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Moonlight in the Vines was a Huge Success!

Sincere thanks to all of our Moonlight in the Vines 2018 event attendees! All we can say is WOW! - We are so thankful so many of our Sunflower Hill community joined us on this special evening at [Wente Vineyards](#), your generous and enthusiastic support made the night magical!

We are so grateful for the support of our community, donors and families! As you see our event sponsors (listed below), please take a moment to thank them. We value their partnership to ensure this event was a success.

We were thrilled to present the City of Pleasanton the 2018 Rainmaker award! Nelson Fiahlo, Pleasanton City Manager, accepted this well-deserved recognition on behalf of the City of Pleasanton. The full press release is available to read on our [website](#).

Due to the generous support of our donors, the Live and Silent Auctions and Paddle Raise generated approximately \$190,000 on the night of the event! Wente Vineyards created a fabulous menu for the evening and our guests enjoyed great Wente wines! KPIX News Anchor, [Juliette Goodrich](#), Emceed the evening and Summer of Love band [Dream Posse](#) provided not only the dinner music, but also kicked off the dance party!

Event photos are being organized and will be available soon on both Facebook and our website. And if you took pictures in the fun photo booth, you can view those [here](#).

Huge THANKS to Jody Amos and his team at [Amos Productions](#) for all their incredible work on our video, sound production, and photography.

And our brand new video, Sunflower Hill's 'Creating Compassionate Pathways,' was debuted at our event. The videos that were debuted are on our [SFH Youtube channel](#). We broke it into two videos, first showing, '[Sunflower Hill Educational & Vocational Programs](#),' and later in the evening showed, '[Sunflower Hill Communities for Special Needs Individuals](#).' Special thanks to Juliette Goodrich for her time and voice over work, to Jody and his team from Amos Productions for filming and editing, to Executive Producer/SFH Board Member Lynn Monica for all of her work and creativity in making this wonderful video, and to all of those who participated in it.

On behalf of all Sunflower Hill board members and advisors, a very special thank you for making Moonlight in the Vines 2018 a night to remember!

Sunflower Hill Wishes to Thank Our Generous Event Sponsors

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RFQ/RFP process now underway for Irby Ranch Community

Our affordable housing partner/developer, Satellite Affordable Housing Associates ([SAHA](#)) is now accepting qualifications and a construction hard cost estimate to select a general contractor to build [Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch in Pleasanton](#). Interested applicants should notify SAHA of their intention to submit qualifications by Friday August 10, and submit final proposals by Monday August 20 via email to Ruben Farias at SAHA. Construction is estimated to begin March 1, 2019. For more information and specific bid information, please contact Ruben Farias at (510) 809-2772 or rfarias@sahahomes.org.

Please click [here](#) to view the full RFQ for the project.



STREET VIEWS + CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN

SUNFLOWER HILL - IRBY RANCH | PLEASANTON, CALIFORNIA
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Chris's Story



The newest addition to our series of "Stories" comes directly from one of our special needs Sunflower Hill supporters, Chris Wagner. He wrote this himself as he reflected on his past, his life, and his goals.

You can read his story [here](#).

Thank you, Chris for sharing your story with us!

Sunflower Hill Gardens Long Table Event!

Our 2018 Sunflower Hill Gardens Long Table Dinner will be Saturday, August 25 from 5-8 p.m. at Hagemann Ranch, 455 Olivina Avenue in Livermore.

Matt Greco, Owner and Culinary Director of [Salt Craft](#) in Pleasanton, will be our chef again this year and will be preparing a delicious farm to table dinner, including chicken donated from [38 North Farm](#), which will be served in the middle of our beautiful Sunflower Hill Gardens.



Tickets will include two glasses of wine and live music by [The LK Project](#). If you are interested in attending, see our [website](#) - ticketing for the event is now open!

Got Tomatoes?



We have LOTS of tomatoes ready to be purchased!

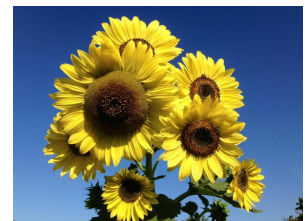
Produce can be purchased Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. Sunflower Hill Gardens are located at 455 Olivina Avenue in Livermore.



For more information, please see our [garden website](#) or email us at gardens@sunflowerhill.org.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 18: [End of Summer Harvest](#) Family Workday in the SFH Gardens
Sunday, August 19: Sunflower Hill at the [Stable Cafe](#)
Saturday, August 25: [Long Table Dinner](#) in the SFH Gardens
Saturday, October 27: [Pumpkin Fest](#) Family Workday in the SFH Gardens
Thursday, November 29: Sip 'N Shop at [Rubino Estates Winery](#)
Saturday, December 8: [Holiday in the Garden](#) Family Workday in the SFH Gardens



Las Positas Fall Adaptive Horticulture Program Starting Again Soon!

Come grow with us at Las Positas College!

FALL 2018 ADAPTIVE HORTICULTURE

PROGRAM for Students with Special Needs

*Vocational Training * College Experience*

Tues & Thurs September 4th to October 25th

FREE

4:00 pm–5:45 pm

Horticulture 202 -ADAPTIVE LANDSCAPE & GARDEN MAINTENANCE

This is an 8 week horticulture and vocational training class. Lessons and lab activities are adapted for students with mild to moderate disabilities. Students will demonstrate basic skills used in plant identification, nursery and garden center operations, plant propagation, and sales presentation. The group will be working in the Sunflower Hill Gardens for part of the program.

Student Requirements

- ☞ Must be at least 18 years of age.
- ☞ Program is designed for individuals with mild to moderate disabilities who can participate in an indoor and outdoor classroom setting with support at a 1:4 ratio.
- ☞ Interest in pursuing employment in the horticulture, landscaping, or viticulture industry.
- ☞ Access to transportation to and from Las Positas College.
- ☞ Access to home and agency support needed for successful program participation.

For information and applications, please contact **Frances DeNisco**,
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This program is presented in partnership with Pleasanton Adult and Career Education, Regional Center of the East Bay, Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program, and Sunflower Hill Gardens, a sustainable residential community for individuals with special needs, located in Livermore and Pleasanton.

Find out about Horticulture occupations here: <https://www.onetonline.org/find/quick?s=horticulture>.

<http://www.laspositascollege.edu/careereducation/gainfulEmployment.php>

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