

Tacoma Sister Cities

Clare Petrich, President

Helen Milus, Youth & Education Chair

Syed Jamal, Kochi, India Committee

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CITY OF TACOMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to promote peace through people by citizen diplomacy, cultural education and economic development.

To Promote Tacoma's influence at a national and international level to create a more peaceful world.

ACTIVE Sister Cities:

Aalesund, Norway

Brovary, Ukraine

El Jadida, Morocco

Gunsan, Korea

George/Garden Route, South Africa

Biot, France

Cienfuegos, Cuba

Fuzhou, China

Kitakyushu, Japan

NEW Friendship Cities:

SPLIT, CROATIA

TULUUA, COLUMBIA

KOCHI, INDIA

SEMI-ACTIVE Sister Cities:

Taichung, Taiwan

Boca del Rio, Mexico

Davao, Philippines

INACTIVE Sister Cities:

Vladivostok, Russia

EMERTIUS Sister Cities:

Kiryat Mostskin, Israel

INTERESTED Sister City Countries:

Vietnam

Nigeria

Germany

FUNDING FOR TACOMA SISTER CITIES COUNCIL (501c3)

2023

City of Tacoma Contract	\$50,000
Fundraisers & Membership	\$6,500
Other Grants & Contracts	\$34,000
Foundations:	\$9,000
Film Festival:	\$9,000

Mini Grants from TSC to Committees
\$10,000

2024

City of Tacoma Contract	\$25,000
Other Grants & Foundations	\$6,230
Membership/Donations/Fundraisers	\$6,843
Tacoma Creates	\$31,380
Events	\$17,300

