

December 7, 2015

A Perfect Holiday Gift - Sunflower Hill Cards and Olive Oil!



Searching for that last minute gift for a special caregiver, teacher or family member? Consider our greeting cards and our olive oil! For only \$20 you can give them a set of 12 Sunflower themed cards illustrated with love by Sunflower Hill members. We guarantee a Christmas delivery if you purchase by December 15.

You can purchase your card set <u>here</u>.

Another great gift idea is our extra virgin olive oil, courtesy Cerro Ranch in Livermore. A 250ML bottle is only \$17. Alas, we cannot ship our olive oil but if you live in the East Bay area we're happy to connect you with a SFH Board member to purchase directly. If you're interested, send us a note at info@sunflowerhill.org.

Interested in Helping Sunflower Hill as a Board Member or Volunteer?

Sunflower Hill is an IRS recognized 501c3 non profit. As such, we regularly elect a board of directors to guide our organization. If you're interested, please fill out our <u>on-line application</u>!

With our garden and land projects underway, we're especially interested in talking with individuals with project management, administrative skills and IT expertise. Applications will be accepted through December and we'll contact you in January for an interview.

If you'd like to help out but in a less formal capacity, please also consider volunteering for Sunflower Hill! We are always looking for volunteer assistance in our garden - especially those with gardening experience, as well as volunteers who have experience working with special needs individuals. Contact Lynn Monica at gardens@sunflowerhill.org if you're interested or visit our webpage for more info. We also have volunteer opportunities at our new office and with our micro businesses. If you're interested in more of an administrative volunteer position, contact Susan Houghton at susan@sunflowerhill.org. Thank you for considering helping us with your time and talents!

December 12 - Family Workday at Sunflower Hill Gardens

Our December Family Workday is Saturday, December 12, from 9:00-11:30 a.m at Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch! We will be working in the garden planting and weeding, as well as creating a few fun holiday themed projects with corn stocks, pine cones and bird seeds.

If you'd like to attend please RSVP to gardens@sunflowerhill.org, and indicate how many will be coming as well as if you will be bringing a special needs individual. Our Sunflower Hill Garden is located at 455 Olivina Avenue in Livermore. For more details, see our Family Workday <u>webpage</u>.

Thanks to everyone who attended the November Family Workday at Sunflower Hill Gardens, where <u>Congressman Eric Swalwell</u> participated with us! He joined a few of our special needs ranchers planting a fig tree, plants, and harvesting some produce, as well as playing a bit of corn toss. Our ranchers also had fun creating some fun scarecrows and turkeys. Photos from this fun event can be found <u>here</u>.

In addition, thank you to the <u>Rotary Club of Pleasanton</u> for awarding us \$3,800 for our garden projects! And a big thank you to <u>Alden Lane Nursery</u> for choosing Sunflower Hill Gardens as their beneficiary for this year's Holiday Open House! We received a total of \$1,040 in cash donations and proceeds from purchases. WOW!



Back by Popular Demand - Special Needs Financial Planning Symposium

-Reserve January 30, 2016-

Sunflower Hill invites you to a presentation by Jim Huyck, Public Benefits Consultant and Lorna Drop, Tax and Estate Planning Attorney, on how to protect the public benefits your special needs child receives while at the same time facilitating a higher quality of life for your loved one. This morning seminar (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, will allow you to get an overview of what's needed once your child turns 18. All proceeds from the symposium benefit Sunflower Hill and our vision towards an intentional, sustainable, special needs community.

Cost is \$65 for individuals or \$100 per couple. More information is on our website, as well as online registration, <u>here</u>. Price will increase on Jan. 21, so register early!

Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund

We are honored and thankful to be one of the local nonprofits chosen for the <u>Pleasanton Weekly</u>'s 2015 Holiday Fund! We are extremely proud to be selected and hope you will support this important holiday tradition in Pleasanton. Thank you, Pleasanton Weekly!

Contributions should be directed to: Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund c/o Silicon Valley Community Foundation 2440 West El Camino Real, Suite 300 Mountain View, California 94040 Checks should be made payable to Silicon Valley Community Foundation. Donations can also be made online at <u>here</u>.



AmazonSmile!



We are thrilled to be a part of the AmazonSmile Program! When you are doing your holiday shopping on Amazon this year, please use this <u>amazonsmile link</u> and Sunflower Hill will receive 0.5% of your purchases! Thank you for your support!

Thank You!

We appreciate all that you've given us in 2015 - your support, your time, and your encouragement to name just a few. If you'd like to donate to Sunflower Hill or our projects at Sunflower Hill Gardens, you can do so <u>here</u>.

Thank you again and we wish you a happy holiday season and wonderful new year!

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