



JUNE 2020 FARM VISIT
Harrison Farms
16170 County Road 97A Woodland, CA 95695
THU, JUNE 18 | 8am-12pm and SAT, JUNE 20 | 8am-12pm

Dear Artists and Supporters,

Acres of bright, happy sunflowers: that's the first thing you see after you drive a half a mile down the private road to Harrison Farms. But there's even more to experience even further down the road. The pond surrounded by ancient oaks (complete with a rope swing and canoe, of course) and home to the water fowl and wildlife it attracts. Beyond the pond are acres of walnut orchards that stretch to the west and finally meet up with Cache Creek.



This is just a fraction of what to explore at Karen and Mark Harrison's 240-acre property. The farm has been in Mark's step-grandfather's family since the 1930s (formally known as Burr Ranch) and Mark and Karen moved here in 2006. It was, according to Karen, "just dirt" and farmed to the margins, with the exception of the heritage oaks and black walnuts. Since then, they have focused on both growing crops and habitat restoration. "My husband had a vision of combining habitat and wilderness with a farming operation and I think we have been able to achieve that."



With planted habitat corridors in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Yolo Land Trust (who have an easement here), the Harrisons have been able to maintain the land's almost rugged and wild state while growing row crops and walnuts. They are currently experimenting with the Mullers on growing seed crops such as kale, mazuna and cilantro.



They have a rambling family garden and fruit orchard where they are constantly planting new additions. They just finished putting in avocado trees and a heritage apple orchard with English varieties from the 1400s. A busy flock of sheep and chickens add to the family farm ambience

The outbuildings were all rebuilt with the original wood from the old barn, which blew down in 2005. It's an example of the thoughtfulness here, of bringing the old back into the new which gives

this farm a definitive sense of balance with nature. It is truly 'its own world', with a touch of wildness and the many native plants they propagate and grow. Perfect Swainson's hawk and barn owl habitat, with quail bush, wild rose, and matilija poppies along the habitat corridor where you can find shaded areas and clearings with Persian and Turkish oaks besides their native California cousins.

There is a lot to see here, but keep an eye out for snakes and wear closed toe shoes. There are very active beehives around the sunflowers. The family dog, "JD" may show an interest in greeting everyone and then resume his post.



To Our Art and Ag Artists,

Once again, to ensure everyone's safety, **YoloArts Greeters** are taking the following precautions:

- We will be wearing face coverings
- We will practice 6' social distancing
- We will check each artist off the RSVP list and ensure that no equipment (clipboard, pen and paper) is shared.

Just as importantly, we are asking **artists** to take the following precautions

- Upon check-in, remain in your car (provide visual confirmation of possession of face covering)
- Wear face coverings while interacting (at a safe distance) with other artists and using restrooms.
- Use restrooms when absolutely necessary. Wash hands.
- Stay at home if you are feeling sick

If you have specific questions not addressed here or on our website please feel free to contact us. We will keep you updated on any changes.

PORTA POTTY AVAILABLE - THANK YOU! HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!

RSVP is required for this event.

Email Janice Purnell at jpurnell@yoloarts.org to RSVP. Include in the email your name and the day you will attend.

Directions to Harrison Farms

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***Your GPS may take you to Rd 97. Look for Rd 97A. After you turn onto Rd 97A (from Rd 20) go one mile and look on the left for mailboxes with the number 16170. Just after the mailboxes look for Art and Ag sign and turn left (west) onto private paved road. Go another .5 mile until you see sunflowers (pass the one story gray house and solar panel).**

Thursday Greeter is Nancy Muller 530-304-1902
Saturday Greeter is Janice Purnell 530-908-4321

We look forward to seeing you on the farm!

THANK YOU CAPAY VALLEY LAVENDER!



Purple Paradise

What a glorious two days among the lavender fields! Thank you to Sherri and Richard for being such wonderful hosts to over 60 artists who came out to experience your beautiful farm and wonderful lavender products. Such a treat for all the senses!

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