



*New Leaf Foods, Inc. supports the health and well-being of the people of Greater Green Bay by promoting healthy food access and education and by cooperating throughout Northeast Wisconsin to build a thriving local food system in a clean environment.*



## **Brown County Seed Library Launch Party**

**Date: March 4th**

**Time: 1PM-3:30Pm**

**Where: Brown County Central Library, downtown Green Bay**

**Located: 515 Pine Street, Green Bay, WI 54302**

## **Brown County is Planting a Seed Library By Vicky Medland**

Seeds are alive! Each one contains a tiny embryo that will survive only as long as its stored nutrients last.

In order to preserve different plant varieties, the seeds must be grown out while still viable. Saving and sharing seeds keeps rare and locally adapted varieties alive and brings people together.

That is where seed libraries comes in. Libraries are in the business of sharing items like books through borrowing. Books are borrowed, used, and



returned for someone else can borrow them. So it is a great fit to add seeds to the list of library resources.

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## UKWAKHWA TALK BY REBECCA M. WEBSTER, J.D., PH.D.



Rebecca M. Webster, J.D., Ph.D., is an enrolled citizen of the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin. She is an Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota Duluth in their American Indian Studies Department. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in their Tribal Administration and Governance programs. Prior to joining the American Indian Studies team at Duluth, she served the Oneida Nation as an attorney for 13 years where she provided legal advice for the Nation's administration on government relations, jurisdiction concerns, and a wide variety of tribal land issues. Her research interests focus on tribal administration and food traditional, heirloom foods with an emphasis on Haudenosaunee varieties of corn, beans, squash, sunflowers, sunchokes, and tobacco as well as a variety of berries and fruit and nut trees. Their farmstead now serves as a place to host events where the community comes to learn about planting, growing, harvesting, seed keeping, food preparation, food storage, as well as making traditional tools and crafts sovereignty.

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**10 years of Garden Blitzin!**  
by Andy DizMezza



**April 29, and May 5th-7th**  
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The New Leaf Foods Garden Blitz is celebrating its 10th anniversary of bringing food sovereignty, sustainability, & resilience to the Greater Green Bay area through gardening. However the Garden Blitz has its roots going back over a century to the Victory Gardens that seem to reassert themselves into our society everytime we find ourselves in a crisis. Like the Victory Gardens we draw inspiration from, we have spent the past 9 years installing 880 gardens with the help of over 560 volunteers not because we selfishly worry for ourselves, but because we collectively care for each other. This is why 16 of our gardens have been for food shelters & pantries, why we have partnered with Brown County Extension to pair garden mentors with 143 gardeners, & why we focus on getting gardens into as many schools as possible.

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## **Introducing Selena as New Leaf's Communication Team Lead**



New Leaf Foods is excited to announce that Chef Selena Darrow has accepted the position of Communications Team Lead.

Selena is a lifelong Green Bay resident, and her passion is food. She has over 25 years' experience in the local food industry including: restaurants, healthcare dietetics, school foodservice and food manufacturers.

Currently, she owns and operates her own culinary consulting business, Culinary Innovations, which specializes in creative content development and technical R&D Chef support for the food service industry.

Selena is excited to serve our community by supporting and promoting the mission of New Leaf Foods. Look for her blog posts on our website under the Chef's Corner banner.

You can also follow her foodie adventures

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## Introducing New Leaf Blitz Leadership Team



Samantha Daggett, Kongcheng Thao, Jim O'Rourke, Brittany Arnold, Andy DiMezza, and Kim Diaz

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## Volunteer Spotlight: Dorothy Summers

I am very interested in the natural health of our planet and try to live my life with care to maintain a low carbon footprint. I have been a long term board member and volunteer for NEW



Audubon and Citizens Climate Lobby. I have been a member and a volunteer for Clean Water Action, Baird Creek Preservation Foundation. I have gardened for most of my life and mostly organically. It is so important to spread the word about healthy and sustainable food production. I have worked for more than 20 years on the UWGB Heirloom plant sale each May. The goal is to promote the use of heirloom plants and the proceeds are used to fund students and their projects in the Biodiversity Center. I have volunteered for the Garden Blitz on occasion over the years and now am taking on more of a role in this event.

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## Welcome Andy DiMezza, Blitz Project Manager



Hello everyone, Andy DiMezza here! I've come onboard as the resident Garden Blitz Coordinator, stay at home dad, and arborist here at New Leaf Foods. By working in every aspect of our food system here in our great lakes region I have picked up and continue to grow a skillset and network to fulfill my childhood dream; to raise a family that creates and maintains a socially just, antifragile community; one that positively contributes to the responsible stewardship of our local ecosystem for generations to come.

From raising food at non-profit vegetable/egg farms (Growing Power Inc.), to maintaining food safety and inventory at small regional

businesses (Rishi Tea), even to running training and production at global fortune 500 companies (Abbott Labs) I've had the privilege to work with and learn from some of the best folks in our food system. I've even been lucky enough to study as a Sustainable Food Policy Fellow under Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Kathleen Merrigan, one of the driving forces to create our USDA Organic program. I'm looking forward to this opportunity to learn from the New Leaf Foods community of volunteers, partners, and friends to continue the work of nurturing our local food system here in the Northeast Wisconsin area. The best part about working with this incredible organization? They understand the importance of our future; so I can do this work in between and sometimes even during diaper changes, playdates, and naptime.

**If you are looking for more events click [HERE](#)**

### **Do you have a story to share about Local, Healthy Food?**

Keep an eye out for upcoming features on our blog! If you have a story to share, please reach out to us at [info@newleaffoods.org](mailto:info@newleaffoods.org). We would love to hear more about your experience and share with them community. We're seeking stories from local chefs, gardeners, farmers, market managers and anyone whose interests and work impact our local foods value chain.

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