



## FOOD: Culinary/Food Tourism

By Lynn Moreau

Culinary tourism (also known as food tourism), is a new brand of specialized tourism where people go places in order to sample authentic local cuisine such as local beverages, meats, cheeses, maple products, chocolate, fudge, jams and so on. It is becoming a vital component of the tourism industry and is becoming increasingly popular in recent years. It sometimes includes specialized tours that take people to the best places to eat and drink, and includes the preparation of meals by professional chefs. Food prepared reflects local cuisine, heritage and culture of the place and contributes to the local economy. For example, a culinary inspired tourism meal on Manitoulin Island may include rainbow trout, hawberry jam chutney and locally brewed beer.

There are several organizations that can assist in the promotion of culinary tourism. The Culinary Tourism Alliance works to implement the Cultural Tourism Strategy

and Action Plan. It works with communities to grow food tourism by leveraging the history, heritage and culture behind the local food and drink that makes each destination unique. It operates as a not-for-profit food tourism development organization. Through relationship building, the association fosters new agri-tourism experiences that are mindful of the natural resources and cultures they showcase. The association supports the growth of food tourism worldwide.


The Alliance has developed a series of branded destination experiences, one of which is "Indigenous Ontario" and features indigenous culture and food.

Indigenous Tourism Ontario is an indigenous tourism organization that provides access to marketing, sales and business development programs to produce high quality tourism products and services. Culinary tourism plays an important role in indigenous tourism in Ontario and this sector is poised for growth.



# RESOURCES: Agriculture Programs


	<p><b>CIRCULATE COLAB PROGRAM</b>          Application Deadline April 8th) <a href="https://coil.eco/colab/">https://coil.eco/colab/</a>          Active Accelerator Program (Application Deadline March 11th) <a href="https://coil.eco/colab/">https://coil.eco/colab/</a>          Resource Exchange: <a href="https://resourceexchange.ca/">https://resourceexchange.ca/</a>          Harvest Impact Fund: <a href="https://harvestimpact.ca/">https://harvestimpact.ca/</a></p>
	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS ORGANIZATION CANADA</b>          A variety of wage subsidy programs covering between 80 to 100 % of salary for youth.  <a href="https://eco.ca/environmental-professionals/employment-funding-and-job-board/apply-for-job-funding/">https://eco.ca/environmental-professionals/employment-funding-and-job-board/apply-for-job-funding/</a></p>


 **Government of Canada** **JOBS AND GROWTH FUND** The Jobs and Growth Fund provides funding to businesses and organizations to help create jobs and position local economies for long-term growth. Eligible applicants include businesses, co-operatives, not for profit organizations and community economic development partners. FedNor may contribute up to 100% of eligible project costs for projects with Indigenous clients. <https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/icgc.nsf/eng/07737.html>

 **Government of Canada** **RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
 The program has two project categories:


- The Strategic Economic Infrastructure stream provides up to 30 per cent in cost-shared funding for minor capital projects that advance economic development and investment opportunities.
- The Economic Diversification and Competitiveness stream provides up to 50 per cent in cost-shared funding for projects that remove barriers to business and job growth, attract investment, attract or retain a skilled workforce, strengthen sector and regional partnerships and diversify regional economies.

[https://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h\\_fn03899.html](https://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h_fn03899.html)

 **Government of Canada** **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVE FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO** Funding is available for small communities or First Nations to hire a qualified individual to help develop the local economy. This economic development professional will work to foster opportunities and partnerships in your region, and help implement strategies that seek to strengthen your community and create jobs. [https://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h\\_fn03899.html](https://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h_fn03899.html)

 **INDIGENOUS Pathfinder** **AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA (AAFC)** The AAFC is offering the Indigenous Pathfinder service-a one stop shop for advice and referral to help navigate the relevant information, tools and support available to start or expand activities in the agriculture and agri-food sector. Telephone: 1-866-367-8506 Email: [aafc.indigenouspathfinder-explorateurautochtone.aac@canada.ca](mailto:aafc.indigenouspathfinder-explorateurautochtone.aac@canada.ca)

## Student Workplace Placement Program



*Hire a post-secondary student and get up to \$7500/student in subsidy*

Connecting skilled and motivated students with employers for careers in agriculture.





<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/student-work-placement-program.html>



# INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE: Tree Program

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*"The program will develop a seed collection strategy with and for Indigenous communities based on existing Indigenous knowledge, to support sustainable use and enable restoration of those species of interest."*

The new program, funded by the Two Billion Tree Program, will establish an Indigenous-led seed collection program focused on species that are of cultural, medicinal, spiritual and economic importance to Indigenous communities. Indigenous forest values will be at the centre of the National Tree Seed Centers efforts to preserve and protect forest resources for the future: particularly as climate change threatens those values.

Indigenous communities have been the stewards of forests for generations: relying on the natural resources for food, shelter, medicine, spirituality, and culture. The Indigenous Seed Collection Program will examine, record (where appropriate), and incorporate

Indigenous knowledge into seed collection and conservation.

The Nation Tree Seed Centre will:

- Engage an Indigenous Coordinator to explore Indigenous seed collection and storage capacity and the equipment and training needs across Canada.
- Collaborate with communities and Indigenous led Small and Medium Enterprises to identify technical and training needs.
- Develop a strategy with Indigenous communities to support collection of their species of interest for habitat creation, restoration, school-yard programs and community forestry management lands.
- Develop a network of community participants to assist seed collection and processing.
- As well the National Tree Seed centre will deliver to Indigenous communities:
- Community workshops and meetings to identify species of interest and potential sources of native species seed (as and

example for assisted migration to mitigate climate change impacts) for planting on traditional territories.

