El Sol Hosts Scripps Family Science Night

On July 24, 2014 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm the community gathered around a free event hosted by The Scripps Research Institute, Florida, bringing hands-on science to families in Jupiter.

“Family Science Night” at El Sol brought together 35 families and 46 children, to meet Scripps’ scientists, learn about their research and perform hands-on DNA experiments at El Sol.

After family members isolated DNA from their own cheek cells, children and parents were able to ask the scientists questions and learn how they can also become a scientist. They were able to ask questions and receive answers in both English and Spanish (as required). “It opens a path for more family work at home by promoting children and parents working together to conduct simple inquiry-based science activities and approach them to the fascinating world of science and the promise of medicine in the future”, Dora Valdivia, El Sol’s Associate Director said during opening remarks to the event.

Members of Scripps Florida’s Education Outreach team in the Graduate Studies Office, Deborah Leach-Scampavia, Dr. Rosie G. Albarran-Zeckler, and Jennifer Kabis together with Ms. Valdivia at El Sol coordinated the event. Scripps Florida donated the equipment and material needed for the DNA experiment which allowed all participants to have their own DNA in a tube for a lifetime. Betzy Rega, Health Coordinator at El Sol, did a fabulous job by inviting community members to attend this fun and educational event.

El Sol Celebrates its 23rd Graduating Class

On August 20, 2014, a total number of 113 students, their families, and members of the community came together to celebrate El Sol’s 23rd Graduation ceremony. Guests included representatives for the Town of Jupiter, the Jupiter Police Department, and the Consulate of Mexico. Students graduated from a variety of programs including English as a Second Language, Computer skills, Plazas Comunitarias (Spanish literacy Elementary and High school studies in Spanish), Read a Recipe for Literacy, and sewing programs.

The joyful occasion was organized by the Graduation Ceremonies Committee chaired by El Sol’s Associate Director Dora Valdivia and formed by dedicated volunteers and staff members Georgette Gill, Maricela Torres, Gayle Flaherty and Ale Hoffman.

There were opening remarks from Jocelyn Skolnik, El Sol’s Executive Director, and Dora Valdivia, Associate Director. Sister Maria Teresa Pacheco Sosa, Chief of the Hispanic Ministry at Saint Peter’s Catholic Church was the key note speaker. Her message highlighted the importance of education in the life of a community.
Welcome THREE New VISTAs!

Leigha Kiger is a native of Jupiter, Florida. She attended Jupiter High School and later studied at Duke University, where she received a degree in English. During the summer of 2011, Leigha interned at El Sol under the direction of Betzy Rega. Her incredible experience at the center motivated her to pursue other opportunities in migrant justice within the non-profit sector. She subsequently worked with La Coalición de Derechos Humanos in Tucson, Arizona and Student Action with Farmworkers in Durham, North Carolina. After graduating from Duke in May of 2013, Leigha moved to Bucaramanga, Colombia to teach English to preschoolers. While abroad, Leigha worked on her Spanish language skills and attempted to learn how to cook her favorite Colombian foods.

After gaining a wide range of experiences from her travels, Leigha is thrilled to return to Jupiter and work alongside fellow community members in her hometown as an AmeriCorps VISTA. She is eager and excited to start as El Sol’s Financial Literacy Coordinator.

Kelley Walton has come to us from Louisville, Kentucky. She is a recent graduate of Tulane University in New Orleans. At Tulane she majored in Sociology and Spanish, with a minor in Gender & Sexuality Studies. During college Kelley participated in the Newcomb Scholars Program, a 4-year research curriculum for women. The culmination of that program took the shape of an Honors Thesis entitled “Balancing Acts Revisited: Work-Family Issues on Prime-time TV,” which explored sitcom through a feminist lens.

Kelley has had a number of internships with non-profits in the New Orleans area, including a semester with NOLA Locavores as a Local Food Access Researcher, and another with Green Light New Orleans, an environmental organization. Kelley was also lucky enough to study abroad in Havana, Cuba and Madrid, Spain during her junior year.

