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Looking Back at 2012

by Stacy Cates-Carney, Executive Director/Community Leader

*For every year is costly,
As you know well. Nothing
Is given that is not
Taken, and nothing taken
That was not first a gift.*



As I look back at each year in the community this fragment from a poem by Wendell Berry comes to mind. I do indeed know all too well how costly each year is and perhaps we wonder at times about the price we pay. While there is a real financial cost to our daily life and efforts in L'Arche, I believe the even greater cost is giving of ourselves...our lives. And so I read on in Berry's poem....



*The gift is balanced by
Its total loss, and yet,
And yet the light breaks in,
Heaven seizing its moments
That are at once its own
And yours.*

Light does indeed break in and we have some many moments of profound grace, growth and transformation in L'Arche - 2012 was no exception. We implemented guidelines on Healthy Boundaries and Safe Relationships crafted by the Community Council - this involved input at assistant meetings and special house meetings with both core members and assistants. We had talked about wanting to do this work for years and it felt like quite an accomplishment to bring it to fruition.

We had some wonderful times of play and celebration. Spirit Week in February was a time of fun fellowship and also the culmination of our fitness challenge month. Patty MacNally made her annual visit as Regional Coordinator in May and joined us for L'Arche Prom at which Sue Hudacek was crowned our Queen in honor of her 35th anniversary in L'Arche! The summer brought community vacations and our community's 35th Anniversary Celebration. We held our third annual Commitment and Belonging day in August with reflection, art, music and food. November brought for a celebration of Thanksgiving through liturgy and feasting with family and friends.

With renewed intention to nourish our spiritual life we gathered for prayer in many forms and also sent core members and assistants on retreats throughout the year. Our most significant times of community prayer and reflection come during Holy Week and Community Weekend in September. Washing each others feet and walking the way of the Cross give us pause to ponder the mystery of our shared journey in L'Arche. We focused on "Letting Our Light Shine" at Community Weekend in Seabeck and we continue to carry this theme through the year.

Teresa and Leana represented our community at the International General Assembly in June. New International Leaders were confirmed and a new International Mandate and Constitution were voted on and approved. It was a very enriching and exciting 10 days and they had lots of stories and information to share with us upon their return.

In 2012 we welcomed over 1000 individuals/volunteers who desired to have a taste of our life in community! A number of groups traveled to Tacoma to be immersed in community life and work on the Farm including the University of Montana, Gonzaga University, St. Ignatius High School (CA), Trinity Lutheran High School (MN) and La Salle High School (OR). Student groups from

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throughout Pierce County also came to the Farm from Charles Wright Academy, Bellarmine Prep, Harrison Prep Middle School, Bryant Montessori, Fir Grove Elementary, Peninsula High School, and many more. There were also a variety of corporate groups that spent a day on the Farm.

As always there were new community members welcomed and several who we blessed onto new places and new paths. We faced the challenge of meeting new State training requirements while staying rooted in our identity and mission as L'Arche. This took a lot of time and intention.

A significant investment of time and resources were spent in a process of listening and consultation. In March of 2012, consultant Helen Jones met with the Board to lay the groundwork for the process. She visited us several times throughout the year, listened to our life and spent time with our friends, stakeholders and partners inviting their reflections on L'Arche Tahoma Hope. Laura Giddings summarizes this process below.

It is truly a wonder to look back over a year in L'Arche Tahoma Hope and see the abundance of life. It is a life possible because of the generosity of friends and supporters, the Board and the individuals – core members, assistants, and others - who give of themselves daily in community.

*Heaven seizing its moments
That are at once its own
And (y)ours.*



Listening to L'Arche

by Laura Giddings, L'Arche Tahoma Hope Board Vice-President

In January 2012, the L'Arche Tahoma Hope Board of Directors began a year-long project of what you might think of as "strategic listening." We did this in order to look beyond our mandate and into our longer-range future. We want to be able to plan for some of the transitions we know are coming in the next few years, for example: decreasing state and federal funding and the implications for welcoming new core members and assistants, turnover in key organizational leadership positions among staff and on the Board, increasing visibility in the philanthropic community, and expansion of meaningful daytime activities for core members.

