

## Annual Agricultural Literacy Week Features “Celebrating Our Ancestral Roots”

**Vermont (statewide)** - The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT), along with the Vermont Department of Libraries, and the Vermont Agency of Food and Markets, announce the 8th annual Agricultural Literacy Week this November 12-17, 2018. The week-long celebration occurs across the state to inform and educate people about the economic and cultural importance of farms in Vermont communities.

For this year’s Agricultural Literacy Week, NOFA-VT is proud to present “Celebrating Our Ancestral Roots.” This year’s theme focuses on the history, traditional practices and contributions of native agriculture in Vermont. Four main events at libraries around the state will feature renowned Abenaki storytellers sharing aspects of their agricultural heritage.

An upcoming “how to host” newsletter will be provided. The newsletter will include an Abenaki story that can be shared at your event as well as a suggested reading list. There will also be a proposed event structure and timeline that can be used to help organize an event at your library. Stay tuned for more details.

NOFA-VT invites partners to present an evening of story telling and sharing during Agricultural Literacy Week in their communities. If interested in hosting an event and need assistance, please contact Misse Axelrod [dmisse@hotmail.com](mailto:dmisse@hotmail.com) 802.279.1548.

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***About NOFA Vermont:*** *The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont is member-based organization working to grow local farms, healthy food, and strong communities in Vermont. Our members are farmers, gardeners, educators and food lovers of all sorts – anyone who wants to help us create a future full of local food and local farms. Our programs include farmer and gardener technical assistance, farm to school support, organic certification, advocacy, an online apprentice and farm worker directory, an annual Winter Conference, and programs that work to ensure access to fresh, local food to all Vermonters, regardless of income.*