For more than 20 years, Linda Versage and Walter Brodie have been volunteering in Seattle Tilth gardens, events and on our board of directors. Recently, they decided to make a planned gift to Seattle Tilth. Touched by their support, we asked Linda and Walter what motivated them to include Seattle Tilth in their wills – and what keeps them involved.

Why Seattle Tilth?
Linda says, “Seattle Tilth seems to do it right. I feel like it’s high quality, strong educational programming.” Both are excited about new programs that engage a wide and diverse community. Walter says “I'm always thrilled on a personal standpoint to be part of a community working towards something bigger than myself.”

About making Seattle Tilth a beneficiary of their wills...
Linda shares that, “I felt like Seattle Tilth had a good track record and I had faith it would continue on into the future. And gardening and farming is our passion. We met because of Seattle Tilth!” Walter reminisces, “Tilth has had a big impact on my life and I have really favorable experiences in my heart from Seattle Tilth... It’s just been a big, big part of my life.” Linda agrees, “It's had a big impact on my personal life as well. Many of our friends that we will carry with us through the rest of our lives came through Tilth.”
Suggestions for others who are considering making a planned gift…

Linda advises, “I think one thing is that you don’t have to have a lot of resources to give some of it away. . . I think you want to narrow it down to the few organizations that you think will be around – you want to choose an organization that has strong roots in the community.” And Walter chimes in, “I would say, give yourself permission to give to whomever you want . . . and follow your heart.” We are honored by Linda and Walter’s support!