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Celebrate May!
at the Carolands April 30th

To request an invitation
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650-829-5159

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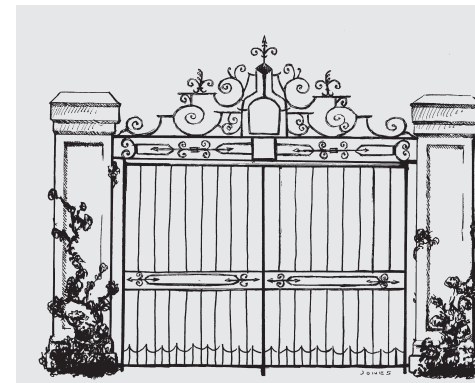
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Have you noticed a water leak at an HBF project site?
Or worse, seen dying plants? Let us know!

Be Part of the Solution!



Email The Green Line at pw@hillsborough.net



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Photo by Mick Hales

Celebrate May! At The Carolands

The Hillsborough Beautification Foundation will host *Celebrate May!* at the Carolands on Thursday, April 30, from 9:30 A.M. until 12:00 noon. Known for being the premier example of Beaux Arts architecture in the country, the chateau is situated on over five acres with gardens designed by renowned landscape architect Martin Lane Fox. During the morning event, guests can stroll through the celebrated French gardens, shop at specialty boutiques for the home and garden, and enjoy French patisseries with coffee or tea on one of the garden's terraces.

When Martin Lane Fox, one of only three designers worldwide to be awarded the Victoria Medal of Honor, designed the Carolands gardens in 2000, he decided to incorporate the ingredients of the past in order to create "a pastiche of grandeur" reminiscent of classical French garden design. He accomplished this by incorporating clipped allées of pleached trees to form high level hedges as a means of adding breadth to the house, groups of trees in formal shapes, intricate parterres of clipped boxwood and other plant material, and a long ornamental canal of water to provide an apex for the two fountain pools originally designed in 1912 by legendary French designer Achilles Duchêne. In addition, Fox relied on

green in all of its shades as the dominant color, with flowering plant material kept to a minimum. Docents will be situated throughout the gardens to comment on all aspects of the landscaping during the event.

The annual Hillsborough Beautification Foundation Awards will also be presented at the event. These awards recognize individuals whose efforts to beautify and improve our community deserve special distinction. The 2009 HBF Community Volunteer Award will be presented to founding member Ruth Wisnom, for her exceptional dedication to our community and longtime chairmanship of the HBF Development Committee. The 2009 HBF Professional Volunteer Award will recognize Gary Francis, Superintendent of the Hillsborough Public Works Department, for his dedication to excellence in supervising the beautification of public spaces.

Please reserve the last day of April to tour the gardens at the Carolands by joining HBF at *Celebrate May!* For additional information or to make reservations, please call 650.829.5159 or email CelebrateMay@comcast.net.

From the President, Board of Trustees

May is just around the corner. Our annual meeting will mark the end of another successful year for HBF, and the end of my time on the HBF Board. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so much time and effort and creativity to HBF. We have an outstanding Development team headed this year by Sally Farr and Paige Burns. They do a remarkable job organizing daffodil planting, *Light Up the Town*, the Major Donor party, and *Celebrate May!* The committee creates the spring and fall newsletter, and the annual appeal to our donors.

The Project Committee headed by Katie Syme and Kathryn Toms has a number of wonderful projects in the works. HBF is mindful of the impending cutbacks in water allocation. We know how difficult this will be. We have decided to delay two of our most important projects. The renovation of the Town Hall garden will be delayed until fall. The plans for the garden are superb. When completed HBF will give this garden to the Town in recognition of Hillsborough's centennial.

The plans for the entrance at Highway 280 are complete. This project is also being delayed until fall. We are hopeful that rain in November will help to establish the new plants which will all be native and drought tolerant. The Town plans to work on the roadway in June. When all is completed this should be a glorious new entrance into Hillsborough.

The under grounding of the power lines between Crocker and North Schools is scheduled to be completed [poles down] by May 1st. We are most grateful to PG & E for working closely with the Town to do the conversion in the least disruptive manner possible. Thank you for your patience during this process.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you who have generously supported HBF. You have and you are making a real difference in our Town.

