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Pan con Nueces y Pasas / Pecan Raisin Sourdough (813g)

Water (34%), Organic Whole Wheat Bread Flour (24%), Organic Unbleached Bread Flour (20%), Organic Thompson Raisins (8%), Organic Whole Rye Flour (7%), NC Pecans (6%), Salt.

Pumpkin Muffins / Mufines de Calabaza (470g/6)

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Pumpkin puree (25%), Orange county honey (14%), Canola oil (10%), Organic pumpkinseed (7%), Organic coconut milk (6%), NC pecan milk (3%), Organic/ fairly-traded molasses (3%), NC pecans (2%), Organic apple cider vinegar (2%), Baking soda, baking powder, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon, ginger, cloves.

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ing space for people committed to transformation and justice on 70 beautiful acres of land.

We opened the morning session by sharing objects that represented our relationships to food. From a sourdough starter to wooden spoons, family photos, and a \$20 bill, these objects were reminders of food's powerful presence in our landscape, culture, communities, and economy. After placing our objects on an altar plate in the center of the room, we dove into generating shared definitions of race, food, and justice. We continued to ground these concepts in our own stories; sitting with partners, we shared our personal histories of food in relation to our ethnic and class backgrounds.

Over the course of the day, our conversation continually zoomed out and back in again—from the wider context of structural racism and land loss to its impact on our lived experiences. Jes led us through a timeline of land control in the United States and we explored stories of food justice organizing, helping us to situate our own work

within the historical legacies of both widespread injustice and meaningful resistance. At the end of the day we had the opportunity to reflect on racist behaviors within our own organizations and to envision concrete next steps for building equity, supported by the coaching of our fellow participants.

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