



AMY GOLDMAN

HEIRLOOM HARVEST

MODERN DAGUERRETYPES
OF HISTORIC GARDEN TREASURES

photographs by JERRY SPAGNOLI

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Recommended Reading:

Heirloom Harvest: Modern Daguerreotypes of Historic Garden Treasures

By Jeanine Scheffert, *Event and Volunteer Coordinator*

Amy Goldman, preeminent heirloom vegetable gardener and long-time friend and advisor to Seed Savers Exchange, has published a delightful fourth book, *Heirloom Harvest: Modern Daguerreotypes of Historic Garden Treasures*, in collaboration with America's premier daguerreotypist, photographer Jerry Spagnoli.

The book's layout, from the plush silver and black cover to the black, large format art paper it's printed on, creates a timeless, portable gallery of art. Through the daguerreotype portraits, we are introduced to and connect to botanical subjects such as 'Warren' pumpkin and 'Blacktail Mountain' watermelon in intimate detail.

Heirloom Harvest is not only a must-read for those interested in Amy Goldman and heirloom vegetable gardening, it is a must-see for all art lovers and lovers of heirloom plants and gardens.

Amy invites readers into her home, Abraham Traver Farm, beginning with the moment she "fell in love with (the farm) at first sight across a marshy expanse in 1988." Amy leads readers past a Shagbark Hickory, through garden paths, to her family dinner table, telling a story of renovation.

She shares the enchantment of her prizewinning vegetable garden, then goes on to describe her garden expansion and partnership with her husband, Cary Fowler: bringing on bees, heritage poultry, livestock, and a second orchard.

Readers follow her reminiscence to the end of her essay in which she introduces the work of Jerry Spagnoli. Amy met Jerry in 2000 and was taken by the dreamlike quality of his daguerreotypes. She knew right away

she wanted to "pay homage to heirloom plants (by) marry(ing) them to the most heirloom of heirloom photography." Thus began their collaboration.

Over the next fifteen years, Amy and Jerry worked together to create the book's 175 daguerreotype plates. Page by page, *Heirloom Harvest* presents heirloom fruit and vegetable daguerreotype portraits in simple, detailed dignity.

Heirloom Harvest is available at seedsavers.org.



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