

iQue Sepan!

Newsletter of the Santa Elena Project of Accompaniment (SEPA)
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Why SEPA Raises Money

SEPA is now two-thirds of the way through its March 2011 - February 2012 fiscal year. SEPA's current budget proposes costs of \$24,000, 95% of which directly involve human rights and educational activities in Guatemala.

About half of the expenditures have already occurred. What still remains? Most of the support is still ahead for our new human rights accompanier, who arrived in Guatemala in late October. Scholarships for middle school and high school students from the village of Santa Elena must be provided in January 2012, when the new Guatemalan school year begins. Salary aid to primary school teachers in Santa Elena and middle school teachers in CopalAA continues for the rest of the fiscal year and beyond.

SEPA's projected income for the current fiscal year is \$25,000. We have met our goal for Farmers Market income. We are close to our goal for income from the sales of textiles and calendars. Thus far we have earned 75% of the estimated yearly income from our bed and breakfast program.



50% of the donation income needed has thus far been received. With your help, we look forward to exceeding our donation goal.

**Please give generously.
YOU MAY DONATE ONLINE @ obsepa.org**

Your donation is fully tax deductible. SEPA is now a registered non-profit, 501c3 organization.

Success at the 2011 Farmers Market

A major source of funds for SEPA's charitable activities in Guatemala is its participation in the Oberlin Farmers



Market, an outdoor market operating on Saturday mornings May - October. In the 2011 market season SEPA met its market 2011/12 fiscal year goal of \$6,000!



SEPA's Farmers Market presence is truly a community effort. We regularly sell John Gates' bread, cookies and basil, Mary Anne Cunningham's cookies, fruit and vegetables grown by Bushel Bob (aka Robert Williams), fruit purchased from Rex Gees Orchards, hot coffee prepared by Judy Kruger, and other garden products and pastries donated by members and friends of SEPA. We also sell textiles from Guatemala (mostly from the village of CopalAA), Judy Riggles' quilts, and Arte Maya calendars purchased from NISGUA.

John Gates, Bill Fuchsman, and Barbara Fuchsman handle the logistics of setting up and taking down the SEPA market booth, and Megan Schief coordinates the staffing of the booth. The 2011 booth staff included John Gates, Bill Fuchsman, Barbara Fuchsman, Megan Schief, Marty Buck, Elizabeth Aldrich, Judy Kruger, and Sue Simonson.

SEPA has been part of every market season since 1999, and is the second longest participating vendor in the market. SEPA's purpose in the Farmers Market is not only to raise money. The market booth is also an excellent way to make new friends and to spread the word about SEPA's work in Guatemala.

2012 Guatemala Arte Maya Calendars

Still time to purchase A GREAT GIFT

Each calendar costs \$14.95

Contact Barbara or Bill Fuchsman to purchase
~440-774-1804 or bafuchsman@oberlin.net~

With your calendar purchase, you support:

- * International solidarity work by NISGUA and SEPA
- * Maya artists who paint the pictures.
- * Union workers who print the calendars.



Links to Guatemalan current events as well as SEPA project and fund raising information are available at www.obsepa.org