# PLANTING JUSTICE NEWSLETTER



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## **FUNDRAISING UPDATES**

HISTORIC ADACHI NURSERY IN EL SOBRANTE

We've closed escrow, completed our architectural drawings, and submitted our land use application to Alameda County!

We hope to open to the public in 2020!

## SUPPORT PLANTING JUSTICE IN EXPANDING OUR NURSERY TO ESTABLISH:

- A pay what you can cafe
- A spiritual community center & gathering space
- An organic, local nursery & farm store



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## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS**

## LISBETH SANCHEZ

Lisbeth (they/her) was born and raised in Oakland. They are currently holding a hybrid position as an educator at Maple Street Correctional Center and hands on at the El Sobrante Farm. They have worked for many years as an organizer. Lisbeth is currently training with mentors and elders under ancestral practices of curanderismo and traditional Mesoamerican herbalism. Lisbeth is committed above all else to radical grassroots movements, food justice, land reclamation, and herbalism as radical forms of resistance and community self-defense.





## ABRAHAM CAZARES ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER

Abraham was born and raised in Oxnard, surrounded by some of the most productive agricultural land in the state. In spite of this proximity, he grew up disconnected from the land and the food being produced around his primarily POC and working-class community. Seeking to change inequities around him, Abraham studied Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems at UC Davis.

Intent on continuing to participate in efforts to reconnect folks of marginalized identities to land, food, and healing, he joined the Planting Justice team as an Assistant Farm Manager at our 4 Acre Farm and Orchard in El Sobrante.



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## **EVENT UPDATES**



Last Saturday of Each Month August 31 from 10am-3pm)

LOCATION: 5166 Sobrante Ave, El Sobrante the former Adachi nursery

Come help us continue to weed, prune, and prepare our building and site for renovation while joining your neighbors for fun, food, and community!

BOUNCE HOUSE FOR KIDS + FOOD TRUCK +
BIKE-POWERED SMOOTHIES

www.plantingjustice.org



Come out to our last Saturdays of the month events! Through our partnership with the Good Table, we are hosting an event for family and community that incorporates volunteering with a day of fun! We hope to see you

## **PLANT SPECIALS**

## **DON'T MISS OUR SUMMER PLANT SALE**

# 15% OFF ORDERS OVER \$60

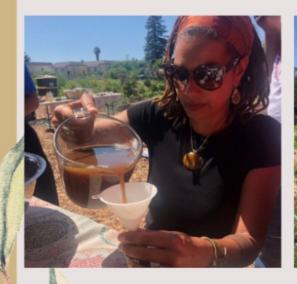
Order online at rollingrivernursery.com
Use our code: SUMMER

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

CHECK OUT WHAT THE PLANTING JUSTICE ED TEAM HAS BEEN UP TO THIS SUMMER!

#### HERBALISM SERIES W/ MAYA BLOW

During our Herbalism Workshop this month with herbalist Maya Blow from Soul Flower Farm at Castlemont High School, we were offered the medicinal properties of plants that we might otherwise overlook. Thank you Maya for providing our community with the tools we need in order to heal our bodies outside of the medical-industrial complex and instead with the more-than-human world surrounding us! All participants were paid \$15/hr to be present!





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# THANK YOU TO THE ROOTED IN COMMUNITY REGIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT FOR HAVING US THIS PAST WEEKEND!

Last week, Planting Justice was welcomed to the Rooted in Community Youth Summit! The day started out with some bomb smoothies from "The Smoothie Man" Anthony. Attendees got to start their day fueled by the fruit, vegetable and herb smoothies. The summit involved an intergenerational melting pot of environmental justice organizations and advocates in Northern California. About 100 youth were in attendance and participated in a variety of workshops offered. The day included workshops such as salve-making, ethical beekeeping, and discussion about food justice. It was amazing to witness the gathering of disenfranchised youth of California and use their cultural knowledge to share ideas on how to improve the current, exploitative food system!



## **SERVICES UPDATE**

#### TRANSFORM YOUR YARD



Want to grow a significant portion of your family's produce at home? We can help you transform your yard into a bountiful landscape and living classroom for you and your loved ones to learn about permaculture techniques and bio-intensive organic gardening! Visit our website to learn more!

We offer a multitude of services, such as raised beds, compost systems, rainwater storages, and more! Many of our projects include environmentally friendly or drought and fire proof designs.

By hiring Planting Justice to create a permaculture garden for your home, you are supporting this organization and movements for local organic food, along with helping provide green jobs for our local community!

## **SERVICES UPDATE**

# COMMUNITY JUSTICE GARDEN HUB BUILD AT OAKLAND PEACE CENTER

Check out these photos of our latest community justice garden installation last Friday at the Oakland Peace Center. In one day we planted two fruit trees, installed four beautiful in-ground permaculture annual garden beds using reclaimed driftwood and compost, planted a large butterfly and medicinal spiral garden for perennial pollinator and medicinal plants, and installed drip irrigation to keep everything thriving and to use our water wisely!

More photos with many of the volunteers and our staff are on our Facebook event page.

Head over to our website to learn more about how you can bring us into build a community justice garden for you and your community!

Go to our "Community Justice Gardens Hub" tab under "Programs" to learn more!



## **SERVICES UPDATE**

## **NURSERY**

319 105th Ave Oakland, CA 94603

> MON-SAT 10 AM - 4 PM

Stop by our nursery to purchase plants from our collection of over 1,100 different fruiting varieties or purchase some vegetables for our local special!

Or visit rollingrivernursery.com to make your purchase!

\$4 each for a bunch or choose a variety for pack for \$10!



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## PLANT SPOTLIGHT

## COLOSSAL CHESTNUT

Thought to be a hybrid of Asian and European chestnuts. The trees produce medium to large sized nuts that fall easily from the hull and are easy to peel! Visit rollingrivernursery.com to purchase now or come by our nursery!

### AVAILABLE AT OUR NURSERY!



## 319 105TH AVE OAKLAND, CA 94603

Some medicinal uses include:

- High amounts of Vitamin K and fiber
- Teas made from the leaves are a cure for respiratory diseases such as whooping cough, and mixed with thyme makes a powerful medicinal syrup that is used to treat cough, diarrhea, backache and intoxication.
- Tea made from chestnut flowers is supposed to cure sinusitis.
- Milk made from ground chestnuts is used as a lactose free alternative for children.
- Chestnut honey, is used in treating gastritis and liver problems.

## HIRING ANNOUNCEMENT

## GRASSROOTS ORGANIZER



Our fundraising team is hiring a grassroots organizer to support our community fundraising efforts! We are looking for someone who has at least 2+ years experience in canvassing, community organizing, and fundraising! The Planting Justice family looks forward to welcoming this new recruit to coliberate together!!! Learn more on our website here!

JOIN US AS A SPONSOR FOR OUR TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: "WE ARE STARS"

# **PLANTING** JUSTICE IS **TURNING 10!**

We are inviting ten sponsors and their guest to join our staff and family for a night of dinner and entertainment at the Chabot Space and Science Center.

A limited number of tickets are reserved for sponsorships of \$1,000 or more!

CHABOT SPACE AND SCIENCE CENTER SEPTEMBER 2019

Contact haleh@plantingjustice.org with 'Event Sponsorship' as the subject line if you are interested!

Stay connected with us!







