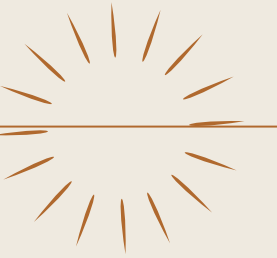


Share a Seed, Reana Kovalcik



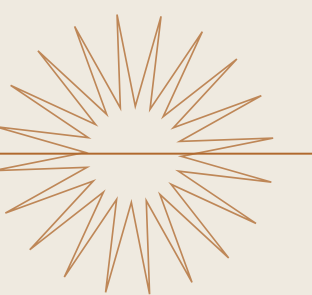
Reana is a DC-based policy and communications professional dedicated to making the food and farm system more equitable and sustainable. She has worked on food, agriculture, and social welfare issues for over 12 years, and launched Share a Seed early in the COVID pandemic to help spread abundance and grow community.

Share a Seed is a mutual aid, seed sharing program that helps redistribute seeds, plants, and equipment from gardeners and growers to communities and families with less access to resources. Through interactive programming and the use of built seed libraries, Share a Seed eliminates barriers to growing your own food and connecting to the land. Through a little seed sharing and a lot of encouragement and advice, Share a Seed helps our neighbors get growing regardless of their housing or financial situation.

Reana serves on the Board of the national Farmers Market Coalition and Slow Food DC, and on the Slow Food USA Food and Farm Policy Committee. Share a Seed has been featured at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival and in major media, including Modern Farmer, Civil Eats, Washington City Paper, and POLITICO.



Library Seed Bank, Jeff Quattrone



Jeff Quattrone is an artist and activist. He launched his Library Seed Bank project in 2014, bringing the seed library concept to South Jersey. Since then, he's permanently changed free seed access across South Jersey, and has consulted with seed libraries across the country. Jeff has revived six functionally extinct Jersey tomatoes in NJ, and is working on a book and media project titled, "Jersey Tomatoes, Bred for Profit, Revived for Community Organizing". These tomatoes were bred with remarkable characteristics that supported many canning and soup companies across the nation.

In 2021, Jeff was the keynote speaker at the 2021 Seed Library Summit, co-organized Slow Food USA's first Slow Seed Summit, and in 2018 was on an international community seed saving panel at Slow Food International Terra Madre food festival in Turin, Italy.

