

An **update** from the Thurston-Santo Tomás Sister County Association

US/Nicaragua Solidarity—Since 1989



Spring '23 Plant Sale

So many fancy hybrid and heirloom irises, native cyclamen, oso berry, bleeding hearts, a wide variety of succulents, organic tomato and pepper plants, winter squash, cucumbers, raspberry canes, rhubarb crowns, stunning annual and perennial flowers, medicinal plants and more...

Our amazing 2023 Plant Sale on the Westside of Olympia will happen the first weekend in May!

We still seek avid gardeners to offer up empty gallon pots and beautiful perennials from your awesome gardens. **Please email Sande at sunrise53@gmail.com** to check on our specific plant needs; we have a lot of some starts and less of others. We welcome volunteers to help us dig and divide those contributions, and volunteers to help us pot 'em all up on Saturdays into early April. Sande, our volunteer coordinator, would love to hear from you! Thank you to all who have already donated plants or are growing vegetable starts for this benefit sale!



*A few of this winter's volunteer potters:
Michael, Elisa, Milo, Susan, Nora, Wyatt,
Sande and Teresa*

Our Annual Spring Plant Sale will, once again, benefit 20 current university scholars from Santo Tomás, Nicaragua (close to 30 have graduated!) and also fund three modest salaries for the coordinator, librarian and caretaker of our sister

town's Children's Free Lunch and Afterschool program. These life-giving projects have been prioritized by the Comité para Desarrollo Comunal de Santo Tomás, our sister org. in Nicaragua. **Read more in our past newsletters: oly-wa.us/TSTSCA**

We'll open the online sale on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6pm.

Send us an email if you're not yet on our list for the sale: tstsca@gmail.com and we'll send you the link to review at the end of April. **Curbside pickup of your pre-purchased, boxed up plants** will begin on Friday the 5th and end on Sunday the 7th. Shop



early for the best selection! We'll share leftover plants again with Lincoln Elementary School for their Mothers Day weekend sale.



Melissa Southwick and Chris Robinson from Spring Creek Farm in Rochester, flanking plant sale volunteers Sande and Robert

This will be the final spring plant sale benefit for Santo Tomás. We will continue fundraising for these sister county projects through other venues... as we hand this fun, community



Happy plant buyers from last spring you may recognize: Beth Doglio, Alice Nelson and Marcela Abadi



Please bring your empty gallon pots to 117 Thomas St. NW in Olympia and leave them outside the front gate so we can pot 'em up for the sale! After the sale, the new pot drop-off location will move over to Haki Farmers Lacey site.

building sale over to the **Haki Farmers Collective in Lacey** to raise funds and community for local and international projects. From the mission statement: ***Haki means Justice in Swahili***, a widely spoken language in Africa. Haki Farmers Collective seeks to bolster and reincorporate traditional and inherently sustainable farming knowledge that is present in our migrant and indigenous communities. By holding close decolonization frameworks, Haki seeks to encourage peoples affected by the history of settler colonialism, including indigenous peoples and Black peoples, to reclaim life-giving knowledge of sustainable farming and plant medicine creation. **Check out the website and get involved: hakifarmers.org**