In order to be both thorough and efficient, as well as to have new ears to listen in new ways, the Board contracted with consultant Helen Jones. Helen met in person and/or talked on the phone with more than 50 people, sometimes individually and sometimes in groups. These people included supporting life members, parents and guardians, assistants, staff leaders including the Community Leader (Stacy Cates-Carney), individuals and foundations, current and former donors, government regulators, other non-profit organizations, and the L'Arche Regional Coordinator (Patty McNally). Helen visited in the community several times, staying in the homes, attending the Auction and spending time at the Farm and Noah's Workshop. In addition, Helen met with the Board five times, from scoping the project activities to the final report in January 2013.

What did we hear? While each and every person who participated contributed their own unique thoughts and feelings, some themes emerged:

1. L'Arche is treasured, valued and unique in Tacoma and Pierce County. Yet other than the Farm, we are hidden from view for most people, especially for those outside faith communities.
2. The long-term impact on core members and young adults of the L'Arche experience is significant. These stories need to be told more widely, to bring the light of our vision to the wider community.

We are deeply grateful to you, friends, donors and supporters of L'Arche Tahoma Hope. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

You make it possible for our community to continue to serve our beloved core members. You help support the generous assistants and staff to share life with Ricky, Nancy, Bobby et al. Literally, we could not sustain this vibrant, loving organization without your time volunteered, talented gifts given and financial contributions so consistently and considerately donated.

Like you, the Board members give to L'Arche because we believe in its mission and message: that all of us are the same - sisters and brothers of the one Loving Lord called upon to treat others with dignity and compassion.

We freely give back what God has given us. If any of you are interested in becoming a board member, please let me know. We would love to share our true love of L'Arche with you!

Thank you again!

Kevin King, Board President

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Auction Report....

by Auction Co-Chairs Danelle Harris and Mary Fox

What a remarkable night filled with colorful leis, great energy and a packed house of over 250 people! With much help, we were able to exceed our goal bringing in over \$112,000 to support the life and mission of L'Arche Tahoma Hope, including \$34,800 for our Fund-an-Item to help support the LV and JV positions. A very gracious "Thank You!" to all of our friends and supporters who made this year's auction a night to remember!

There are so many people who made the night possible that it's impossible to thank them all. But we'll try anyway! Thank you to Irena, Christiane, Jana, Jen, Donna, Athena, Margaret, Patty, Rachel and Stacey H., our faithful auction committee members who worked for seven months to get everything ready. It just wouldn't have happened without each of you!

Many hard-working volunteers showed up to help with set-up Saturday morning and assisted during the auction. Also, we need to give a special shout-out to Levin Conway, our computer guru extraordinaire! Thank you to all for the generous gift of your time.

Chuck and Lourdes Beck from C&L Benefit Auction Group and Pat Toohey, our commentator and MC kept us moving and entertained throughout the evening! Thank you to all of you who so generously donated items, gift certificates, experiences, and hand-crafted arts. Without an auctioneer or things to auction, it just wouldn't happen!

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Much gratitude to all who sponsored core members to attend and to all who helped underwrite the auction, especially our Event Sponsors, Rebecca Cates, Tucci and Sons, Inc., Sound Banking Company and Sessler Inc, our Table Sponsors, Multicare Health System and Harbor Audiology and Hearing Services, Inc., as well as Financial Design Group, the Manza Family, Kevin and Colleen Lamb, Joanne Schott, and Mike Dunbar.

We sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed the night as much as we did and we look forward to seeing you next year! Your generosity and support keeps us going!

"And the Bill Downey Award Goes To...."

by Sue Hudacek, Noah's Workshop Coordinator

Jodi McConnell was the recipient of this year's Bill Downey Award. Bill and Jodi have had quite a history! It all began when the assistants at the old L'Arche Hilltop house began looking for a volunteer to come and clean once a week. Jodi volunteered. She showed up as a human "white tornado" cleaning everything. Bill decided he would have none of it. This was way too much activity for him as he did not like his space invaded. But it didn't take long for Jodi to discover that Bill had a secret love... home baked cookies. From then on, Bill would always unlock the door and welcome her (and her cookies) with open hands!

