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Celebrate May! 2019

Tuesday, May 2nd

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Enjoy the beautiful garden, Specialty Boutiques, Plant Boutique
Morning Coffee & Pastries, Raffle Prizes

Presentation of HBF's 2019 Annual Volunteer Awards

Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased online at:
www.HillsboroughBeautificationFoundation.org

This year's garden is part of a French country manor house that was built in 1931 by architect Lewis P. Hobart, known in San Francisco for his work implementing the design of Grace Episcopal Cathedral on Nob Hill. The beautiful grounds of this two-acre estate were designed by John McLaren, designer of Golden Gate Park. In 1925, an authentic Spanish garden was installed in the western garden, the remaining fountain can be seen today. Other original portions of the garden still exist including the Sycamore trees in the back garden and other statues.

Enhancing the beauty of our public landscape,
encouraging community engagement and civic pride

2019 HBF VOLUNTEER AWARDS



Our COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD is selected for devoted and innovative service to HBF and its mission. This year's award recipient KATHY CEREMSAK exemplifies those qualities, having served as Treasurer of the Board for 9 years. As a long-time CPA with Price Waterhouse, Kathy's skills and experience brought HBF's accounting procedures and reports to the highest level of professionalism.

In addition to working with HBF board members and committees, donors and the Town, Kathy has volunteered with numerous non-profits in San Mateo County. Kathy Ceremsak is a role model for all volunteers.



PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARD is given to a person who goes far beyond a job description or contract to assist HBF in fulfilling its mission. Our recently retired Chief of Police, MARK O'CONNOR, epitomizes those qualities.

For the 20 years since HBF's founding, Mark has quietly coordinated our efforts and assisted our volunteers with special events, projects and unexpected calamities. We have often learned, after the fact, about his problem solving and aid during off hours and holidays. Mark has been indispensable to the success of Hillsborough Beautification Foundation.



From the President

The winter rains along with our weekly maintenance and blooming daffodils have made our parks, road islands, schools and town entrances look great. Once the rain subsides work will begin at Crossroads Park, Vista Park, Wedgewood and Black Mountain island, and a new island at the corner of Richmond and Roblar Avenue. Thank you for your continuous and generous support to Hillsborough Beautification Foundation it allows us to accomplish our mission.

Mary Ellen Benninger, President HBF

Crossroads Park to Implement Green Infrastructure



Crossroads Park drainage issue

Green infrastructure (GI) is an approach to stormwater management that protects, restores, or mimics the natural water cycle to slow down and clean stormwater, and to keep it from overwhelming the Town's stormwater systems. Incorporating GI design into home landscaping and in the community can be a simple and cost-effective way to improve water quality and reduce the impacts of localized flooding in Hillsborough. Examples of GI design measures include bioswales, pervious pavement, rainwater harvesting, and minimizing hardscape.

As part of the improvements at Crossroads Park, Hillsborough Beautification Foundation is incorporating the design of small infiltration trenches to both treat and retain stormwater runoff. From the surface, these trenches will look like decorative rock areas. But these trenches actually serve a dual purpose as surface runoff from paved areas will drain into these trenches and infiltrate through the soil before entering the Town's stormwater system. Additionally, the park's existing pervious features such as decomposed granite pathways, trees, and natural ground cover and plantings all support the goals of GI.

St. Patrick's Day potato planting in Harvest Garden



North Preschool planting potatoes



LIVE MORE SUSTAINABLY – TAKE UP GARDENING!

Reduce your carbon footprint by growing some of your own food. Growing, rearing, farming, processing, transporting, storing, cooking and disposing of the food you eat produces about 8 tons of greenhouse gasses per US household per year.

Come and learn about organic, edible gardening at the Harvest Garden and give back to the community at the same time. Everyone interested is welcome to come to a Summer Season Kick-Off Meeting, Thursday May 9 at 1 pm. Contact Yannick Rochester (yrochester@aol.com) or Lennie Gotcher (lenniego@gmail.com) for more information.



We are now recruiting for summer interns!
Visit www.hillsboroughharvestgarden.org for more information



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