

Sunflower Hill



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Holiday Open House at Alden Lane!



Please join us at [Alden Lane](#)'s Annual Holiday Open House this Friday, November 6 from 5-8 p.m. at 981 Alden Lane in Livermore!

Come celebrate with us and make some holiday purchases from this wonderful gardening store. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to our Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch. There will be some finger foods and beverages on hand, so please join us and bring your friends.

Thank you [Alden Lane](#) for supporting our cause!!

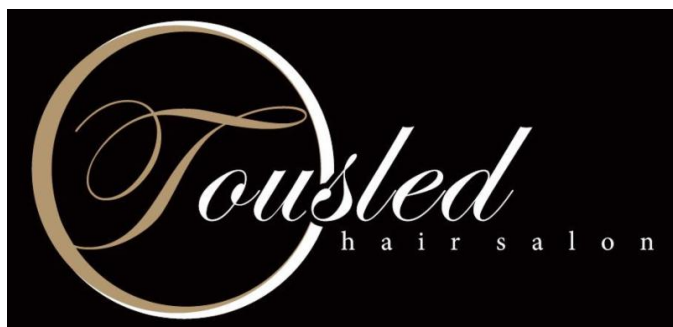


A Day with Autism in the House

Our next story in our ongoing series comes from Regina Stoops, and can be found on our [website](#). Regina spends much of her time finding the humor in life. She has found that being upset about what comes your way is not nearly as much fun as turning it into a comedy routine. Regina recently performed at our Sunflower Hill Comedy Night and you can view a funny clip from that event [here](#). You can follow Regina Stoops Comedy on [Facebook](#) as well as on her [website](#)!



Have Fun and Get Styled at the Same Time!



[Tousled Hair Salon](#) is hosting a unique fundraiser for Sunflower Hill this Sunday, November 8 at their location at Koll Center Plaza in Pleasanton. Enjoy breakfast treats and mimosas while getting a blowout by one of Tousled's fabulous stylists. Blowdrys are \$40; Flat-irons or curls are \$10. Appointments are available from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Don't need a fresh do? Come on by anyway and get a jump on your holiday shopping with handmade

scarves from Cindy Miller/Moments in Time and the holiday collection of Stella & Dot jewelry provided by Amy Lundberg. All proceeds benefit Sunflower Hill. Book your appointment now at (925) 846-4247. Tousled Hair Salon, 6654 Koll Center Parkway, Pleasanton. Thank you for supporting our mission, [Tousled Hair Salon](#) and see you there!

November 21st Family Workday at Sunflower Hill Gardens



Our November Family Workday is Saturday, November 21, from 9:00-11:30 a.m! We will be building a Scarecrow and working in the garden doing some harvesting, weeding, and planting. [Congressman Eric Swalwell](#) will be joining us to work so be sure mark your calendar now!

Our last Family Workday for the year is December 12 and will have a Holiday Theme! If you'd like to attend either event please RSVP to gardens@sunflowerhill.org, and indicate how many will be coming and if you will be bringing a special needs individual. For more details, see our Family Workday [webpage](#).

Thanks to everyone who attended the Pumpkin Fest Family Workday at Sunflower Hill Gardens on October 24. Activities included pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, poke-a-pumpkin, pumpkin head pictures, face painting, pumpkin seeds in a jar contest, corn toss, and more! Photos from this fun event can be found [here](#).

We continue to plant, harvest and sell our produce throughout the year, and have lots of

wonderful produce for sale, including butternut squash, lettuce, kale, string beans, herbs, and more. If you would like to join our CSA, email us at gardens@sunflowerhill.org. For more details, please visit our [website](#).

We would love more volunteers to come help us in the garden Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Our volunteer hours will change the week of Thanksgiving, so please check our [website](#) for details.

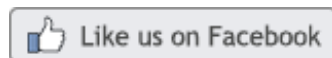
A special thank you to Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC for their grant donation of \$1800! We will be putting this to good use towards our special needs garden programs. More information on the recipients of their Community Gift Program for 2015 can be found [here](#).

Finally, another special thank you to [Pleasanton North Rotary](#)! Several of their members came out to our garden last month and built our compost station and two harvesting/potting tables. We are so appreciative!!

Special Olympian Honored with Letterman Jacket!

Our very own Sunflower Hill community member, Andrew Brumm, is the first Special Olympian in Alameda County to earn a high school letterman jacket. His mom, board member Janeen Rubino Brumm, thought Special Olympic athletes should have the opportunity to earn a high school letter, so she contacted the principal at Foothill High School and inquired. He loved the idea and together they wrote up Foothill's new policy. Now many S.O. athletes can follow in Andrew's footsteps and will have this great honor as well. In addition, this story has gone viral and many parents all over the country are going to their high schools and asking for the same policy!

You can find the newspaper article as well as the news clip from ABC7 news [here](#). Way to go, Andrew!



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