Soon after, Jodi volunteered to get Nancy up at 5:00 a.m. several times a week in order to get her off to school. Jodi would also support Nancy on Monday night swimming at the YMCA. For over 10 years Jodi was responsible for Faith and Light. It was here that she was able to meet many more of the L'Arche Tahoma Hope folks. After Faith and Light, Sue asked Jodi if she would be open to volunteer at Noah's workshop. Jodi responded, "I was waiting for you to ask. Isn't Thursday your hot lunch day? That's when I want to come." Jodi has been coming ever since. She is known by Sharilynn as "our hot dog cooker." Jodi is also known as wardrobe mistress for our Prom and many of our auctions. She will often donate one of her exquisite quilts to the auction as well. She serves on our Membership Committee and is a Supporting Life Member. We are deeply grateful for the many ways Jodi has loved and supported us over the years.



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3. For assistants and long-term staff, living and working in L'Arche is exhilarating and excruciating; life-giving and exhausting. Maintaining healthy boundaries and work-life balance is a daily, sometimes hourly, challenge.
4. As part of our longer-term vision, particular attention needs to be paid to the future of the Farm and of Noah's Workshop, as well as pro-active planning for the upkeep of our homes and other assets.

From these themes, Helen developed recommendations and action steps for the Board for the next two years. The steps are foundational to moving toward our future, and they include a commitment to: look more intentionally at the rhythm of life in the homes and on the farm, and clarify roles and working hours for assistants; engage additional stakeholders in developing a long-term vision for the Farm and Noah's Workshop, in the context of the community's overall vision; hire key Coordinator positions; develop a long-range maintenance and capital improvement plan; and develop strategic relationships with community partners and funders. In addition, the Board needs to chart a clear course toward the long-held dream of a community gathering space.

If you were part of the listening process, we thank you for your time, your thoughts, and your continued support of L'Arche! If you are interested in more detail about the consultant's report or recommendations, please feel free to contact the L'Arche office.



A Few Words From David Rothrock, Our New Development Coordinator

David is one of the founders of L'Arche Tahoma Hope and will be rejoining us in May as our Development and Outreach Coordinator

What a wonderful mystery life is! It takes many turns and leads us in ways that we don't always expect. Very happily, my life is leading me back to L'Arche Tahoma Hope. After being away from the community for years, I am happy to return and to take on the position of Development and Outreach Coordinator.

For the past fifteen years I have been working with Catholic Relief Services in international relief and development in Africa (Burundi, East Africa and Chad) and most recently in Haiti. My family, (Gloriose, my wife, and Michael (16) and Shima (9), our children,) has learned to be flexible as dad often traveled and the family moved and lived in Burundi and Kenya and back to Burundi. Now we are settled in Tacoma and the children are in school here.

I have tried to stay close to L'Arche over the years, visiting several L'Arche communities in countries where I was working (Haiti, Uganda, France,) and of course Tacoma when I would return for a visit. Now I have come full circle and it will be a blessing for me to once again be close to Ricky, Nancy, Sharilyn, Carie and all of the folks that are at the heart of the community. I look forward to renewing my commitment to L'Arche and to participating in and contributing to a community that is very alive with strong leadership and members (core members, assistants and board members) living out very clearly the vision and mission of L'Arche.



Which brings me back to the wonderful mystery of all our lives – and I would say the wonderful mystery of L'Arche. In L'Arche, everyone has a gift to give – whether that be the core member, the assistant, the volunteer, the families, the benefactor, the friends ... All contribute to making L'Arche a sign and an example; showing that it is possible to live together with all our differences, our weaknesses, our gifts, our foibles – and create a community of love and forgiveness where each one can grow and give and receive life. L'Arche is a community that finds its hope not because the strongest and most talented is at the center, but rather because the weakest and most vulnerable is at the heart of the community. That is the great mystery of L'Arche and why L'Arche is such a sign of hope, not just for its members, but also for our society and our world. It is truly a community that wishes to put into practice the values of the Gospel. It is a blessing for me to once again be part of this community and to be able to share its great gift with others.

A Special Thanks to Our Donors....

