

Arlington Teosinte Sister City Project

Annual Newsletter

Fall 2013

25 Years of Friendship

Teosinte celebrated its 25th anniversary last August. Alexandra Early, a Arlington native, read a congratulatory message and shared warm wishes sent by Arlington residents. Villagers and honored guests celebrated with a special Catholic Mass, a play and slide show of the town's history, small and large community discussions about the past, present and future of Teosinte, fireworks, song, and dance.



4th Graders SKYPE With University Scholarship Recipients

As part of the 4th grade curriculum, "Learning from International Friendship: Bringing Teosinte to our schools", many 4th graders had the opportunity to SKYPE with Teosinte scholarship students attending college in San Salvador. Here is an excerpt from one teacher's experience.



"We had a wonderful conversation with one of the young university students of Teosinte, Jaime. Some of the thoughtful questions were from reading the letters we received this week. For example, "We read that many people in Teosinte like to read, will you build a library one day?" and "We read that some people hunt iguanas. How do you hunt an iguana and have you ever eaten one?" and, a few comments that students just wanted to share like "We read so many nice comments in the letters about us and that made us happy." and "We are so happy that Teosinte is our Sister City!" It was a wonderful experience."

All 4th graders in Arlington learn about the unique friendship between our towns. This curriculum is an opportunity to help our children develop global awareness through personal contact with children in Teosinte.

Photo Exhibit Coming In June 2014

Photojournalist Paul Giguere traveled to Teosinte in early November to capture the life and history of its people through the lens of his camera. His photographs will tell the story of lives that have been indelibly changed by war but whose resilient spirit lives on to build a better future for their children. Next Spring he will exhibit his inspiring photographs in Arlington, San Salvador, and Teosinte.

Need A Perfect Holiday Gift?

Teosinte craft items are unique and you can feel great about your purchase – all proceeds for scholarships directly benefit Teosinte youth. In addition to beautiful handbags, wallets, belts, yoga mats, and more, we have new artisan jewelry and freshly roasted coffee! A bag of fresh El Salvadoran coffee beans makes a perfect teacher and/or hostess gift. To purchase, please join us for a wonderful, one-stop holiday shopping opportunity and refreshments hosted by Board members in Arlington:

♥ Sunday, December 1st from
4-6pm at 25 Avon Place

♥ Sunday, December 8th from
4-6pm at 130 Jason Street

♥ Sunday, December 15th from
4-6pm at 285 Highland Ave

Call 781-643-7393 for additional information.

Help Fulfill Their Dream...

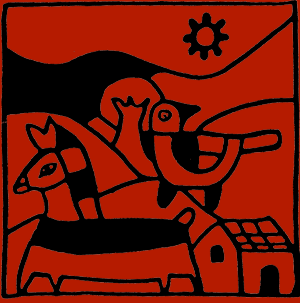
Donations from members of ATSCP make it possible for the youth in Teosinte to pursue their dream of higher education, a career, stable income, and a better future for them and their families. Your generosity goes a long way in Teosinte providing tuition and supplies for children in Teosinte. We need your donation to continue this friendship and important work.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to ATSCP this holiday season. Thank you for your continued support.

Please see back page to make a donation.

**Check Out Our New & Improved
Website! -**

www.arlingtonteosinte.org/



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Your tax-deductible membership helps fund high school and university scholarships for Teosinte's youth. A portion of your donations supports other humanitarian projects in Teosinte and our work.

Become An AMIGO!

\$45 pays for a high school student's supplies for one year

\$90 pays for a university student's books & supplies for one year

\$270 pays transportation for approximately a year of high school

\$400 pays for a university student's shared housing for one year

other amount



Please make checks out to: U.S.-El Salvador Sister Cities / Arlington-Teosinte

Send to: Mumtaz Badshah, Treasurer ATSCP, 285 Highland Avenue, Arlington, MA 02476

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