



# AMMAR

## SEEDS

AMMAR Seeds is pleased to launch "Mothers' Gardens" at Jardin de Brantes in Provence, France. The inaugural event will welcome world-renowned environmental leader Vandana Shiva and acclaimed Brazilian chef and activist Bela Gil for two days of talks, knowledge sharing and reflecting on the theme "weaving seeds of dreams". Shiva and Gil will be joined by leaders from a wide range of fields, all of whom uphold respect for the earth and the transmission of knowledge at the heart of their narratives.

AMMAR Seeds is a project that merges ancestral wisdom with contemporary innovation, interconnecting and spreading knowledge and awareness of the infinite importance of soil, plants, all life, and the food we cook and eat. Through a series of global encounters, AMMAR Seeds aims to create a new mapping and archive of seeds, crops and cuisines, drawing on stories of place and travel to find patterns and possibilities for regeneration.

The event at Jardin de Brantes marks the beginning of a series of encounters where AMMAR Seeds aims to listen to, interconnect with and weave diverse knowledge and thus co-create regenerative ways of living. Over the next three years, we will create spaces for these encounters and dialogues around the world, gathering an embroidered cartography of human displacements and an archive of seeds that carry cultures.



### **"MOTHERS' GARDENS"**

**IS A COLLECTIVE PROJECT WHERE TRADITIONS, HERITAGE, WISDOM, AND CARE PRACTICES WILL BE CULTIVATED THROUGH SHARED STORIES. THE PROJECT WILL DISSEMINATE, PLANT AND ARCHIVE THESE STORIES AND MEMORIES, NURTURING THE INVALUABLE DIVERSITY AND SOVEREIGNTY FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.**





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### POTAGERS DES MÈRES

## SATURDAY - JUNE 11TH, 2022

JARDIN DE BRANTES, 441 CHEMIN DE BRANTES, SORGUES, FRANCE

**10:30 H** Inauguration of **"POTAGERS DES MÈRES - MOTHERS GARDENS"** with Vandana Shiva, Bela Gil and the ladies of the Amidon association after the festive walk with music and sowing flower seeds through the path

**11:00 H** Conference on the theme **"Weaving seeds of dreams"** with Vandana Shiva, Bela Gil and Jean-Michel Florin

Screening of Brazilian films by Selvagem / Flecha Selvagem **"Metamorphose"** and **"O Sol e a Flor"**. Audiovisual series-science, art and traditional knowledge. On loop in La Grange

**13:00 H** Lunch prepared by Anne-Marie Richebé, ethno-chef and Sarah's bread "La Roulangerie": **A joyful moment of sharing**. Fixed prices and limited seating. Please reserve: [info@ammarseeds.com](mailto:info@ammarseeds.com)

Performance of **PermaSonic - Music of and with plants**, by SamC





## PARTICIPANTS

**VANDANA SHIVA** A world-renowned scientist, environmentalist and activist, philosopher, and lecturer on agricultural and food systems, the environment, women's issues, farmers' rights, and global systems. She received her PhD in "Hidden Variables and Non-locality in Quantum Theory" from the University of Western Ontario in Canada. She is the founder of Navdanya, ("Nine Seeds"), the global movement for seed freedom, farmers' freedom, and seed and food sovereignty. She campaigns vigorously for biodiversity, farmers' rights to seeds, and people's right to healthy food. A prolific author, her books make visible the social, economic, and ecological costs of globalization. Her book, "Staying Alive", has helped redefine perceptions of women in the Third World. Her latest book, just published in Italian, "From Greed to Care", addresses how to deal with the many current crises created by an economy of greed by cultivating an economy of care. She has received numerous awards, including the Right Livelihood Award (also known as the alternative Nobel Prize). Time Magazine named Dr. Shiva an environmental "hero" in 2003, and Asia Week named her one of the five most influential communicators in Asia.

**BELA GIL** Brazilian leader-activist and chef. Author of five best-selling cookbooks in Brazil. Her career spans many areas: food, television and media, health, women's rights, public policy, and education. She hosts a cooking show where she visits small organic farms, teaches the principles of agroecology, and cooks for Brazilian celebrities. Bela is the chef of the vegetarian restaurant Camélia Òdòdó in São Paulo. Bela's goal is to raise awareness about the importance of healthy cooking and eating to maintain a harmonious life and planet. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Nutrition from Hunter College and a Culinary Arts degree from the Natural Gourmet Institute, both in New York City. In 2019, she earned a master's degree in gastronomy from the University of Gastronomic Sciences in Italy.

**JEAN-MICHEL FLORIN** undertook his studies in agriculture and nature conservation, continuing in Goethean science studies and biodynamics at the Goetheanum Research Institute in Switzerland, where, in 2010 he became co-leader of the Institute's Biodynamic Section. Coordinator of the French biodynamic movement (Mouvement d'Agriculture Bio-Dynamique) (1988 - 2014), Editor of the French magazine 'Biodynamic'. Co-creator of BPREA, a 2-year agricultural certificate in biodynamics. He lectures and leads training courses in many countries on the Goethean method in biodynamic agriculture, plants, landscape, nutrition, medicinal herbs, and is the author of numerous articles on biodynamics and related subjects. He is on the Board of a number of networks and associations including BFDI (International biodynamic federation) and Petrarca (Academy for the culture of European landscapes).

**THE LADIES OF THE AMIDON ASSOCIATION** was created in 1994 and is recognized as a centre of integration (ACI). Amidon Sorgues thus plays an essential role in the local socio-economic development through its objective of social remobilization and preparation for employment of women in difficulty. With its President, Lysiane Fayolle, Ammar Seeds decided to work together, proposing to the women that they pass on their recipes by drawing and embroidering them on the tablecloths that belonged to the actress Jeanne Moreau. The fact that these belonged to the charismatic actress Jeanne Moreau, who also embodies a figure of feminism, brings added strength to this project, threads that continue to be woven by other women on other paths. A generous legacy given to us by the Jeanne Moreau Foundation.

**SELVAGEM** - which means "wild in Portuguese" - is an experiment in linking knowledge from indigenous, academic, scientific, traditional, and other sources. Conceived by Anna Dantes, guided by Ailton Krenak, produced by Madeleine Deschamps, and carried out by a collective of community, scientists, indigenous peoples' representatives, artists, supporters, participants and the public.