At El Sol, Kelley will be serving as a Community Impact Evaluator, and hopes that her research skills, non-profit experience, and Spanish ability will help her to be successful in her new position. Outside of work, Kelley hopes to spend most of her time pursuing a variety of interests including salsa dancing and soccer.

Stephanie Sergent Rojas was born in Maracay, Venezuela and grew up in Elizabeth, New Jersey. She attended Benedictine Academy High school as a National Honors student and furthered her education at Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU). As a college student, Stephanie was published in the Notables Section of the FDU Magazine Summer/Fall 2012 Edition, which describes her as a student who “looks at each day as a chance to be a step closer to her dream of becoming a surgeon.”

Throughout her college years, Stephanie managed a full-time class load, worked four part-time positions, performed charity work, attended various academic conferences, and volunteered with the Teaneck Ambulance Corps. On campus, she was the President of the Operation Smile Club, a member of Sands of Time (a leadership and character-building program), a member of the Phi Zeta Kappa Honors Society and Tri-Beta, the Biological Honor Society. During her summer breaks, Stephanie participated in the SMDEP and the NERA internship programs at Rutgers Medical School, and enjoyed spending time with her loved ones.

As an Honors program student, Stephanie was the recipient of a LSAMP grant and completed her thesis research titled “The Impact of Two Cryoprotectant Delivery Methods on the Longevity and Cryopreservation of Drosophila Melanogaster” with her mentor Dr. Marion McClary. Stephanie accomplished her pre-medical studies and graduated with Cum-Laude honors. Stephanie aspires to attend medical school and develop non-profit facilities to make healthcare resources accessible to those in need. Stephanie will be the resource developer for MyClinic, formerly the Jupiter Free Clinic.
Featured Volunteers, Bill and Ginney Linden

Bill and Ginney Linden are this issue’s Featured Volunteers because they have been so dedicated to helping El Sol. Nominated by Assistant Director Dora Valdivia, Ginney and Bill volunteer in the evening with the sewing program. Ginney says “We have been volunteering about a year and a half. I chose to help with sewing because I read about it in the paper, then I cleaned out all my sewing stuff and took it to El Sol to donate. I was asked if I would like to help teach sewing, and that’s how I started volunteering.”

Bill got involved because there were some broken sewing machines and Ginney thought he could fix them. “At first Bill just stayed down stairs and let people in because the door is locked,” Says Ginney. “After a while I asked him to look at the broken sewing machines and that kept him busy for a long time. He brought a lot of them home to work on… and we took all the non-repairable machines to recycle.”

Bill and Ginney married 49 years ago. Ginney loves sewing, and when she was a teenager she made all her own clothes. She has attended many advanced sewing classes and we are grateful to her for sharing her skills with our sewing students. In addition to sewing, Ginney likes to putter around in her garden.

Bill enjoyed fishing, golf and “fixing things” so he’s a valuable asset for El Sol when the sewing machines break down. Together, they enjoy bird watching and they claim to have installed an alleged squirrel-free feeder where blue jays, cardinals, starlings, woodpeckers and painted buntings gather to gossip over lunch.

It’s a pleasure to have this interesting couple as part of our El Sol family, and we hope to enjoy their company, and their services, for years to come.

Featured Worker: Arcadio Lopez

The Featured Worker for Aug/Sept is Arcadio Lopez. Arcadio was born 1/12/1962 in Guatemala. He was chosen for volunteering to do community service and OSHA classes. He is a good worker who is always willing to help when needed.

Congratulations to Arcadio Lopez for his well-deserved honor as featured worker and for serving as an example for others to emulate. As featured worker, Lopez receives priority for hiring for three consecutive days.

