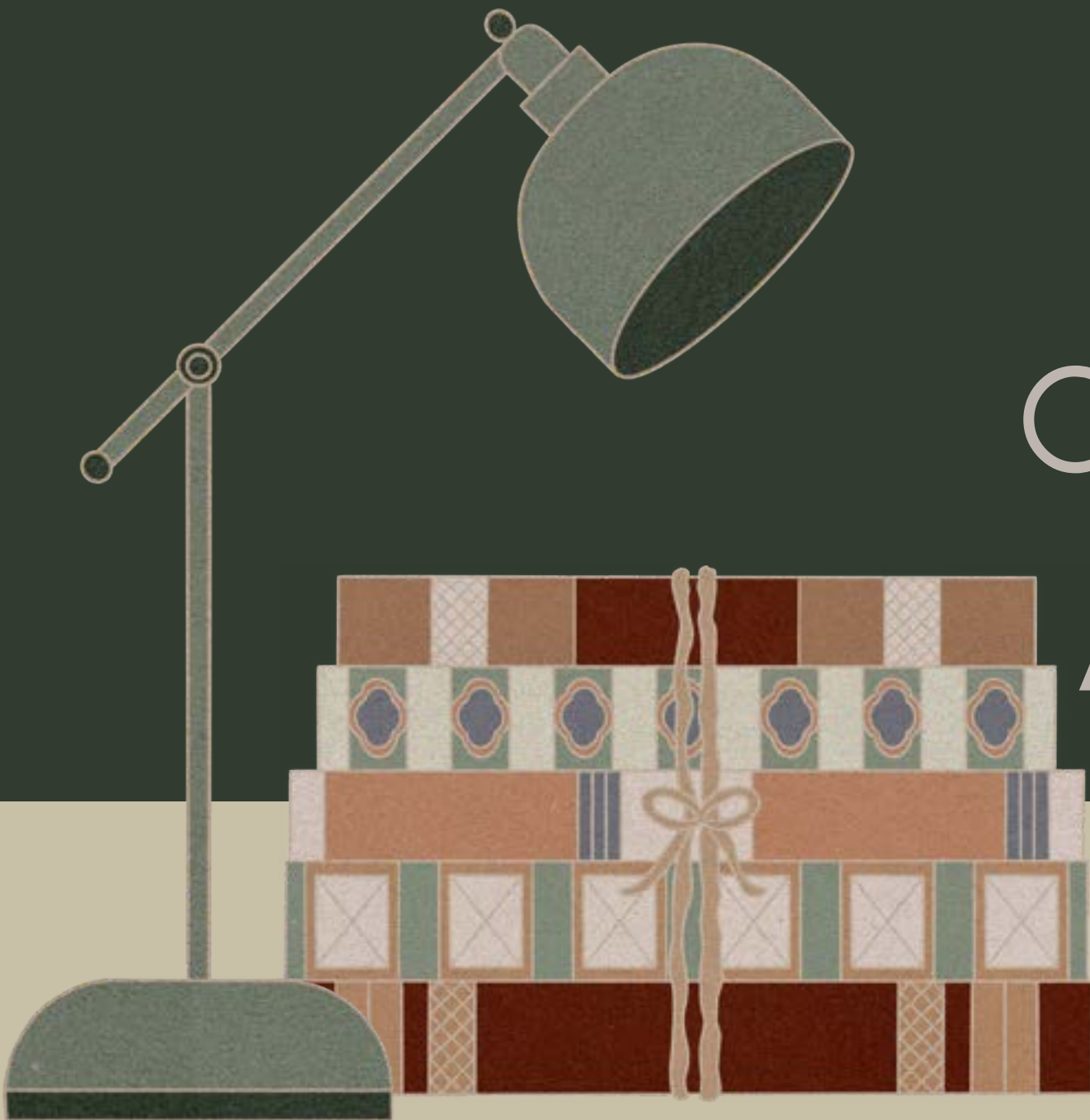
# Sourcing Information

Seed Catalogs

Farmers Markets

Community Gardens

Agriculture Events



# Great Seed Distributors



## True Love Seeds

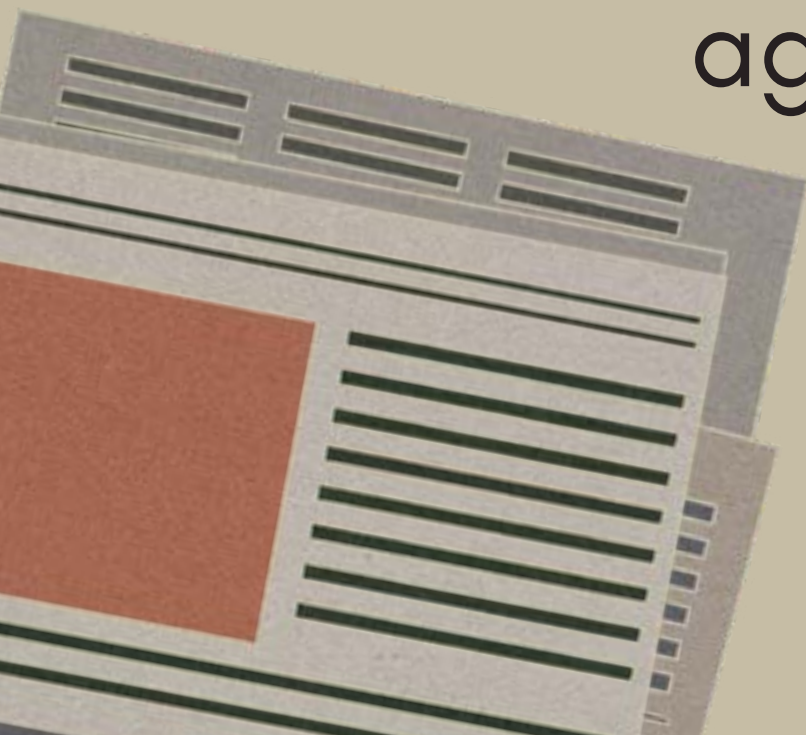
a farm-based seed company offering culturally important and open pollinated seeds

## Southern Exposure Seed Exchange

promotes organic gardening, sustainable agriculture, and everyone's right to save seed

## Local Seed Exchanges

this includes your local network of libraries, seed swaps, farmers markets and your plate

