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Moonlight in the Vines was a Success!



The first annual Moonlight in the Vines was a tremendous success with almost 250 people in attendance and even a cameo by the gorgeous Super Moon. The spectacular [McGrail Vineyards and Winery](#) provided an unforgettable venue for Sunflower Hill to welcome our guests and treat them to an evening of fabulous food, wine, and entertainment. Our guests enjoyed the award winning wines of McGrail Winery and paired them with an enormous selection of sliders, quesadillas, chicken skewers and more. A strolling magician entertained guests with his sleight of hand

while others played bocce ball, played corn hole, and perused our extensive silent auction collections. Live music was provided by the [Ruckus Band](#) who kept the crowd on their feet and asking for more. Local television broadcaster [Roberta Gonzales](#) graciously emceed our evening and assisted our auctioneer in presenting each of our 10 fabulous live auction items to our guests. You can view all of the fun pictures from our event [here](#), taken by Gina Coomber from [FireBoxGirl Photography](#).

The evening was truly nothing short of magical and we are awed by the support we received from our [sponsors](#), donors and guests for this special event. A warm Sunflower Hill thank you to all of you. Start planning for next year!

Update on Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch

We are at the end of our summer harvest in our SFH Gardens and are preparing beds, planting winter harvest and beginning to harvest our fall produce. We have harvested over 5000 pounds of produce to date and have donated over 65% to low income food banks, which now includes the Tri-Valley Haven and the Marilyn Avenue Elementary School Food Banks.



Increasing numbers of special needs groups and individuals continue to visit and work in our SFH Gardens, including the new additions of the Amador High School transition program in September and the Dublin High School transition program coming in October. We are also growing our volunteer base, with new volunteers coming each month and the Pleasanton North Rotary Club coming in October to help build our Compost Station!

We will continue to plant, harvest and sell our produce throughout the year. We have lots of wonderful produce for sale, including butternut/winter squash, lettuce, kale, basil, string beans, herbs, and more. If you would like to order some produce or join our CSA, email us at gardens@sunflowerhill.org. For more details, please visit our [website](#).

Lucas' Story



The latest addition to our stories comes from board member, Dean Clark. Dean and his wife Stefanie live in San Ramon with their three children. You can read Dean's story about their son Lucas [here](#).

October Festival and Family Workday at Sunflower Hill Gardens

We have LOTS of beautiful pumpkins and are getting ready for our upcoming Pumpkin Fest on October 24 from 9:00-11:30 a.m! We have lots of fun activities and games planned, including painting pumpkins, pumpkin bowling, face painting and corn bag toss. For more details, see our Family Workday [webpage](#).

Please RSVP to gardens@sunflowerhill.org, and indicate how many will be coming and if you will be bringing a special needs individual.

*Note - If this is your first visit to the garden, please download these [forms](#), sign them and bring to the gardens. If you have already volunteered and signed these, no need to do it again.



Our Family Workday dates for the rest of the year are:

November 21 - Thanksgiving Theme

December 12 - Holiday Theme

We would love to have all of you come for a visit and to help us in our Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch!


Holiday Open House at Alden Lane!



Please join us at Alden Lane's Annual Holiday Open House on 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!!

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