

Sunflower Hill



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Community Open House for SFH at Irby Ranch



Sunflower Hill and [SAHA](#) invite you to a Community Open House for Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch! You will be able to meet the design team, provide feedback, and learn about the development process and timeline.

Date:

Monday, September 11

Place:

Remillard Conference Center
Pleasanton Operations Service Center
3333 Busch Road
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Time:

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

RSVP to Abbas@sunflowerhill.org

SFH Gardens Welcomes Lead Teacher Christopher Hill!

SFH Gardens has recently hired Christopher Hill to help teach the various high school, transition programs and adult day program groups that are attending SFH Gardens.

Christopher has extensive experience in the environmental/horticulture area and in the education field. He has spent his last 16 years teaching English-as-a-Second-Language to both neurotypical and special education primary students. Prior to that he spent



over a decade in various environmental/horticultural functions, including assisting in running a 20-acre vegetable farm, as a landscaping consultant, and working for the Peace Corp in Central America as an 'agro-forestry technician' teaching sustainable agricultural techniques. Wow!

Funding for this new position at Sunflower Hill is made possible via grants from both the City of Pleasanton and the City of Livermore.

We are very excited to have Christopher join our team!!! Welcome, Christopher Hill!!

Long Table Dinner a Success and Next Family Workday In The SFH Gardens-Fall Season Planting Day!



Sunflower Hill Gardens' 2nd Annual Long Table Dinner was an amazing event! We had a delicious farm-to-table dinner prepared by Matthew Greco of [Salt Craft](#), which included [Bassian Farms](#) chicken along with wines from [Page Mill Winery](#) and [Darcie Kent Vineyards](#). Music by the [The LK Project](#) was enjoyed throughout the evening.

Big thanks to Pleasanton's National Charity League and Young Men's Service League for volunteering and all their help! Thank you also to Gina Bonanano, one of our garden volunteers and sponsors, for taking the majority of pictures for us, which can be seen [here](#).

It was a hot, but beautiful night in the Sunflower Hill Gardens!

Our next SFH Gardens Family Workday is September 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m. This will be a Fall Season Planting Day.

Our next Family Workday will be on October 21 for our annual Halloween Bash!

Please see our [website](#) to register.



Johnny's Story

The next installment in our series of "stories" comes from Sunflower Hill Community

Member and Supporter, Laura Foster, about her son, Johnny.

You can read Johnny's story [here](#).

Thank you so much for sharing your story with us, Laura!



SFH Produce For Sale!



We are now harvesting and selling lots of wonderful produce from our garden! Our Harvest of the Month produce is our sweet potatoes (available Aug. 19). And we have A LOT of delicious Heirloom Tomatoes!

Also available are baby bell/ gypsy/ shishito/ chile peppers, eggplant, basil, arugula, kale, strawberries, and on request we have chives, oregano, mint, sage, thyme, lavender, and garlic.

We also of course have bouquets of sunflowers.

Produce can be purchased Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. You can also join our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) box program, in which you get a box of produce every 1 or 2 weeks.

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

Sunflower Hill is Dublin Whole Foods' "Nickels for Nonprofits" Recipient July - Sept!

We are still Dublin Whole Foods "Nickels for Nonprofits" partner until September 24!! This program rewards the recipient organization with one nickel for each reusable bag used when customers check out and choose to "donate" vs "deduct" that nickel from their total shopping cost. These nickels really add up and we are super excited to have been chosen!

Please shop at [Dublin Whole Foods](#) at 5200 Dublin Blvd. in Dublin during July-September (and all the time, actually, because, well, have you been there? It's awesome!) to help support SFH and this program!



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