Read A Recipe Program: Heather Tate-Boldt’s Perspective

What a joy it is for me to walk into El Sol and receive the greeting of happy children waiting for the Read a Recipe for Literacy (RRL) class to begin. RRL is a nighttime program at El Sol that promotes communication and literacy through the means of cooking of healthy recipes. What is always interesting to me, their instructor, the differences in each child’s ability to speak or read Spanish. Some kids only speak Spanish (because they are just starting their life here in the US). Others, who have immigrant parents but were born in the U.S., do not speak much Spanish at all! Most have never been taught to read in Spanish. What I find heartbreaking is when a young student is ashamed to speak Spanish. Instead they proclaim, “I’m from the U. S.; I speak English!”

Many have been influenced by our English-only culture that looks down on language differences. During the RRL program I make sure to speak in both English and Spanish. We work on reading and writing in English and in Spanish. The kids who read Spanish easily read out loud and help those who do not. Conversely, the kids who are learning English practice writing in English. When we talk openly about where our parents are from, the children learn to be proud of their heritage.

All instruction is within the context of food preparation. We prepare a recipe and talk about it. How does dough rise? We write it and learn new vocabulary words like “whisk” or “yeast.” The most important thing I think that I do with the children is establish a sense of belonging. The other important thing we do is CELEBRATE! We celebrate our cultures and we celebrate our food. We remember the recipes our mothers and grandmothers taught us, and we are proud.

Heather Tate-Boldt and crew
“It was a great experience! I loved seeing the excitement and surprise of the children and the parents when they were able to isolate their own DNA. I congratulate everybody for carrying out such an organized event, and thank everyone that made it possible” ~Rosie Albarran-Zeckler

Along with the hands-on DNA isolation activity, a slideshow presented in Spanish by Dr. Albarran-Zeckler talked about the basics of DNA, its function in the body and how biomedical researchers study DNA to learn about human disease. Scripps Florida researchers, Dr. Tamara Boto and Dr. Laura Pedro-Rosa joined the Scripps education team, and added to the enthusiasm among children and their parents; giving families a chance to explore science together. The event finalized by serving pizza and beverages that all participants enjoyed.

El Sol and Scripps hope to work together on future events that continue to promote community integration through science.

El Sol Receives $5,000 Grant for Computer Lab Equipment

El Sol received a $5,000 grant from Frenchman’s Creek for a printer for our Computer Lab, a new “white board” for Room 200, and also a new laptop, document camera, projector, and computer cart to enable us to provide better technical access to each of the classrooms upstairs. The printer in the computer lab has been fantastic - we can now have the students print out their work (with the teacher’s approval.) The computer cart is mainly for upstairs. We can roll this cart around to any of the classrooms to make a presentation, provide class instruction, follow documents on the screen, or go on-line to provide Internet access for the class. It is a much needed asset to El Sol and will be greatly used. We are so very grateful to Frenchman’s Creek for their kindness and generosity towards El Sol!

ESL Daytime Students Visit the Library

On July 11, 15 daytime English as a Second Language (ESL) students went to the Jupiter Library for an informative session. Eight adults plus one child received their first library cards. They were all excited to learn how to use the library as a wonderful and free source of knowledge, learning, and entertainment. They also heard about Transparent Language (a way to learn one of 80 languages on-line for free) as well as the on-line Learning Express Program. One mother also enrolled her daughter in the summer time programs held at the Jupiter Branch.

El Sol is grateful to Maribel De Jesus and the rest of the staff at Jupiter library for welcoming our students. The Palm Beach County Library is a valuable El Sol partner and Vickie Granati, ESL daytime coordinator did a great job coordinating this activity.
Promotores de Salud (Promoters of Health)

The Promotores de Salud program is composed of community conscious individuals who donate their time to educate members of their community. The Promotores participate in several training sessions, given by the Rural Women’s Health Project (RWHP). The topics are health-related. Some of the most popular are topics concerning diabetes, nutrition, stress, and related issues, understanding prescription instructions, and how to access the clinic.

