



M A S C P

Madison Arcatao Sister City Project

U.S.-El Salvador Sister Cities

Summer 2002



Youth Delegation Send-off

Saturday, July 13 from
2-5pm

Stop in at the MASCP office
during Art Fair on the Square

- Meet our ten fabulous youth delegates!
- Sign a peace crane greeting to Arcatao
- Crane-related art projects for all ages
- Handicrafts from Arcatao on display and for sale
- See pictures from past delegations
- Enjoy lemonade

Handicrafts for sale!



Location: On the front grass and in the Bellevue Building, 29 E. Wilson St., Corner of Pinckney St. and E. Wilson St. 2 blocks from the Capitol Square

Cranes for Peace

by Maria Hansa

Our youth delegation will be carrying with them symbolic cranes to share with our sistering community of Arcatao when they visit this July. This particular symbol was chosen because cranes are very special to the state of Wisconsin. Our state has been one of the homes for this endangered family of birds for centuries. Cranes represent peace, harmony, loyalty, grace and freedom in many cultures. The International Crane Foundation, located about 50 miles north of Madison, has been pursuing the cultivation of harmony between humanity and nature on five continents for several decades. The sistering efforts of Madison and Arcatao are embodiments of that search for peace and harmony. Our youth will be carrying these symbolic cranes, with personal messages from all those who wish to share them integrated into these glorious figures. Please share with us by sending in your crane and/or stopping by our office on Saturday afternoon, July 13 for our Youth Delegation send-off event!



YOUTH DELEGATION 2002

by Theo Lesczynski

A New Idea

MASCP is preparing to send its first all-youth delegation to our sister city of Arcatao. This group of eight high school students and two delegation leaders will spend July 16-26, 2002 in El Salvador. This delegation is unique because it has been initiated, organized and led by young people ages 16 to 27. Its inspiration came one year ago, in the summer of 2001. I joined six college students from Madison to take part in a delegation with high school students from Cambridge, Massachusetts. Upon return, we made a proposal to organize a youth delegation with MASCP. Two community organizations, the Dane County Youth Board and the Neighborhood House, have been working closely with MASCP to recruit, review and prepare the delegates.

Focus on Community

All ten delegates are very active in community organizing in Dane County. Some delegates advocate on youth issues and do community service work through the Dane County Youth Board. Other delegates work closely with the Neighborhood House Community Center, organizing programs for local children and teens. Still others are involved in Memorial High School's chapter of Amnesty International. Finally, the delegates are involved in their community in many other ways.

People-to-People

In El Salvador, we will balance our time between learning and "doing." Our activities include hearing testimony from sweatshop workers, learning about the history of El Salvador, visiting a forest reserve, and touring a community that is rebuilding from last year's earthquakes. We will spend the other half of our time with youth from Arcatao. We will stay with families, visit the local school, hike in the mountains, make art projects, and participate in a regional youth assembly. Together, we will begin a dialogue about youth's role in making positive change in our communities.

U.S. Sister Cities delegations are an especially effective form of international connection because there is an ongoing "sister" relationship. Although only one of our group of ten has been to Arcatao, we will represent MASCP in this delegation and therefore be part of a 16-year old continuous partnership between our cities.

Upon return, the delegates plan to maintain contact with youth in El Salvador; become more involved in their community; share what they've learned with the Dane County community; and bring Salvadoran youth to Madison for another exchange.

Youth Delegates 2002

Co-leaders:
Jennifer Classon
Theo Lesczynski

Katie Bobholz
Mike Carmody
Emily Carpenter
Liana Dalton

Tedd Herman
Tehmina Islam
Derek Rose
Corie Yanger

Dane County Youth Walk, Lake Monona, May 11. Youth delegates and friends raise funds for delegation. Left to Right: Theo Lesczynski, Martin Alvarado, Ben Runkle, Tedd Herman, Mike Carmody, Barbara Alvarado, Connie Mier



Please write your name on the enclosed crane card and
send a greeting to our friends in El Salvador

- Here is my greeting to the people of Arcatao on enclosed crane.
- Enclosed is a donation for Madison & El Salvador youth organizing.
- I would like to become more involved with MASCP.



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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One of many Youth Delegation preparation meetings, June 2002.
 Group dialogues about U.S. interventions in Central America with
 UW Professor Florencia Mallon.

Left to right: Jennifer Classon, Barbara Alvarado, Katie Bobholz, Florencia
 Mallon, Tedd Herman, Corie Yanger.

Supporting Organizations

MASCP is pleased to thank the following organizations and individuals for their generous support of the 2002 Youth Delegation:

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- City of Madison, Mayor's Office

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The Madison Arcatao Sister City Project (MASCP) is a member of the U.S. – El Salvador Sister Cities Network (USESSC). As a member of this Network, it is partnered with its sister community of Arcatao through the Association of Rural Communities for the Development of El Salvador (CRIPDES). These sisterings began in 1986 – the year that MASCP was founded – as a response by U.S. citizens and residents to U.S. government intervention in the civil war in El Salvador.

With others in the Network, our purpose is to join our Salvadoran partners across borders to provide mutual support and raise awareness about our common struggle for peace, justice and democracy. Together as organized groups on a local, national and international level we seek to build “globalization from the grass-roots.”

Sistering Calendar Summer/Fall 2002

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| July 13 | MASCP Youth Delegation Send-Off during Art Fair on the Square |
| August 6 | Lanterns for Peace in Madison |
| October 12 | US - El Salvador Sister City National Gathering in Binghamton, NY |
| November | Poor People of the Americas Bus Tour in Madison |

Stop by MASCP during Art Fair on the Square, July 13

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