

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

US/Nicaragua Solidarity—Since 1989



Spring '22 Plant Sale Scholarship Fundraiser

Thank you for your plant order and your support of this scholarships benefit. All funds from this sale support 22 university scholars in our sister town of Santo Tomás, Nicaragua, so they can become professionals and stay and help their families and community.

Please return any and all 4" to 3 gallon size plastic pots and labels/tags for use in future plants sales. Thank you for setting them outside the front gate at 117 Thomas St NW Olympia.

Visit our webpage oly-wa.us/tstscs to read interviews in past newsletters with some of the Nicaraguan students to learn what a difference these scholarships make in their lives. Some donors choose to support the scholars through modest recurring donations on our PayPal link. \$50 per month/\$600 annually for the five years of their undergraduate programs is what they need. Or snail mail a check to TSTSCA, PO Box 561 Olympia WA 98501 Want to connect? **Email** tstscs@gmail.com



Notes on Vegetable Start Pre-planting Care

Some vegetable starts (tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, cucumbers, squash, corn) are **tender*** and need **warm/frost-free** weather to thrive. They **will not tolerate frost** so if you plant them outside, be prepared to protect them. Other plants (onions, broccoli, kale, and parsley) don't mind the cold, but might be **small** due to our cold April. If you decide to hold off planting any of your plants:

- ◆ Keep *tender types **sheltered from extreme wind/cold**. An enclosed porch or windowsill works well.
- ◆ **WATER them DAILY**, maybe even twice a day depending on sunshine and size of pot (smaller pots hold less water), but don't keep them soggy 24/7. *Drying out between watering is good.*
- ◆ Plant if they get **root bound**: gently squeeze a plant out and see if the roots are running in circles with little soil visible). If so, best get them in the ground.

Sunflowers may benefit from a bit more time in their pot, as well.

Thank you all of our veggie growers and plant donors!

**Thank you as well to all
who volunteered to divide
and pot up plants,
unnamed but appreciated!**

Rising River Farm
Spring Creek Farm
Common Ground Farm
Kirsop Farm
Wobbly Cart Farm
Constellation Farm
Helsing Junction Farm
Circling Together Farm
Caliope/Kingfisher Farm
Fertile Ground
Betsie D

Chris RB and Mike
Robin B and Pat
Liz A and Tyra L
Peggy M and Dave C
Eddy C and Beth D
Warner Family
Jack R
Sandia S
Joyce K
Diane D
Kathy BF

Lynne G
Nora W
Sande S
Micki M
Kate F
Liza J
Diana M
Karen F
Amy V
Beth B
Michi T

Susan K
Michael C
Liza J
Karen K
Susan C
Meryon N
Debe E
Jean E
Maureen H
Cynthia C
Phil C