Jupiter had a gap between health care and its underserved population. The problem was so large, it could not be addressed by one person. The RWHP has been successful with this project in other communities. So, to address the issue in Jupiter, El Sol partnered with RWHP to recruit and train health educators. The Promotores de Salud are trained volunteer health educators.

The health education has had a considerable impact on health awareness and wellness visits. It has also helped identify several chronic diseases that are on the rise. Further, the knowledge we have acquired has helped our health partners focus in on prevention seminars. We also work directly with those affected by the various diseases, and need more evaluation and assistance in managing their health.

OSHA Training “The Garden and You”

El Sol recently presented two OSHA training sessions to its workers. But before this took place, Betzy Rega flew to California to attend a training session for the trainers. Here, participants from various organizations from several states received methods and materials for training day laborers on worker safety.

Next, El Sol presented this information in two sessions to the workers. Both sessions were well attended, with a total of 25 workers for both classes.

Community Service

This month’s community service project was a Jupiter home. El Sol workers volunteered to assist homeowner Stephanie Ring with painting the trim of her house. The project partner, Paint Your Heart Out, Palm Beaches and El Sol workers completed the community service on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. The workers began at 8:00am and were finished by 11:30am. Evelyn Martin assisted with transportation of the workers. The job was completed quickly, and Ms Ring was very pleased with the results.

“My home looks like new. The El Sol painters truly did a fantastic job.”
Garden News

You reap what you sow!

It is now September and the Sunshine Organic Community Garden is wrapping up its first summer growing season. Many veteran Florida gardeners put their planting beds to rest for the summer—but not us...we were just getting started (literally)! We planted Malabar spinach, Everglades tomatoes, Seminole pumpkins, dent corn, okra, eggplants, basil, and everything in between. All in all we were able to harvest over 700 pounds to feed our gardeners and our community! We’re looking forward to harvesting well over 2,000 pound this year to feed and battle diet related diseases here in Jupiter. Great big thanks are due to our volunteers and gardeners who weeded, weighed, harvested, and harbored love for our garden. Thank you!

ACGA Conference

This August El Sol’s Garden and Kitchen Coordinator, Alyssa Wood was lucky to attend the 35th Annual American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) Conference in Chicago, Illinois. There she met with other community gardeners and managers from around the world and attended workshops and tours on how to improve our garden here at El Sol. Workshops she attended spanned from “Sustaining Community Gardens” to “Measuring Empowerment in Community Gardens.” She met local government officials, children of sharecroppers, eccentric gardeners, and many others working in food justice for Latino communities. She came back to El Sol bursting with energy and a new emphasis on making sure everyone gets the opportunity to give input and be leaders in the garden. Thank you to El Sol and the ACGA for making it possible for Alyssa to attend this wonderful conference- she will be back next year!

Happy Gardeners’ Comments

“My daughter’s face is full of joy now. The garden has greatly changed my life. I am very happy and very glad. I cannot buy this happiness anywhere… Now I see that it’s important to have a balanced diet. The garden has helped me greatly to put this to practice.”
- Julia Díaz, Garden member

“I definitely feel that the garden has improved my lifestyle, improved my health… -and not just my physical health but my emotional well-being. I feel happy to be in the garden. I go home with a great feeling- the garden has given me a gift that I will take with me for the rest of my life.”
- Melissa Beadle, Garden Member and El Sol VISTA
ArtFest is Coming!!

ArtFest 2014: My Roots, Mis Raices

El Sol’s Annual ArtFest is set to return on Sunday, November 2 at 12PM. ArtFest 2014, presented by Community Foundation, is Jupiter’s premier cultural event that highlights the folkloric and colorful art of Guatemalan, Mexican, and other Latin American artists in South Florida. ArtFest is a 4-hour celebration that attracts over 1,000 people and features musical acts, cultural dances, and delicious food from food trucks, the El Sol Workers’ Council, and vegan/vegetarian options from the Sunshine Organic Community Garden.

