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Movement Strategy Center's October 2022 Community News



Welcome to EARTHseed Farm

Hello Friends,

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the seasons are a bit less pronounced, our farms and vineyards are bountiful — a last splash before the winter slowdown.

Take [EARTHseed Farm](#) — a part of [Pandora Thomas's Sankofa Project](#), a new FSP here at MSC and member of the [Movement Strategy Network](#). Located in Sonoma County, this solar-powered, permaculture paradise is awash in apples right now — for cider, for wholesalers, and for U-Pickers who stop in for fresh fruit, salves and creams, a fruity drink or frosty popsicle, or just a reset among the flowers and butterflies. We finally got a chance to visit EARTHseed last month, and you can read all about our visit, the farm, and the inspiration behind its name [here](#) at [the Move Blog](#).

We'd also like to invite you to check out our inaugural [Annual Report](#). **The report covers financials for our fiscal year July 202–June 2022**; but it also summarizes some of the big, bold moves MSC has made since our restructure starting in late 2020: a new senior leadership team; an extension and expansion of services for FSPs and MSN members; a refocus on philanthropic regranting; a launch of in-house communications; even an office move — all in the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic. We invite you to download the PDF and, as always, if you have comments or questions reach out.

Now, read on for some happenings from the MSC ecosystem:



Replenish Your Power

During moments of transition, how might we replenish our power so we are ready at any moment for change and growth? Join [Root, Rise, Pollinate!](#) for their Pollinators Lab, three Wednesday sessions on October 19 and November 2 and 16. They start at 10am PST, center on ritual, creative and embodied practice, reflection, and will dive into questions about navigating transition and waging peace both at home and across borders. Register [here](#).

Bridging, Building, and Belonging

Join [Thrive Network](#) for the next season of the [Beloved Community Journey](#), a series of learning, practice, and action to create a world where we all belong and thrive. Running from October 2022 through June 2023, each month includes events offered virtually, on Zoom, and in-person in Oakland. You will be joined by leading visionaries, activists, and artists including Taj James, cofounder of MSC. Check out the full details [here](#). Don't miss out on a full season of wisdom, heart, music, and action!

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Support Black Farmers

Despite land loss, discrimination, and hardships, a generation of young Black farmers are growing a Black agricultural movement. [HEAL Food Alliance](#) launched [#SupportBlackFarmerFutures](#), a campaign to channel resources to seven Black farming families in North Carolina through [Operation Spring Plant](#) — a HEAL member. The organization is rooted in the Black farmer community in the Carolinas and actively works to connect and support Black farmers, stewards, and landowners across the region. [Donate now](#), or show your support by purchasing gifts from their [online store](#). All proceeds will go to Black family farmers in the network!

Augmented Reality for Imagining New Futures

Just in time for Black Speculative Fiction Month, join us in celebrating [Wakanda Dream Lab](#) on their partnership with [Black Terminus AR](#), an augmented reality platform that allows artists and neighborhoods to bring the past and the future to life. The Black Terminus app uses an augmented reality lens that adds a digital layer to art and artifacts. It can unlock hidden stories that bring art expression and storytelling to another level. Start experiencing art in a whole new and completely immersive way — download it [here](#).



Help Wanted!

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[Positive Women's Network-USA](#) is hiring a Finance and Operations Manager; and [PWN Houston](#) is looking for a Temporary Campaign Manager. Learn more about both roles [here](#).

[MSC](#) is hiring an [Advancement Coordinator](#), [Executive Assistant](#), [Operations Assistant](#), and a [Director of Community Investment Initiatives](#). Join MSC's tapestry of activists, academics, and movement allies working to embody the values and philosophies of the ecosystem.

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