

"Our Shared Struggle"

Join us on Oct 15

5:30-7:30 PM

Dear Friends of MASCP,

You are warmly invited to an evening of food, community, compelling stories and news about the current reality in El Salvador. We are fortunate to be welcoming staff members from US El Salvador Sister City Network (USESSC) and one of their Salvadoran colleagues to Madison from October 14-17, 2024! They are on a 3 week speaking tour of the US with the theme, "Our Shared Struggle." We're hosting a dinner in their honor on Tuesday evening, October 15th, and we hope you will join us!



**2024 Speaking Tour:
Our Shared Struggle**

Shaping a more just future through grassroots solidarity organizing in El Salvador and the US

Join US–El Salvador Sister Cities and CRIPDES, a Salvadoran community-based organization, for events designed to share organizing strategies, discuss common struggles, and build solidarity across borders.

All are welcome.

OCTOBER 5 – 28

Austin, TX
Lawrence, KS
Denver, CO
Madison, WI
Crystal Lake, IL
Champaign, IL
Cleveland, OH

Lorena Araujo, President of CRIPDES
Zulma Tobar, El Salvador Senior Co-Coordinator
Kelly Calles, El Salvador Co-Coordinator
Emma Folkerts, US Coordinator
Maren Walsh, US Grassroots Organizer

Besides the presentation by Zulma Tobar and Kelly Calles, USESSC staff who live in El Salvador, Lorena Araujo, President of CRIPDES, Association for the Development of Rural Communities in El Salvador, and USESSC Sister Cities US-based staff, Maren Walsh and Emma Folkerts, there will be a scrumptious homemade pupusa dinner plus reflections and slides from our June 2024 MASCP travelers to Arcatao.

When: October 15, 2024 5:30-7:30 PM
**Where: Village Co-Housing community room,
1104 Mound St., Madison WI**

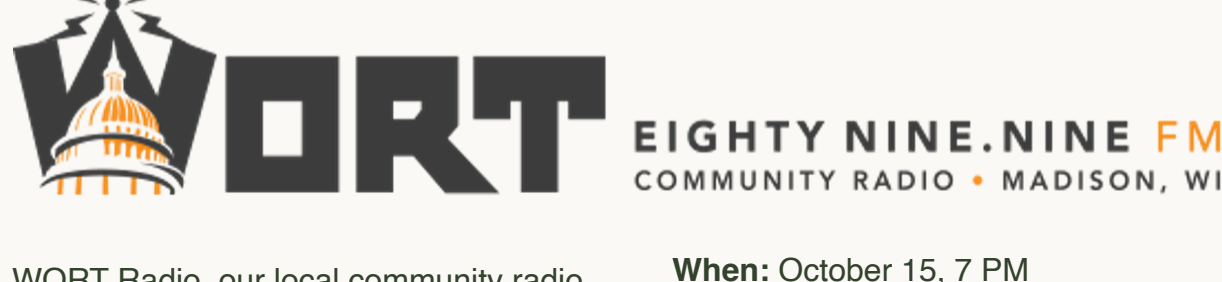
- A delicious pupusa dinner; homemade pupusas, curtido, refried beans, and plantains prepared by local Salvadoran cook and friend, Romilia Schlueter
- Photos and stories from our 2024 Madison travelers
- "Our Shared Struggle" presentation by USESSC staff and their CRIPDES colleague, Lorena Araujo.

There will be a \$10 suggested donation for the dinner and an opportunity to donate to MASCP's ongoing work.

We are making dinner for **only 50 people** so sign up below today to save your spot for this delicious dinner and enlightening and engaging evening.

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Even more opportunities to hear the speakers with the 2025 USESSC Speaking Tour



WORT Radio, our local community radio station that broadcasts on 89.9 FM, is a great friend of MASCP. Here are two more opportunities to listen to the speakers from the 2025 USESSC Speaking Tour. One is in Spanish and the other in English.

When: October 15, 7 PM
What: Interview in Spanish with Nivali on En Nuestro Patio

AND

When: October 16, 8 AM
What: Interview with Jan Miyasaki on the 8 O'Clock Buzz in English

Have you always wanted to join an MASCP sponsored trip to El Salvador? Here's your chance!

We're headed to El Salvador again for the week of March 21-30, 2025. This will be during spring break for both MMSD and UW Madison. Interested?

Our first informational and sharing meeting will be on November 23, 2024. At that meeting—and two others in January and February 2025- you'll meet the leaders for the trip and visit with travelers who have been on other MASCP journeys to El Salvador and to Arcatao, our sister city since 1986.



Maria Brown, a teacher in Madison, and Zulma Tobar, USESSC staff, in Arcatao in June, 2024

The cost, including airfare, has been under \$2,000 for the past couple of years. We'll do our best to keep the cost around that amount. We'll be visiting two sister cities in the US El Salvador Sister Cities Network (USESSC) - Arcatao and either Cinquera or another sister city-as well as interesting historic places in San Salvador. Maybe an afternoon at the beach or climbing a volcano? Join the trip early and have a say in how we spend our compelling and eye opening days in El Salvador!

MASCP leaders coordinate the trip with USESSC staff members, Zulma Tobar and Kelly Calles who are both Salvadoran and headquartered in San Salvador. They finalize all transportation, guest houses, homestays, itinerary, costs, etc. One of them is with us for the entire trip.

We hope you'll join us to make new friends, learn about past and current realities in El Salvador, and experience the joys and challenges of life in our amazing sister city.

What: Meeting to learn about the March 21-30, 2025 MASCP sponsored trip to El Salvador

Where: Finca Salvadoran Cafe, 2500 Rimrock Rd, Madison, WI

Time: 10 AM-12 PM

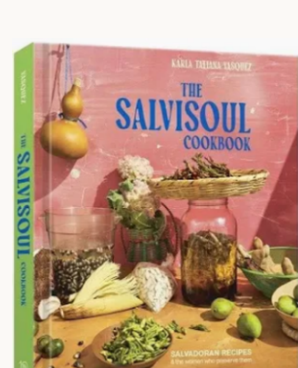
More information:

text Joan at 608 556-0717

Check out these new books by Salvadoran Authors

[The Salvisoul Cookbook: Salvadoran Recipes & the women who preserve them](#)

by Karla Tatiana Vasquez

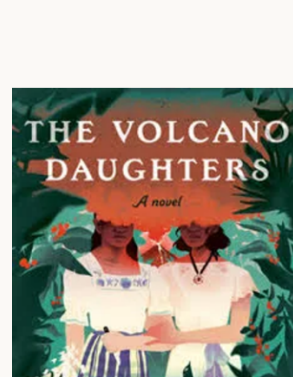


This cookbook is making history. It is the first Salvadoran cookbook published in the US. It features an array of traditional recipes and in-depth interviews with the women who Ms. Vasquez met as she collected these recipes. In addition, the photos of the food, contributors, and El Salvador are gorgeous.

[The Volcano Daughters: a Novel](#)

by Gina María Balibrera

The Volcano Daughters is a beautifully written magical realism book that is set in El Salvador in 1923. It is Ms Balibrera's first novel and is about two sisters and their flight from genocide during the days of the El Gran Pendajo. It takes them from Hollywood to Paris to San Francisco's Cannery Row— haunted along the way by the ghosts of their murdered friends, who are not yet done telling their stories.



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