ArtFest 2014 is the perfect place to get an early start on holiday shopping. Vendors will be selling art, photography, handmade crafts and jewelry. Crowd favorites like Pedro Chavajay, Ines Evangelista, and El Sol Sews will be at the event. A call to vendors has been announced. Application deadline is on September 30th.

The ArtFest 2014 theme, “My Roots, Mis Raices,” is a testament to each individual’s family tree and their genealogical roots. “We are all immigrants or descendents of immigrants, which is especially noted in Palm Beach County’s diverse population,” said David Urieta, VISTA Outreach Coordinator, who will be chairing this year’s event.

ArtFest 2014 will include an ArtFest Preview Night on Saturday, November 1 at 6PM in the Sunshine Organic Community Garden. Preview Night will be an intimate setting for art enthusiasts, art collectors, and community supporters to preview the art of El Sol artisans. There will be appetizers, wine, sangria, craft beer from Tequesta Brewery Co., garden-made lemonade, a silent auction, and live music.

ArtFest 2014 sponsorship opportunities are available. To browse the sponsorship booklet, please visit friendsofelsol.org/artfest or contact David Urieta at david@friendsofelsol.org or call 561-460-2993.
ArtFest Details:

ArtFest Introduces “Preview Night”

This evening fundraising event will benefit the El Sol Center and support its 19 programs that help Jupiter residents, including day laborers and their families. ArtFest Preview Night features the art unveiling of two prominent Guatemalan artists in Northern Palm Beach County, Pedro Chavajay and Lenin Cochoy. ArtFest Preview Night will also include the festive music of Mariachi Pancho Villa, which have been generously donated by the Honorary Consulate of Guatemala in Palm Beach County, Aileen Josephs, Esq. A second performer will be revealed in the coming weeks. Do not miss this opportunity to talk to the artists and browse/purchase their art before the kickoff of ArtFest 2014!

If reading this online, click here for details and reservation form

“Preview Night” Reservations

ArtFest SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

—All donations are tax deductible—

Be a part of a unique and growing festival!
Jupiter’s premier community cultural event
• Host to more than 1,000 people
• Live Marimba Players and Mariachi Band!
• Local Food Trucks
• Craft Vendors
• Fun Activities

Put your name on our festival and share in the fun!
This popular annual festival returns on Sunday, November 2nd featuring original paintings by Jupiter artists, a variety of crafts, plus colorful necklaces, bracelets and other items handmade by Guatemalan women.
The festival will be held from noon to 4 PM at the El Sol Center, 106 Military Trail. Admission is FREE! A portion of the proceeds go to benefit the non-profit El Sol Neighborhood Resource Center. There will be beautiful embroidered bags, necklaces and bracelets produced by Mayan women. Participants in El Sol’s sewing program will also be selling bags and other products they have created with sewing skills acquired through El Sol’s vocational program.
The El Sol ArtFest is a well-established and highly-visible community event that will be promoted heavily in print, radio, online and through other promotional venues.

We are certain that this will be the best El Sol ArtFest to date! Without the support of our sponsors, this event could not exist. Your participation is vital to the growth of ArtFest and helps this unique community flourish.

Sponsorship Opportunity Information

Click here for more information on ArtFest sponsorship opportunities
The ArtFest 2014
“My Roots, Mis Raices” Student Art Poster Contest

ArtFest is Jupiter’s premier cultural event that serves as a venue for international artists, established artists from South Florida, and up-and-coming local artists from Palm Beach County. This is your chance to create an original artwork that will:

1. Reach an audience of over 1,000 people!
2. Be the official image of ArtFest 2014.
3. Be featured on all promotional materials.
4. Be an addition to your professional portfolio.
5. Win a cash prize of $100 dollars.