Mini Grants from TSC to Committees
\$9050

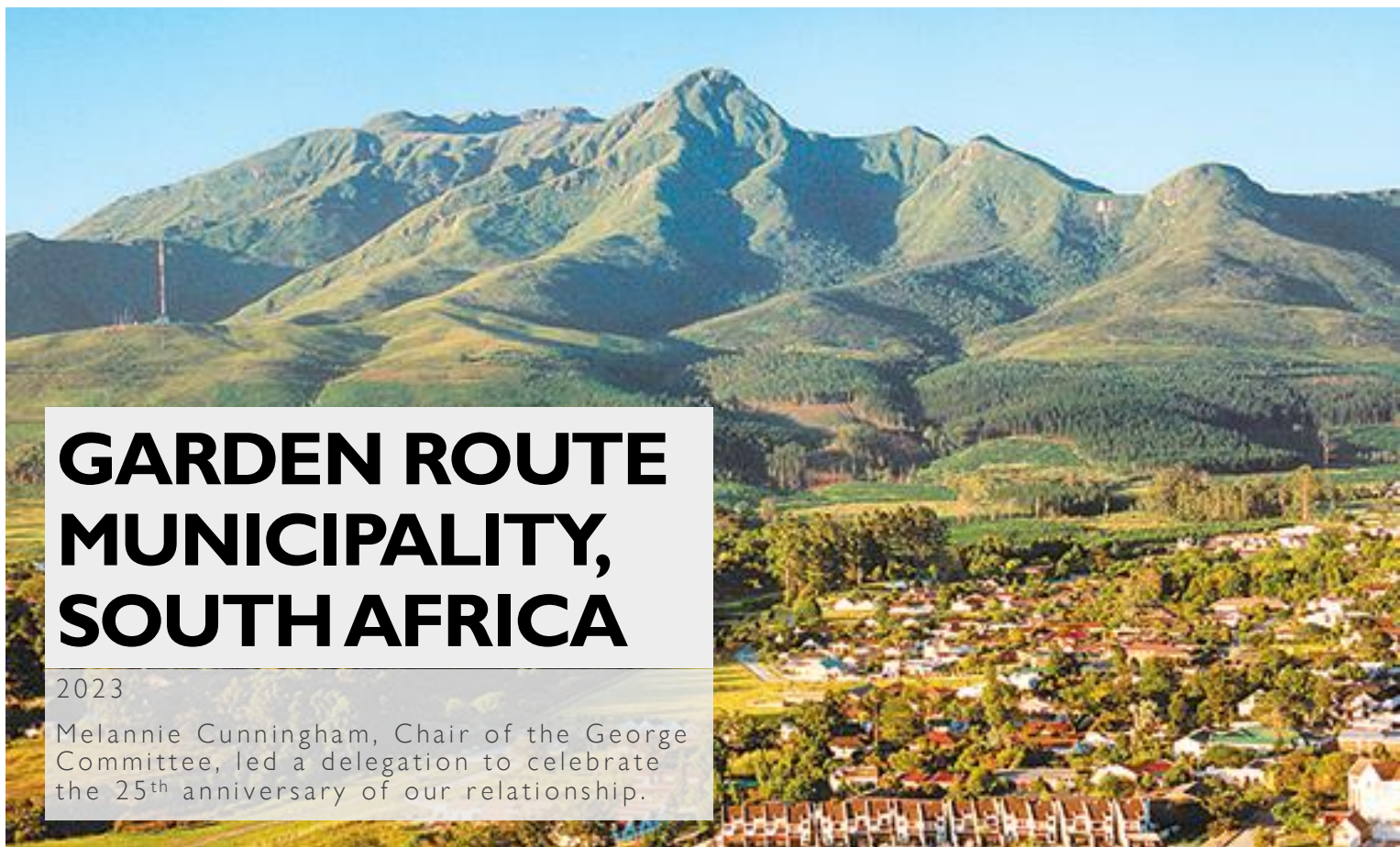
DELEGATIONS

COMING AND GOING

GARDEN ROUTE MUNICIPALITY, SOUTH AFRICA

2023

Melannie Cunningham, Chair of the George Committee, led a delegation to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our relationship.



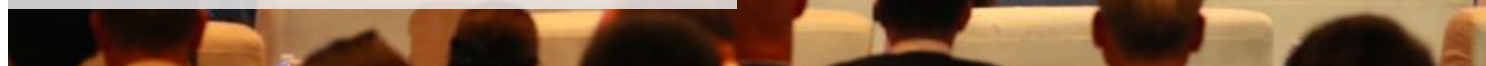
2023 “鼓岭缘” 中美民间友好论坛 Bond with Kuliang: 2023 China-U.S. People-to-People Friendship Forum

CHINA-US PEOPLE-TO- PEOPLE FRIENDSHIP FORUM

2023

Deputy Mayor, Kristina Walker, and TSC Liaison, Debbie Bingham attended the China-US People-to-People Friendship Forum in Kuliang, China.

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hed Dream Came True





2024

Representatives from the City of Tacoma and TSC attended the SCI Africa Summit in Cape Town, South Africa

CAPE TOWN SOUTH AFRICA

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4TH ANNUAL CHINA INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL EXPO

2024

Council Member Sarah Rumbaugh,
and Chamber CEO, Andrea Reay,
attended the Expo in Fuzhou, China



CHINA-US PEOPLE- TO-PEOPLE FRIENDSHIP FORUM

2024

A delegation of TSC, Tribal, and City of
Tacoma representatives led a group of
TPSD High School Students to Forums in
Fuzhou, Nanjing, and Beijing, China





2024

Hosted by Biot Committee Chair, Kathy Sarnat, Mayor Woodward and TSC Liaison, Debbie Bingham attended the Biot International Glass Festival with TPSD teacher, Tony Sorgenfrei.



KUNMING, CHINA FRIENDSHIP FORUM

2024

Clare Petrich represented Tacoma at the Kunming, China People-to-People Friendship Summit and met with the President of CPAFFC to solidify plans to send 1000 students from US Sister Cities in China in 2025.



TACOMA-KOCHI, INDIA FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT SIGNED



2024

Clare Petrich, President, and Syed Jamal, Chair Kochi Committee, traveled to Kochi, India to formally sign the friendship agreement with Mayor Kumar between our two cities.



FUZHOU PEOPLE- TO-PEOPLE FRIENDSHIP & TOURISM FORUM

2024

TSC President, Clare Petrich, represented Tacoma at the Forum.