"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice." –Meister Eckhart

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2012 Financial Report, by Chris Colleran, Treasurer

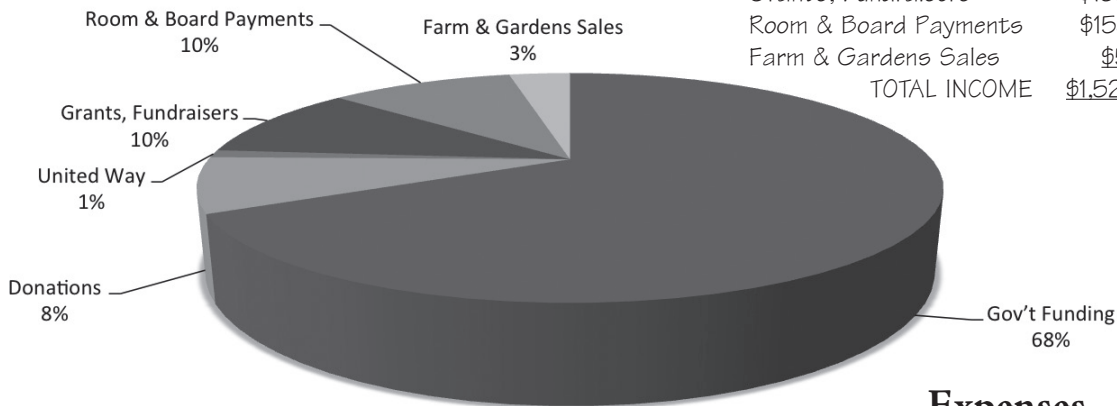
Financially, 2012 was a relatively successful year for L'Arche Tahoma Hope. Our auction, which is a significant source of income for us, was successful, bringing in over \$100,000. We rely greatly upon these funds over the course of the year so thanks to the hardworking auction committee! Donations are still down from where they were 3 years ago, but the upward trend seems to be continuing. Farm and Gardens succeeded in increasing their sales by 20% this year - a great accomplishment! And the L'Arche Tahoma Hope investment portfolio set up several years ago continues to grow under the careful management of Barry Reid of Financial Design Group, in coordination with the board and in spite of market volatility.

We found ourselves under budget on Personnel expenses in 2012 - a big reason for our surplus at the end of the year. This was due to key positions being vacant for parts of the year. These positions are slated to be filled in 2013. Overall we continue to be quite frugal with our expenditures.

Looking to the future, we are focusing our attention on two specific areas, financially. First, a grantor brought up the lack of depreciation in our budget approved by the board, even though it has always been factored in the community books of record. We began addressing this in 2012, but there is more work to be done. Second, L'Arche USA has released a Compensation Report with information from communities across the U.S. We need to do further work to understand where improvements within our community might be made regarding compensation. We are already feeling the impact of the decreased funding in the Americorps program, traditionally a big financial support to our personnel expenses, and we need to plan on functioning without that support at all in 2014. We have our work cut out for us, but we feel confident that we will be able to continue to be responsible stewards of what has been entrusted to us.

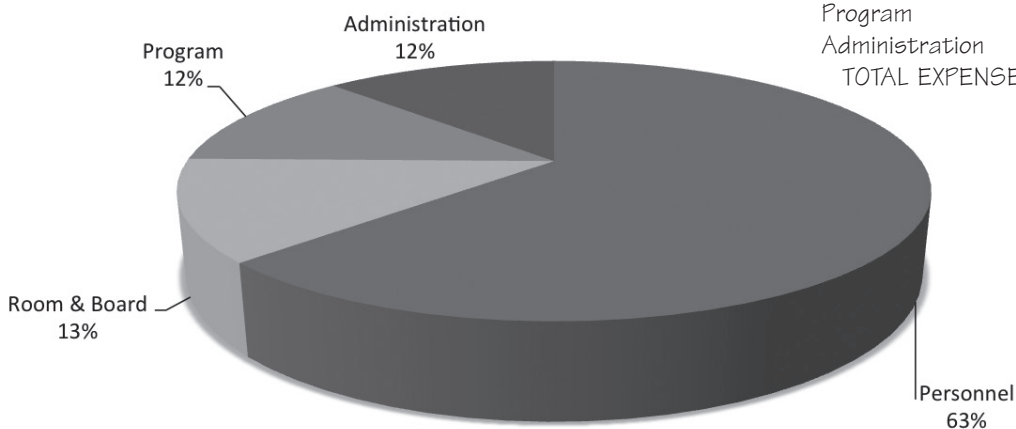
Support & Revenue

Gov't Funding	\$1,029,020
Donations	\$118,398
United Way	\$16,003
Grants, Fundraisers	\$155,653
Room & Board Payments	\$153,205
Farm & Gardens Sales	\$51,198
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,523,477



