

# Hillsborough Beautification Foundation

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## Celebrate May!

May 3rd 9:30–noon

*Hillsborough Beautification Foundation cordially invites  
you to Celebrate May! in this lovely Hillsborough Garden.  
Specialty Boutiques, Plant Boutique, Morning Coffee,  
Pastries, Treats, Raffle Prizes, Complimentary Valet Parking  
Tickets may be purchased online at:  
[www.HillsboroughBeautificationFoundation.org](http://www.HillsboroughBeautificationFoundation.org)*



*In 1905 George A. Newhall built an historic home on this site. It was later sold to Frank W. Fuller Junior. Recently Betsy and Peter Chung lovingly recreated the home which previously stood on this landmark property. The Chungs worked to bring their updated backyard to life. Among the special features are a contemporary “green wall”, variety of fruit trees, wall espalier, and gorgeous giant magnolias. Larger planters continue the lush and diverse greenery throughout the nearly one and a half acre property.*

Hillsborough Beautification Foundation  
proudly celebrates 20 years!



Thank you for your generous support as we  
all strive to keep Hillsborough beautiful



## From the President

Dear Residents,

I am guessing many of you like me, thoroughly enjoyed the sunshine and warm temperatures during the month of February, as we hoped for rain in March. As I drove around Hillsborough with my windows rolled down I was reminded of all Hillsborough Beautification

Foundation has accomplished over the past 20 years. The beautiful yellow and white daffodils blooming in front of every school, Town Hall and many intersections made me smile. Street islands were being refreshed with new plants and fresh mulch, the new entrance signs as I drove into Hillsborough were clean and visible, and the trees at Crossroads Park and many islands were being pruned.

Since its inception in 1998 Hillsborough Beautification Foundation has improved, maintained and supported over 144 sites in Hillsborough. None of this would have been possible without the enormous commitment and dedication of our volunteers, coupled with the generous support of thousands of residents.

As HBF proudly celebrates its 20th year our new vision and mission statements will continue to be our inspiration: "Hillsborough Beautification Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for our community by enhancing the beauty of our public landscape, encouraging community engagement and civic pride."

Our Projects Committee is led by Letty Callinan and Vicky Lowdon and has 17 diligent working members. This group shares its level of expertise and knowledge of trees, shrubs, plants and landscaping as they collaboratively work with the Town, School District, Associated Parents' Group, Hillsborough Police Department and neighborhood groups to enhance the beauty of our public landscape. The Project Committee coordinates, prioritizes, bids and maintains all HBF projects.

Current projects include the beautifying of the Walnut Street parking lot across from Town Hall, phase 2 of West School front entrance, and refreshing Vista Park and Windsor Island.

Our Development Committee, chaired by Amy Bick and Ruth Wisnom, hosted our largest event of the year "Light Up the Town" on November 30th. Hundreds of Hillsborough families gathered for the annual lighting of Town Hall and were treated to arts and crafts, food, music, and a visit from Santa.

The Development Committee has 28 incredibly energetic and dedicated members who do more than fundraise for HBF. Every November they organize and plant hundreds of daffodil bulbs throughout Town. They recently honored our Major Donors at a lovely party in Agatha and Anthony Precourt's beautiful home and garden. Currently they are working on our annual Celebrate May! event being held on May 3rd.

Harvest Garden, led by Lennie Gotcher and Yannick Rochester and 40 committee members, had its most successful year ever. They supervised over 500 volunteers many of them students working on community service and produced 1500 pounds of organic produce that was donated to local food banks. Harvest Garden has an intern program and Sunday workshops between 2-4pm that are open to the public. Come by and join in the fun; you are guaranteed to leave the garden happier than when you arrived and you will learn about organic and sustainable gardening.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to HBF we couldn't accomplish all that we do without your generous support. I hope to see you at Celebrate May!

Warm regards,

*Mary Ellen Benninger*  
Co-President

# 2018 HBF AWARDS

## 2018 Community Volunteer of The Year

The Award for 2018 will be presented to an original Founding Trustee of HBF who has supported and volunteered for 20 years.



**TORI HAZELRIG** is the current co-President of the HBF Board of Trustees, having served many terms and held various positions during the years since HBF's inception. Her role as the first Nominating Chair set the high quality standard for subsequent boards.

## 2018 Professional Volunteer of The Year

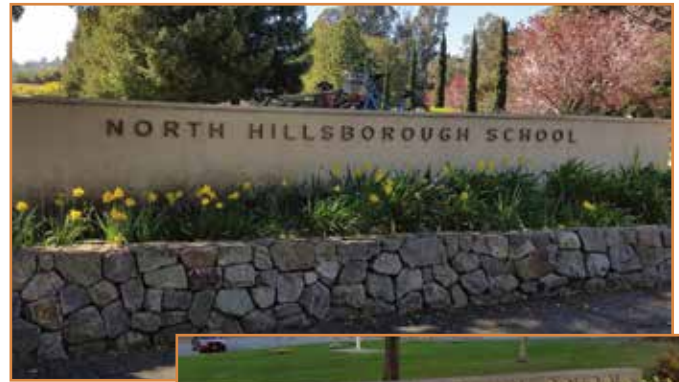
This award is given to an individual or company that has gone far beyond the parameters of a contract or job description to assist HBF in beautifying our community.



**STEVE WILLETT**, Timberline Tree Service, has not only fulfilled contract obligations at the highest level but has consulted and assisted with installation problems, answered last minute calls for help with unexpected issues, all without charging extra fees. Steve has shown care and enthusiasm to create the best possible result for HBF Projects.



## *Hillsborough is coming up Daffodils!*



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## Major Donor Party

The Major Donor Party, which is given each Spring to show our appreciation for our Founding Friends and Major Donors who give over \$1000 annually to HBF, was held at the lovely home of Anthony and Agatha Precourt. The guests, entering through a courtyard covered by gorgeous blossoming trees, were greeted by the members of the Development Committee who served hors d'oeuvres while their husbands volunteered as the bartenders for the party. It was a very special evening and HBF hopes you can join us next year!



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Letty Callinan	Eric Nyhus
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## Honorary Founding Trustees

Tori Hazelrig	Janet Morris
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## Development Committee

Chair Emeritus, Ruth Wisnom

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Co-Chair, Letty Callinan

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## Harvest Garden

Garden Co-Chair, Yannick Rochester

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Master Garden Liaison, Lennie Gotcher

Joni Amaroli	Christine Grieve	Pam Nicholas
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## Sweet Potatoes in the Garden

Sweet Potatoes in the Harvest Garden were a new experiment this past year. The plants were started from slips and yielded over 20 pounds of potatoes!



*This year a daffodil was planted in the Centennial Garden for each Major Donor to Hillsborough Beautification Foundation with our sincere appreciation for the support*

