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“My garden project is called *Arugadi da Maaguc*—Returning to Our Gardens. I used the traditional Hidatsa gardening style as described by Buffalo Bird Woman, a Hidatsa woman. We began planting in April with the sunflowers and adding beans, squash and corn the following month. The garden was planted on a one naxxu, or one Indian acre. Corn was planted first, beans in-between the corn rows, and the squash around the corn rows. The garden was beautiful and very bountiful.

The creator gave us a wonderful garden . . . The people of the Nueta, Hidatsa and Sahnish are very resilient and persistent . . . On one of our Earth Lodge Village walls located east of the Hidatsa traditional garden you see the words, ‘We are still here.’

And so we are.”

Bernadine Young Bird (Hidatsa)