VISITORS TO TACOMA



**6TH US-CHINA
SISTER CITIES SUMMIT**
JULY 18-19, 2024



SHARED VISIONS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



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ARTIST IN RESIDENCE NIVES CICIN SAIN SPLIT CROATIA

Sylvia Sass Arts Scholarship



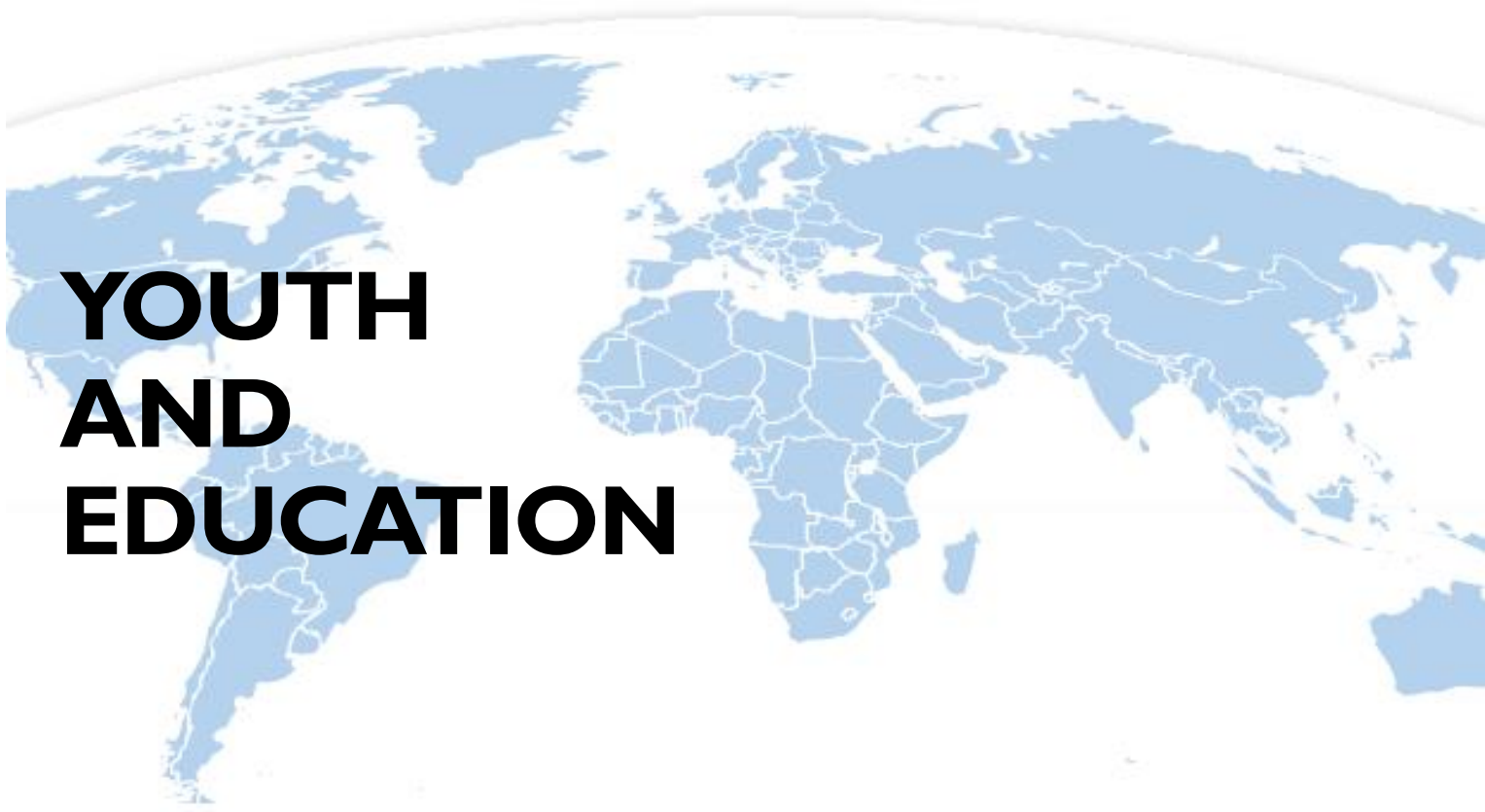
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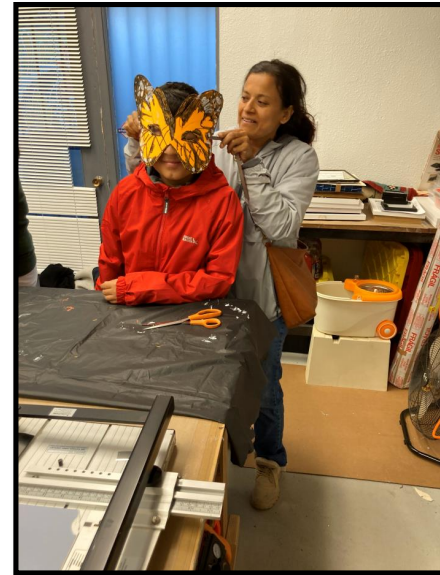
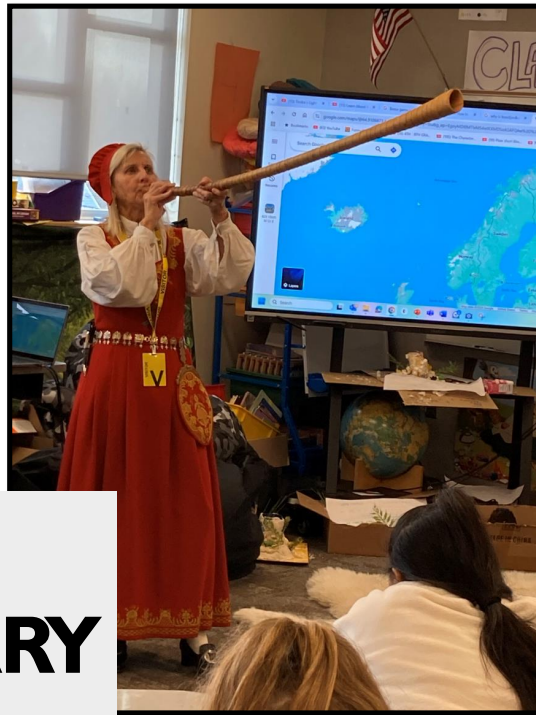
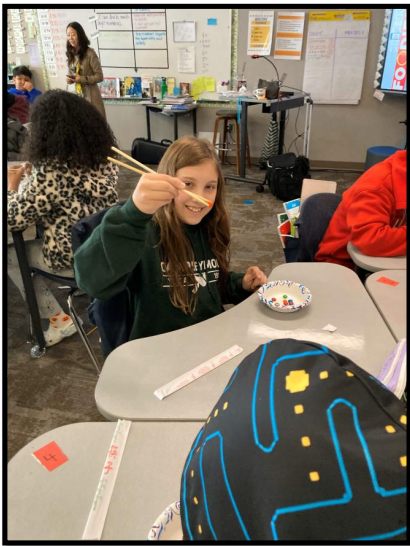
TACOMA VISITORS FROM FUZHOU, TAICHUNG, AND KITAKYUSHU