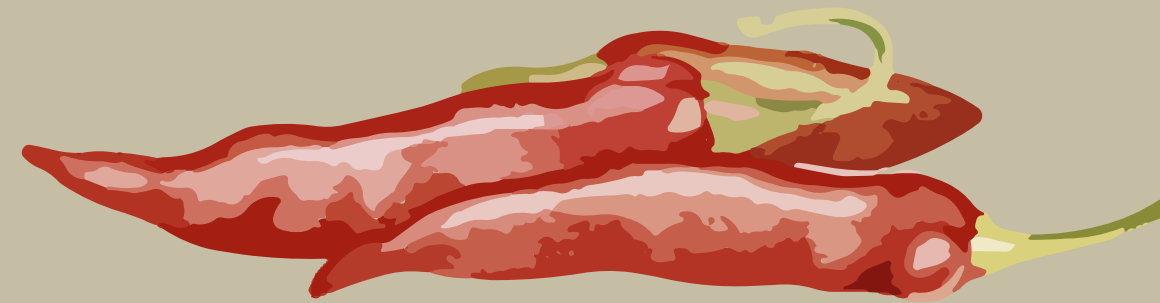


# Seed saving tips



## Plan ahead for seed saving

make room in your garden for plants to take up space



## Pay attention to ripeness

many seeds do not fully develop until they reach peak ripeness or dry out



## Store seeds correctly

as long as your seeds are stored in cool, dry and dark conditions you should be good

# Conclusion

It's time to get out there and grow your culture crops!



# Questions?