- Consultation with provincial seed centres and regional forest genetics programs to acquire current training materials or identify those that can be updated with existing Indigenous knowledge and perspectives.
- With direct input from Indigenous Communities, identify low-tech equipment needs for seed collection, cleaning and banking to kickstart seed supply solutions.
- Where local seed supply is an issue and the National Tree Seed Centre has sufficient seed in storage, provide Indigenous led Small and Medium Enterprises with a diversity of appropriate and climate-resilient seed.

For further information, contact Nairn Hay, Interim Program Manager, Indigenous Seed Collection Program at (506) 452-4162 or email [Nairn.Hay@nrca-nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:Nairn.Hay@nrca-nrcan.gc.ca).

# EVENTS

## HAUDENOSAUNEE SEEDKEEPER SCHOOL

Preference is given to Haudenosaunee citizens but all are welcome to apply.

Event by: Terrylynn Brant and Mohawk Seedkeepers Gardens, Ohsweken, Six Nations

Duration: 6 hr

Registration: 2022 Now Open until FULL

Renown Haudenosaunee Seedkeepers Terrylynn Brant and Archie Bomberry of Ohsweken, Janis Brant of Tyendinega, and Steve McComber of Kanawake are happy to offer their years of traditional agricultural knowledge and sustainable living to the FIRST COHORT of Haudenosaunee

**Seedkeepers Mentees:** Nurture your connections to knowledge, skills and insights involved with supporting Mother Earth's restoration, through sustainable indigenous agriculture and modern traditional lifestyles.

**Tentative topics:** food sovereignty, collective agriculture, living and planting in unison with traditional ceremonial and celestial knowledge, food sovereignty, collective agriculture, building local economies, drought resistant ag, seed saving development, cultural teachings, agroforestry, food forests, rotting wood gardens, perennial polyculture gardens, ecological restoration, soil building, food preservation and Indigenous Cuisine taught by Mohawk Chef Tawnya Brant, Owner of Yawekon Restaurant.

**Tentative monthly dates and locations:**

14 May Sat. @Ohsweken, 10-4; 11 June Sun. @ Ohsweken, 10-4; 9 July Sat. @Tyendinega, 10-4; 13 Aug. Sat. @Kanawake, 10-4; 10 Sept. Sat. @ Ohsweken, 10-4;

**Cost:** \$400. Deposit \$100 due March 31.

**Final Payment:** April 15, 2022.

**Contact:** Terrylynn Brant 1-519-717-4077

**Email:** terrylynnbrant@live.ca to registration.

We are looking into securing \$200 scholarships for unsponsored indigenous mentees, if interested let us know.

# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

THREE FORKS FARM-MANITOULIN ISLAND (Field Staff)  
[www.threeforksfarms.com/employment](http://www.threeforksfarms.com/employment)

ONTARIO HAZELNUT ASSOCIATION (Multiple positions in southern Ontario)

<https://ontariohazelnuts.com/index.php/2021/03/22/2021-summer-research-students-agriculture-technician-positions/>

<https://ontariohazelnuts.com/index.php/2021/03/22/2021-summer-students-marketing-position/>

FLEMINGTON PARK MINISTRY (Toronto)

Urban Farmer and Educator- ([www.goodwork.ca](http://www.goodwork.ca))

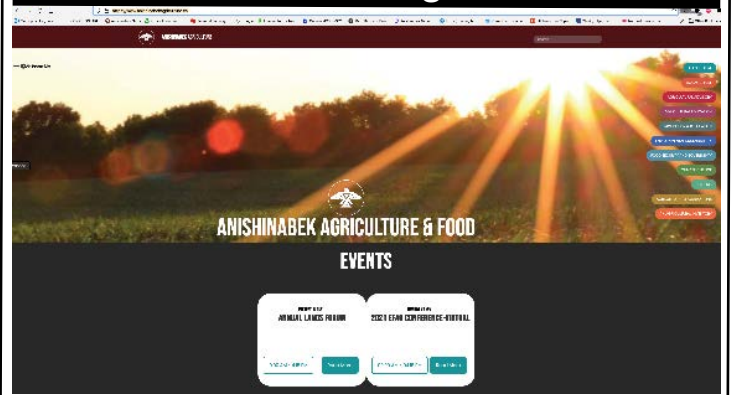
## KIIN MIINWAA ENDADIZIWINAN: LANDS & RESOURCES

The Lands and Resources Department was established within the Anishinabek Nation in the spring of 2007. Currently, there are four program areas with staffing capabilities. These include: Water Resources, Minerals and Mining, Trapping, and Canada Ontario Resource Development Agreement.

## MISSION

The Lands and Resources mission is to foster a better quality of life by ensuring access to natural resources by supporting the goals, values and aspirations of the Anishinabek Nation.

## [www.anishinabekagriculture.ca/](http://www.anishinabekagriculture.ca/)



## ZIISBAKDOKE GIIZAS (SUGAR MOON) – MARCH

The third moon of Creation is Sugar Moon, as the maple sap begins to run, we learn of one of the main medicines given to the anishnaabe which balances our blood and heals us. During this time, we are encouraged to balance our lives as we would our blood sugar levels. This moon also teaches us the time of year when the sap is running for maple sugar harvest. This is celebrated as the Anishinaabe new year.



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