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**Path to Freedom Presents a Screening of *Seed Hunter***

On August 23, Path to Freedom – Urban Homestead will host a vegetarian potluck followed by a screening of the documentary *Seed Hunter*.

This event will be held 6:00-9:30 PM at 626 Cypress Ave. in Pasadena. Cost is \$10. Space is limited so reservations are necessary. To reserve, please call (626) 844-4586 or register online at [www.pathtofreedom.com/form/eventregistration.htm](http://www.pathtofreedom.com/form/eventregistration.htm).

**About the Film:**

Our planet is heating up and one of the first casualties will be the crops that supply our food. Scientists are working overtime to find solutions including going back to the ancestral origins of our staple foods.

*Seed Hunter* (2008; 60 min.; directed by Sally Ingleton) will take you on a remarkable journey from the drought ravaged farms of Australia, to the heart of the Middle East, to the mountains of Tajikistan where charismatic Australian scientist Dr Ken Street – a real life version of Indiana Jones - and his team of ‘gene detectives’ hunt for plant genes that will help our food withstand the impact of 21st century global warming.

Along the way we meet farmers around the world who are struggling to grow crops in a climate that’s gone haywire, as well as scientists working at the front line of gene technology to save tomorrow’s food. At journey’s end, deep in the Arctic Circle, Ken deposits his bounty of seed in the newly constructed seed bank known as the ‘doomsday vault.’

**About the Potluck:**

For the vegetarian potluck, attendees are encouraged to contribute food produced within a 100-mile radius of their homes (Santa Barbara to San Diego). If that’s not possible, then strive to purchase organic foods grown within the closest distance.

**About Path to Freedom:**

Sponsoring organization Path to Freedom is a family-operated, viable urban homestead project established by Jules Dervaes in 2001 to promote a simpler and more fulfilling lifestyle and to sow a “homegrown revolution” against the corporate powers that control the food supply.

Since the mid-1980s, members of the Dervaes family have steadily worked at transforming their ordinary city lot in Pasadena into a thriving organic micro farm that supplies them with food all year round. The family also runs a successful home business providing their surplus produce to local restaurants. Through their adventures in growing and preserving their own food, installing a solar power system, home-brewing biodiesel for fuel, raising backyard farm animals, and learning back-to-basics skills, these modern-day pioneers have revived the old-fashioned spirit of self-reliance and resourcefulness. Since 2001, their website, [www.PathtoFreedom.com](http://www.PathtoFreedom.com), has inspired hundreds of thousands to take steps towards a sustainable future and has generated a 21st century urban homestead movement.

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