

# Hillsborough Beautification Foundation

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## Harvest Garden – Our Community Gives Back!

This summer, HBF volunteers “put on their gloves” to create, build and nurture a community vegetable garden located on a formerly vacant and weed-filled lot in Hillsborough. This lot is owned by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and must remain unbuilt to provide access to the storm drainage system. Lennie Gotcher, past HBF President and current Projects Committee Member, came up with the idea to transform the land into an organic garden to provide vegetables to local shelters.

Part of the early planning included recruitment and organization of volunteers. We now have an incredible and committed group of over 30 hands-on volunteers including a very industrious junior committee of high school students. These volunteers monitor the garden daily, harvest as needed and make deliveries to shelters such as St. Anthony’s Dining Room in Redwood City and CALL Primrose in Burlingame.



The process of obtaining approvals from the Town, the neighbors and the SFPUC, creating plans and selecting a landscaping contractor began over a year ago. In addition to the approval process, early work included research on other community gardens, local shelters for donations, organic gardening and crop rotation.

We welcome new “hands-on” volunteers to come and join us in the garden! Please contact HBF through the website for more volunteer opportunities. Learn more about Harvest Garden on our Facebook page. (If you’re a Facebook member, simply search for “Harvest Garden”.)

With Lennie’s careful management and planning, the garden was up and growing less than three weeks after final approvals were in place! The first step, undertaken by the Public Works Department of the Town, was leveling the lot and constructing a driveway. Next, Brian Koch, landscape architect and owner of Terra Ferma Landscape, executed their plan which included constructing 18 raised vegetable beds, installing irrigation, hose bibs, a washing counter and storage space. By mid July volunteers were planting vegetable seedlings.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the following donors who provided professional assistance or materials to enable our garden to grow: Advanced Tree Care, Golden Nursery, certified horticulturalist Dennis Granahan, Lyngso Garden Materials, Inc., Volunteers from the Crystal Springs Chapter of the National Charity League, Inc., Dick Breaux of Peninsula Custom Homes, and Richard McLaughlin for the structure that shelters our gardening supplies. Special thanks to the Harvest Garden neighbors for their support of the project from the very beginning, and HBF donors for making this project possible.



This summer we grew tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, squash, basil, arugula, lettuce, beans, strawberries, blueberries, radicchio and swiss chard. Our bountiful harvest enabled us to donate over 175 pounds of produce to local shelters thus far. Additionally, volunteers contributed over 200 pounds of fruit and produce from their own gardens.

## From the President, Board of Trustees

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the days will have grown noticeably shorter, and Halloween will be just around the corner. The languid (and foggy!) days of summer are gone, and our volunteers at HBF are hard at work on various projects all over town.

One of the things I'm proudest of is HBF's involvement with the Hillsborough City School District. At a time when the California state budget is in crisis, our school district has many priorities that take precedence over the school grounds. HBF has been able to step in and work collaboratively with our schools, planting trees and shrubs, improving fencing and signage, and making the grounds both safer and more attractive. We have major projects in the works for the circle above the Crocker gym and for the large island outside North School's entrance. We're grateful to Anthony Ranii for his enthusiastic response to our participation in these projects.

The hallmark project of the year has to be the Harvest Garden, another HBF undertaking that involves Hillsborough children. Thanks to the vision of resident Lennie Gotcher, a once vacant lot owned by the SF Public Utilities Commission is now a fertile garden yielding produce for the less fortunate in our community.

As with all our projects, they can't be accomplished without your support. We're grateful to all of you who send in donations so that we can continue to fix up our little corner of the globe. It's been a dozen years and we're still going strong. I hope we can count on you again this year.

In another month, we'll be out planting daffodils around town, and getting ready to Light Up The Town in December. I hope you'll come out and mingle with your neighbors to plant, to share a cup of cocoa and to reconnect in our sweet little town. We're lucky to live and raise our families here.

*-Libby Hulsey*



*Celebrate May!*

Julie Savage, Martha Nora, and Christian Huebner

Over 400 guests enjoyed a warm spring morning in the beautiful, French inspired gardens of Teresa and Phil Quigley. While shopping amongst the many specialty home and garden boutiques, guests were treated to pastries and coffee. A heartfelt thank you to the Quigley family and Celebrate May! co-chairs Kjori Boyd and Harumi Nakano.

## Projects Update Fall 2010

- **Black Mountain 280 exit/entrance:**  
The allee of olive and oak trees have all been trimmed to ensure healthier foliage this spring. Additional planting will take place this fall.
- **Island at Eucalyptus and New Place Road** will be landscaped with trees, walking paths and benches. (Bench naming opportunities available through [www.HillsboroughBeautificationFoundation.org](http://www.HillsboroughBeautificationFoundation.org))
- **Two phase project at the Hillsborough School District Office**
- **Ascot Fire Station**
- **Continued maintenance of all completed projects**

*We apologize for the omission of the following names from our published list of 2009 major donors:*

**John & Leslie Wilson**  
**William & Patricia Wilson III**  
**David & Ruth Wisnom**  
**A. Alan Zatopa**  
**Dierdre & Eric Zimits**

*HBF thanks you for your continued support.*



Jon Beizer, Crocker Community Service Coordinator Audrey Fairchild, and Crocker volunteers

## Hillsborough's First Clean Up Day

In January of this year, Jon Beizer and his family noticed that there was a surprising amount of trash along the roads in Hillsborough. Jon came to HBF and Crocker Middle School to organize the first Hillsborough Clean Up Day to coincide with Earth Day in April. The first Clean Up Day took place on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>!