Expenses

Personnel	\$948,019
Room & Board	\$189,265
Program	\$186,121
Administration	\$186,627
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,510,033



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Out and About... Our Community Mandate in Daily Life

by Siri Carlson, Recreation and Day Support Assistant

If you've ever stopped by the community and it seemed like a few of us weren't around, you'd be right! Our community members are committing to the third section of our current mandate, where we've stated that *"We recognize that relationships and connections with the greater community strengthen L'Arche Tahoma Hope. We seek to be a sign of hope by announcing L'Arche and by actively engaging in the world around us."*



While you might be aware of the Farm and Garden's presence at the Tacoma farmer's markets, the Monday Night Swim Club's time at Eastside Pool, and our membership at local churches, here are few other ways L'Arche Tahoma Hope is *"engaging in the world around us"* and pursuing relationships within the broader community:

- The Farm & Garden's team continues to build relationships with other farmers in the area, especially Carrie and Ken Little from Little Eorthe Farms.
- Stacie Swanson volunteers weekly at Puyallup Playcare, and Stacie and Sharilynn Heinzman attend the Low-Impact Aerobics class at the STAR Center.
- Pat Kernells spends time at the Midland-Summit Senior Center, and Pat and Doug Creek are regulars at the Catholic Worker Weekly Liturgy.
- Ricky Durham started shredding paper for Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
- Nathan Barlow, Doug Creek, and Leana Shiu started a series of yoga classes with Samdhana-Karana Yoga.
- Multiple community members connected with Lutheran Church of Christ the King and St. Mark's Lutheran Church by the Narrows on Wednesday nights throughout the season of Lent.
- Sharilynn Heinzman volunteers weekly at Catherine Place with her friend Lu Farber.
- Les Leise has started ushering at St. Leo's Catholic Church, and Carie Halle attends mass at St. Leo's on Thursdays.
- Leana Shiu, Mark Drangstveit, Laura Green, and Alex Griffin visited the University of San Francisco at the beginning of April to continue announcing L'Arche, and a group of USF students visited us in January.

Whew--I'm getting tired just typing it all, and I haven't even mentioned...wait, I'd need a small book to list everything our community is doing beyond the walls of our homes and programs. We love it when people come to spend time with us, but, as you can see, we also like to get out and share our lives in the broader community!

A huge "Thank You!" to everyone who's helping make our mandate a reality, both in our community and outside of it. If you're interested in learning more about our mandate, check out our website, www.larchetahomahope.org. If you'd like to connect with our community, or have an idea for a new community connection, contact me, Siri Carlson, at fun@larchetahomahope.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

Special thanks to all those who faithfully support our community through various Donor Voice programs. Your support is invaluable to us.

Thank You!

News From the Farm

by Patrick Toohey, Farm & Gardens Coordinator

During a visit a few years back, Jean Vanier stated "This is ours" as he extended his arm in a gaze that wrapped around the Farm. My burdens at that instant became less, as I looked up and smiled a thankful 'yes'. A 'yes' held not only by his words but at the awareness that we are part of something much larger. As people come onto the Farm I often let them know that this is theirs, once you have touched this earth, turned the earth upside down, and shared in the work you are connected and you are part of the L'Arche community.

This year we have seen many come to work the earth, gather and harvest as volunteers and leave connected to the Farm. From January through April we have had nearly 875 volunteers come onto the farm providing nearly 3,700 hours of support; moving nearly 3,000 pots, planting over 2,000 plants, seeding more than 1,000 starts, spreading more than 80 yards of manure, weeding, sweeping, collecting eggs, and connecting to all people.

In the midst of the work, it has been nice to step back and think; think of all who we have touched and those who have touched our lives, our Farm. Our Jesuit and Lutheran Volunteers (the V's), Inga and Amanda have settled in and stepped up into their roles. Inga and Amanda have continued to bloom on the Farm. Inga has created a plant manual so that any question you may have about a plant we carry can be answered. Amanda is in the final phase of completing her project that will provide information on recipes and uses of the edibles, herbs and veggies that we

carry. Rachel has moved into one-to-one support with ease and Zach is deep into his first full season as grower. Last August, we celebrated Tawna as she retired after 20 years of service. We welcomed Doug back on to the Farm and Robbie moved onto new things.