One winner will be chosen. All submissions to this contest are open to high school, college, and university students in the South Florida area. In consideration for the opportunity to enter this contest, the winner agrees that their artwork will graphically represent the theme and appear on a multitude of materials used to promote and market the event that will be held on November 2.

Contest Rules

All Artwork must be:
• a student’s original creation (one entry per person)
• on paper, poster board, canvas, oaktag, or other durable material
• at least 16” x 20” in dimension
• in color and created with paint, pastels*, ink and or permanent marker (no colored pencils)
• signed and/or initialed with contact information on the back of the artwork ONLY.
• mailed or physically delivered to El Sol (106 Military Trail, Jupiter, FL) to the attention of David Urieta on or before September 19, 2014
* sealed with a fixative to prevent smearing

Further:
• Framed, laminated and/or three dimensional entries will not be accepted; and nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any manner.
• Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries.
• El Sol is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process.
• Deadline to retrieve entries is on September 24, 2014.
• Contest images cannot be used without written permission from El Sol.
• By entering this contest, participants agree to be bound by the rules described herein and the decision of the judges and El Sol, Jupiter’s Neighborhood Resource Center.

For more information, call David Urieta at (561) 460-2993 or email david@friendsofelsol.org
Features Gardener Melissa Beadle

Since the opening of El Sol’s Sunshine Organic Community Garden, El Sol has seen the lives of low-income individuals in Jupiter, Florida change for the better. Melissa Beadle, originally from South Dakota and VISTA Vocational Training Coordinator, credits the Sunshine Organic Community Garden for improving her diet, mental health, and gardening skills. “I have learned a lot. I have not gardened on my own until I started my plot at El Sol. I have learned everything from trellising, organic fertilizers, pest control, seed saving, and gardening basics like planting, trimming tomatoes, and harvesting,” said Beadle.

There have been numerous health studies that indicates a correlation between improved mental health and gardening. Beadle has experienced this first-hand. “Gardening is so calming and stress relieving. There is something therapeutic about getting your hands in the dirt and connecting with the earth. It makes me feel very proud and satisfied to see how the plants have grown,” said Beadle.

Before the opening of the garden, Beadle struggled to obtain access to fresh organic produce. “It was a real struggle but I am glad to say that the garden has improved my diet.” Beadle is currently growing okra, Seminole pumpkin, sweet potatoes, Everglade tomatoes, and an assortment of culinary herbs. “This would have been unimaginable for me a few months ago,” Beadle added. Beadle’s story is one of many, but it has been selected to be featured on an El Sol YouTube video. To watch Melissa’s Story, please visit youtube.com/elsoljupiter.

May 13, 2014 New Conversational English Classes for Intermediate and Advanced Students have begun at El Sol. Both workers and community members enjoy being part of this no-stress means of improving their English. Students hail from all across the globe, including France, China, Japan, Venezuela, Columbia, Honduras, Guatemala, and Mexico. Many topics are discussed including customs and current events.

Because of budgetary restrictions, the local library can no longer host conversational classes. El Sol filled the gap with volunteers Maxine Arscott, Don Howard, and Allison Morales hosting the meetings. All daytime classes, including Levels 1, 2, and 3, welcome community members from all countries. The classes free of charge are delivered every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00Am to 11:00AM.

Esabelle Herrera, VISTA Earned Income Developer, has been working closely with No Margin, No Mission and the Nonprofit Chamber of Palm Beach County. No Margin, No Mission (NMNM) is a national consulting firm that assists nonprofits with the diversification of revenue through innovative entrepreneurial business strategies. Herrera hopes to create a unique earned income strategy that reflects El Sol’s mission of betterment for the Jupiter community. “I am excited to be moving forward with this project. Jocelyn Skolnik and Dora Valdivia’s guidance and words of encouragement have been especially helpful,” said Herrera. “I wish I could reveal more information but I am sure that El Sol volunteers and community supporters will be excited for the big announcement,” Herrera added. Stay tuned for more information in the months to come.
And, MORE Bits and Pieces..