– Cynthia C. Magowan

MAJOR DONOR PARTY

On the evening of March 12th, the Hillsborough Beautification Foundation's Development Committee hosted a cocktail party for its major donors at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Gates. This annual event is given in honor of Founding Friends and Major Donors who have given so generously and consistently each year to the Hillsborough Beautification Foundation.

The Development Committee extends its deep gratitude to Mr. Curtis Brown and Mr. Sean Stannard-Stockton of Ensemble Capital for so graciously underwriting the party. Ensemble Capital wished to support and thank the Hillsborough Beautification Foundation for its exemplary work in the town of Hillsborough.

Although many of the honored guests are present each year, it is always a great pleasure to see so many new enthusiastic benefactors who are eager to provide significant support for our upcoming projects. Old friends and new shared an evening of camaraderie and reminisced about all the HBF projects, the beautiful daffodils around town, the new Vista Park, and many future plans for the town.

The evening was festive with David Evison playing the piano in the living room as guests mingled throughout the lovely home, terraces and gardens savoring a delicious fare from John Tevis Catering.



Mr. & Mrs. Bobbie and Jamie Gates
Major Donor Party hosts



Ruth Wisnom, 2009 HBF Community Volunteer recipient flanked by Curtis Brown and Sean Stannard-Stockton of Ensemble Capital

Photos courtesy of Hilary McMahan Photography

Congratulations 2009 HBF Award Recipients



RUTH WISNOM
Community Volunteer

GARY FRANCIS
Professional Volunteer



HBF Project Updates

HBF has been extremely busy this year planning, maintaining, and creating projects in town.

Completed Projects

- Oak and Crabapple trees planted at North School
- Pepper/Bellevue Water Site
- Brandt Island
- Tree trimming of all trees planted by HBF

In Progress

- Entrance at Town Hall
- Town Hall Park
- Highway 280 Entrance into Hillsborough
- Crystal Springs Road near El Cerrito Avenue
- New Trees at Crocker, North, West, and South Schools
- Continuing maintenance on all projects

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HBF's daffodil planting inspired South School student Cassidee Cunningham's science project experiment.

Bulbs are planted in early November
...rain or shine!



A group of North School students in front of a newly planted crabapple tree, one of eight crabapple and oak trees planted recently by HBF at North School's Jungle.



Hillsborough Beautification Foundation offers bi-annual Tree Talks

Spring Tree Talk was held on March 22nd at the Hillsborough Town Hall. Kevin Kiely and Louis Carignan addressed concerns regarding Sudden Oak Death Syndrome, effective watering solutions during a drought, and common diseases affecting our Hillsborough trees and how to counter those issues.

HBF would like to thank our specialists Kevin Kiely, Michael Young, and Louis Carignan for taking time to share their expertise and knowledge regarding our beautiful trees.

HBF Tree Talks are designed to help educate our community regarding the care and maintenance of Hillsborough's longest living treasures, its trees! Don't miss our next Tree Talk scheduled for Fall 2009.

A Call to Action Water Conservation Tips

Last winter was one of the driest on record. In response to the water shortage that resulted from meager rainfalls, the SFPUC asked the Town of Hillsborough and other municipalities under its jurisdiction to reduce water consumption by ten percent in anticipation of drought conditions. Hillsborough has the highest per capita rate of water consumption in San Mateo County, as shown in the Sustainable San Mateo Report released in 2007.

Please re-evaluate your water consumption practices and help Hillsborough become a more prudent consumer of our water resources. To the right are some tips on how to conserve water outside the home. You can read about more water conservation methods for both inside and outside of your home at www.watersavinghero.com.

Around Your Property

- Plant drought-tolerant species. The website listed below shows a list of 50 California drought tolerant plants: http://www.thegarden.org/siteDocs/Nifty50_2006.pdf
- Water your lawn only when it needs it.
- Deep-soak your lawn.
- Water during the cool part of the day.
- Place mulch around trees and plants.
- Install shut-off nozzles on all garden hoses.
- Sweep, don't hose off, sidewalks and driveways.
- Adjust sprinklers to avoid watering the pavement.
- Check for broken sprinkler heads and irrigation tubing.



Source: The Town of Hillsborough Water Department website: <http://www.hillsborough.net/depts/pw/water/default.asp>