For those of you who love us for our quality plants, this year is your year! We really want you to come out to Spring Fling, April 27th and see our large variety of plant material. Our range of edible landscape options have increased as well as our native offerings. We have a wide array of veggie starts, berries, herbs and tasty treats. There are over 5 varieties and 12 colors of geraniums and a much larger selection of annuals to fill your own baskets if you desire. For those who like a bit of the unique and different, Zach has acquired a few new dazzling perennials to tempt any landscape. His tenacious prodding has even coaxed a few pesky rare perennials to show their faces from seed.

We have grown people and we have grown plants. Our gratitude is abundant for each and everyone who has toiled, sweat, and turned the earth upside down.

"Gardens, scholars say, are the first sign of commitment to a community. When people plant corn they are saying, let's stay here. And by their connection to the land, they are connected to one another."

- Anne Raver



L' Honey Beekeeping Season Begins!

The beekeeping season, like most things, begins with preparation. Just this past month, Farm core member, Doug, helped out by painting bee hive supers (bee boxes) and making a whole bunch of wooded frames that hold the bee's honey comb. Thanks Doug! The L'Honey bee season opens up with 21 hives, 2 hand balm products for sale and our bees wax bars soap in production. We will be trying out our new copper pot-still that will be used to make our own essential oils to be included in our expanding L'Honey product line. Happy Spring to you all and thanks for supporting L'Arche Farm.

Rick the Bee Guy










Don't Miss...

Spring Fling

APRIL 27TH, 2013

10AM - 4PM



-  Perennials, annuals, baskets and starts
-  Edibles, plants and designs for your garden.
-  Farm & Gardens' handmade crafts for sale
-  Face painting and games for the kids.
-  CSA sign ups, fresh eggs and meet the ladies that produce them.

Directions to the Farm: visit our website at:
www.larchetahomahope.org and click on the
 "Get Directions" link in the left column.

Questions? e-mail: farm@larchetahomahope.org
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COUPON

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Buy two 1-gallon perennials and
 receive one 1-gallon perennial FREE.

Does not include premium perennials.



Like us on Facebook (search for L'Arche Farm AND L'Arche Tahoma Hope) for special onsite offers and to find out what the "Market Deal of the Day" is... and to see what we're up to!

Welcome Tree!

by Erin Hahl, Community Coordinator

In early April, we welcomed Teresa Hershberger, affectionately known as Tree, into the role of Community Coordinator. Tree came to L'Arche in 2009 as a Lutheran Volunteer at Noah's Workshop, and after completing her year of service, she decided to spend time at the other end of the hallway and moved into Hopespring. After some time there, she made the shift to Anawim, where she lived until her recent change in role. Tree brings with her a deep love for the core members, a strong sense of mission, a delightful sense of play, and an eagerness to learn and grow, and her solid Midwest, Mennonite roots have gifted her with a sturdy work ethic and a great ability to get a lot of things done in a short amount of time. Feel free to stop by her office sometime and say hi!



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MARKETS

Proctor Farmers Market, 9am - 2pm
Saturdays, March 30th - December 21st

Broadway Farmers Market, 10am - 3pm
Thursdays, May 2nd - October 31st

6th Avenue Market, 3pm- 7pm
Tuesdays, May 7th - October 29th

South Tacoma Market, 11am - 3pm
Sundays, April 7th - September 29th
(occasional attendance)



GREENHOUSE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8am-4pm
Saturdays, April 27th - July 13th, 9am - 4pm

Call or email for later hours during the week
and select Saturdays after July 13th.

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WHERE TO FIND US...

Please call ahead to confirm we will be at the following
events before making a special trip out to see us...

EVENTS

Spring Fling
April 27th, 10am - 4pm.

Mother's Day Sale at the Farm
Saturday, May 11th, 10am - 4pm

Pacific Ave. Business District Street Fair
Saturday, June 8th, 11am - 6pm

Gig Harbor Garden Tour
June 29th and 30th

Salivating Summer Sale
Saturday, July 13th

Art on the Ave (on 6th Avenue)
Sunday, July 14th

Proctor Art Fest
Saturday, August 3rd

Harvest Festival at the Farm
October 5th, 10am - 4pm.



We will be at a variety of churches throughout the season, so visit
our website, call or e-mail us for dates, times and locations.