New Shelves!!

Karen Clark, and her husband, Ken, put together the beautiful shelves you see at the front entrance. The project came out beautifully, and all who pass through the area are astounded by the new look. El Sol applied for a grant from Publix and was awarded $1,000 for the shelving. It took the Clark team six hours on a Sunday to put the whole thing together. There were no directions so they had to figure it out. It is also extremely heavy so they had to build it on its side and then lift it to stand up.

But Karen and Ken Clark are incredibly smart and surprisingly strong. Then, Maxine Arscott, an Interior Designer and also a Volunteer at El Sol, helped with the layout of the awards. The result is something out of Architectural Digest.

El Sol Donates Computers

El Sol donated computers to several schools in Guatemala. Here is a photo of Escuela la Frontera in Puerto Barrios. The students were excited about the new computers in their school.

El Sol Presents Domestic Violence Workshop

A presentation by Norma Asencio, Licensed Therapist of the Palm Beach County Victim Services Division. The class also included issues with crime and alcoholism. Participants learned warning signs, statistics, and where to get help.

Our garden and El Sol have officially been approved for the “Snail of Approval” award from Slow Food Gold and Treasure Coast Slow Food Gold and Treasure Coast Chapter (which includes Jupiter). This award is given to restaurants, chefs, purveyors and organizations who embrace local food, food justice, and sustainable agriculture. We were awarded this under a unanimous vote from our local Slow Food’s chapter’s board. This award is given all over the world and now we’ve got it!
EL SOL SHINES

EL SOLs “Wish List”

Kitchen
• Knives
• Cutting boards

Education
• Funding for Plazas Comunitarias in order to help workers achieve Spanish-language proficiency

Labor Program
• Bottled water
• Sunscreen, hats

Community Garden
• Wine cooler to store seeds

El Sol’s Mission Statement

El Sol’s vision is for a premier day-labor center providing skilled, dependable workers to employers. We are also committed to promoting strong economically and ethnically diverse communities in which all people can achieve their highest potential.

El Sol seeks to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Town of Jupiter through:

• Organizing and supervising Jupiter’s day-labor hiring in a controlled and sanitary atmosphere;

• Educating Jupiter’s day-laborers and contractors about their rights and responsibilities;

• Assisting Jupiter’s immigrant population to become an active and integrated part of the larger Jupiter community;

• Building bridges and communication among the different ethnic, cultural and religious groups in Jupiter;

• Providing occupational training, language and literacy instruction, counseling, health education, legal and other services to individuals in need.

Day | Upcoming El Sol Events / Time
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9/1 | Labor Day Holiday – Holiday hours at El Sol 7am-11am
9/3 | VNA visits El Sol (time TBA)
9/5 | Celebration of El Sol’s 8th Anniversary
9/6 | El Sol 8th Anniversary
9/6 | Garden Workshop – Crop Rotation 10-11
9/10 | Garden Workshop– Canning Dilly Beans 12-1
9/11 | VISTA 9/11 Community Service Event at Quantum House (time TBA)
9/12 | 20th Anniversary of AmeriCorps VISTA – Photo shoot (time TBA)
9/13 | Workers Council Independence Celebration
9/15 | Book club meeting in Sunshine Garden (time TBA)
9/17 | Garden Workshop – Collard Green Quinoa Wraps 12-1
9/19 | Kitson and Partners Law firm 60 person Volunteer group at El Sol 8-12
9/20 | Garden Workshop– Worm Composting 10-11
9/22 | FPL Showcase at Juno with David and Michelle 11-2
9/25 | Norma Domestic Violence Presentation at El Sol 9-10
9/25 | Norma Domestic Violence Presentation for Women at El Sol 5:30-6:30
9/26 | Mayan Queen visits El Sol (time TBA)