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YOUTH AND EDUCATION





FAWCETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



2024 AWARD FOR MOST INNOVATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM BY SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON - TACOMA

Signed two MOUs with UWT:

UWT Milgard Business School and
Aspira University in Split, Croatia:
Sports Management

UWT and Central University of
Valle del Cauca in Tuluua, Columbia



EVENTS



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



Papel Picado
@Tacoma Frame Makers
Thurs. Sept. 12th: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Create a tissue banner using glue, scissors and exacto knife.
Martha Cabello



Nichos
@Tacoma Frame Makers
Thurs. Sept. 19th: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Create small, hand-made boxes to display photos or scenarios.
Atenas Morales



Grabado Lino Cut
@Tacoma Frame Makers
Sat. Sept. 21st: 10 am - 12 noon
Create styrofoam prints of calaveras using linocut form.
Roberto Sanchez



Papel Picado: (Spanish)
@Tacoma Frame Makers
Thurs. Sept. 26th: 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Crea una guía de papel usando tijeras, pegamento y navajas de exacto.
Martha Cabello



Marigold Painting
@Tacoma Frame Makers
Sat. Sept. 28th: 10 am - 12 noon
Paint a canvas with acrylic paint, brushes and sponges.
Roberto Sanchez



Marigold Crowns
@Tacoma Frame Makers
Thurs. Oct. 3rd: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Design a headband crown using flowers, butterflies & hot glue.
Martha Cabello



Butterfly Masks
@Tacoma Frame Makers
Thurs. Oct. 10th: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Create a monarch mask using cardstock, acrylic paint, sharpie.
Martha Cabello



Sugar Skulls
@Tacoma Frame Makers
Sat. Oct. 12th: 10 am - 12 noon
Decorate your own sugar skull using icing and sugar.
Martha Cabello



Grabado Lino Cut
@Tacoma Frame Makers
Sat. Oct. 19th: 10 am - 12 noon
Create styrofoam prints of calaveras using linocut form.
Roberto Sanchez

Please register at: www.tacomacienfuegosistercity.org (Space is Limited)



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



Tacoma Sister Cities Presents

International Day of Peace

Saturday Sept. 21st 2024 11am-1pm

CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF PEACE

MUSIC
PEACEFUL ACTIONS
INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS
MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR GLOBAL PEACE

THEA'S PARK
405 DOCK STREET
TACOMA WA

tacomasisistercities.org

TACOMA FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW



HUMANITARIAN

2023

- Ambulances to Brovary, Ukraine



2024-2025

- "Peace Begins with Art" exhibition between Tacoma students and Brovary students





OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



OUR COMMUNITY SPONSORS

- Visibility at City of Tacoma
- Sister Cities assets and Metro Parks
- Funding options
- Changes to “Governance”
Relationship between TSC
(501c3) and City of Tacoma
- Looking for Significant
Economic Impact: The
FILM Project

TSC

