

Sunflower Hill



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Introducing ... Sunflower Gardens at Hagemann Ranch!

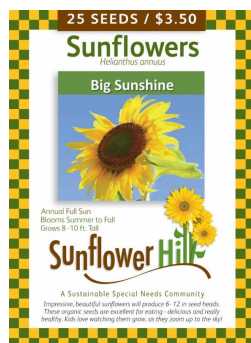


Sunflower Hill (SFH) is proud to announce a new partnership with the City of Livermore to operate a sustainable garden at the historic Hagemann Ranch!

This five acre parcel is a historically significant remnant of the original Rancho el Valle de San Jose Mexican land grant. In 1896, it was sold to the Hagemann family and continued to be operated as a working farm until 2006. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Sunflower Hill will be one of several nonprofit organizations with programs on site. "We will be developing a one-acre garden and educational/vocational program designed for individuals with special needs," said Lynn Monica SFH Vice President, who is leading the effort.

Thanks to funding by the [Pleasanton North Rotary Club](#) and the [Livermore Hindu Community and Cultural Center](#), infrastructure work has already begun. Planting should begin in mid May and volunteers are needed! If you're interested, please send an email to info@sunflowerhill.org. You can read more about the garden and program plans by visiting the [SFH Garden](#) web page.

Sunflower Seeds Are Back!



Planting your Spring garden? Don't forget to include sunflowers! This year, Sunflower Hill is offering a new variety called 'Big Sunshine.'



Packaged by members of the SFH community, they are designed to grow 8 to 10 feet in height

and bloom from Summer to Fall. "The seeds are organic," said Chris Bogert, SFH board member and project manager. "They will bloom into beautiful flowers." This year's seed project was funded by a generous grant from the [Pleasanton Downtown Rotary](#). Each packet has 25 seeds and sells for \$3.50. They are available online [here](#). Proceeds will benefit SFH's vision for an intentional residential community for individuals with special needs.

Meet Cindy Everson - SFH Board Member



Four new board members and one new advisor joined Sunflower Hill this year! Over the next few months, we'll profile each. Today, meet Cindy Everson and read about her sons, [Shane and Joe](#). Other new board members and advisors include Julie Borg, Carolyn Zalewski, Dean Clark and Cindy O'Hare. Read about their backgrounds [here](#) in the Pleasanton Weekly.

Mark your Calendars!
Saturday April 18 at Milfleur in Pleasanton &
Sunday April 26 at Swirl on the Square in Livermore

Sunflower Hill is the beneficiary of two special fundraising events in April. [Mulfleur](#), a specialty store in downtown Pleasanton (728 Main Street) will be offering 20 percent of all store proceeds to SFH on Saturday April 18. "Mulfleur has been a great supporter of Sunflower Hill," said Carolyn Zalewski, SFH board member. "They've been selling our cards in their store since last Fall. This is a great opportunity to thank them and to support SFH at the same time."

[Swirl on the Square](#) in Livermore is featuring Sunflower Hill throughout the month of April as part of Autism Awareness Month. "We will receive 50 percent of all wine tasting fees of their One Hope wines," said Cindy Everson, SFH board member. "And on **April 26**, we're planning a fun afternoon event with a live band, raffle, great food and wine tasting. On that day, we'll get 100 percent of One Hope wine tasting fees and 10 percent of food, beverage and goods orders."

For flyers and more information on both events, click [here](#). And mark your calendars now for future SFH events this year including...

May 5th - East Bay Gives, **May 20** - Tommy T's Comedy Night/Pleasanton, and SFH's signature event, 'Art in the Vines' on Saturday **September 26** at [McGrail Vineyards](#) in Livermore.

Channel 30 to air show on Sunflower Hill

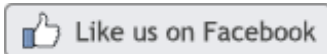
Sunflower Hill will be featured on "Conversations" - a half hour talk show on Channel 30, the Tri-Valley's community access television station the week of April 6. Board members Lynn Monica and Susan Houghton were interviewed by hosts Robin Fahr and Shawn Alikian and a few clips of the SFH video can also be seen. The show can also be seen on demand via the Tri Valley Community Television [website](#).

Pleasanton, Concord and Lamorinda residents - we need you!

Are you a resident of Pleasanton, Concord or the Lamorinda area (Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda)? If so, we need your assistance on some special projects. Please send an email to Anne Daniels, SFH secretary at info@sunflowerhill.org for more information. We have some exciting opportunities ahead so please join us!

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

Did you know that Sunflower Hill has a Facebook account and is on Twitter? Be sure to like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#)! And if you have an item that we can share on our page, please let us know. Send an email to Janeen Rubino Brumm, SFH board member at janeen@sunflowerhill.org. We're always looking for great stories about members of the SFH community!



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