Over 80 students and 25 adult volunteers worked from 9 am until noon and collected over 160 pounds of trash! Refreshments were funded by the Crocker Student Council and music was provided by DJ Chris Weir. Volunteers were given gloves, a street map and trash bags and got to work. If you'd like to volunteer for HBF, please check the "volunteer" box on your donor envelope.

## MEET THE NEW HBF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**Lynn Fischbach** was born and raised in the Bay Area. She and her husband Robert moved to Hillsborough in 2001 and have one son who is a 6th grader at Menlo School. She has volunteered with the Community Service League and the Hillsborough Schools.

**Patricia Foster** and her husband Todd have lived in Hillsborough almost all their lives. They have two sons, Teddy, age 15, and Deke, age 11. Patricia is a member of ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) and The Modern Art Council at the SFMOMA. In addition to her family and volunteer activities she enjoys playing tennis, gardening and skiing.



**Jenifer Smyth** is a native of Rye Beach, New Hampshire, but is at home in Hillsborough with her husband John and their two children, Lily and Alexander. She serves on the parent board at St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School, and is also active with both the Parca Auxiliary and the Institute for Ethnomedicine.

**Julie Tenenbaum** is a third generation Californian and has lived in Hillsborough for thirteen years. She has an interior design business and is a volunteer in the Community Service League, Hillsborough Schools Foundation and the South Parent Group Board. She and her husband, Bruce, have one daughter currently at Crocker Middle School.



## WELCOME NEW HBF PROJECT COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**Wendy Bolton** moved to the Bay Area in 1997 and to Hillsborough in the summer of 2004. She and her husband Charles, have three children, Kaitlyn (12), Aurelia (6) and Brooks (5). She is an active volunteer at the children's schools, Crocker and North, for the Hillsborough School Foundation and is a Girl Scout Leader. She loves to garden, play tennis and bridge and watch Texas football. She also works at Harvest Capital Strategies as a Managing Director responsible for marketing and investor relations.

**Anne Longworth**, her husband Guy, and their three children moved to Hillsborough three years ago, having spent the previous thirteen years living in the UK. While living in England, Anne developed a love of plants and gardening. She is an active volunteer with North and Crocker schools, the Hillsborough Schools Foundation, and the CALL Primrose Center.



**Peggy McLaughlin** and her husband Richard have lived in Hillsborough for 15 years raising three children, Richard and Kelsey now in college and Clare at Burlingame High School. Peggy has worked with HBF almost from its inception on several committees and the Board of Trustees. In addition to her HBF work she is an active volunteer at Burlingame High School and the local chapter of the National Charity League. She also works as an executive in the medical device industry.



### New HBF Trustee Members

Left to right:  
Judy Swanson, Merrill Magowan,  
Libby O'Leary and Elizabeth Jackson and  
Elizabeth Jenson (not pictured)



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## Daffodil Planting

HBF's longtime tradition of planting daffodil bulbs commemorates our nation's loss on September 11, 2001.

Please join HBF members, neighbors, and friends on

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** to plant daffodil bulbs throughout the town of Hillsborough.

This year's planting sites and volunteer times are:

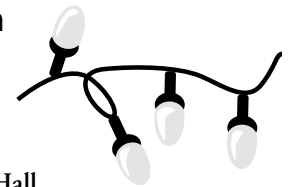
- Entrance to Hillsborough at Woodland Drive (near Tournament Drive) at 10:00 am
- Entrance to Hillsborough at Highway 280 at 11:30 am
- Crossroads Park (Black Mountain & Hayne) at 11:30 am
- Floribunda Circle at Sharon at 11:30 am

Bring your gardening gloves, shovels, trowels, enthusiasm, and smiles! This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors!

For more information contact Elena Caruso at (650) 344-2315 or [elenacaruso@aol.com](mailto:elenacaruso@aol.com).

## Light Up The Town

HBF Invites You to  
Light Up The Town!  
Thursday, December 2nd  
5:00 pm to 6:15 pm at Town Hall



You are cordially invited to attend HBF's annual Light Up The Town holiday event. The evening includes pictures with Santa, entertainment, children's crafts, and an opportunity to write a letter to Santa, as we anxiously await the tree lighting ceremony! Hot chocolate, specialty coffees, and treats will be served.

Be sure to visit the newly completed Centennial Park at Town Hall.

## HBF's Website...

learn more about our history, projects, and volunteer opportunities. You can also use the website to make your on-line donation.



[www.HillsboroughBeautificationFoundation.org](http://www.HillsboroughBeautificationFoundation.org)

Many thanks to HBF volunteer Elizabeth Jackson for creating and administering our website!