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"In 1858, American farmers grew more than 300 types of apples," says Diane Flynt, a banker turned cider-maker. "Today, 11 varieties make up 90 percent of apples sold in stores." Her Foggy Ridge Cider in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains—the first hard-cider producer in the South to have its own orchard grows around 30 kinds of heirloom apples. But Flynt wanted to do more to help preserve near-extinct varieties, so she formed the group AppleCorps. Its workshops teach people how to identify uncommon apple varietals and even how to graft and grow

heirloom-apple trees. "People love to pick apples, but grafting your own tree is so much more soulful," Flynt says. "We show how easy it is." foggyridgecider.com. -JM

