



## MARCH 2021 FARM VISIT

Oliver Farms, Woodland

16634 County Road 98, Woodland, CA

THU, MAR 25 | 8am-12pm and SAT, MAR 27 | 8am-12pm

### *Dear Artists and Supporters,*

Our visit to Oliver Farms features the opportunity to step back in time, with multiple structures that tell the story of the farm long before Sally Oliver moved there over half a century ago.

Born and raised in Woodland, Sally married her husband George right out of high school. When George returned from the Korean War, he and his family purchased the farm and Sally recalls, "we got this beautiful historic home." The two-story house was built in 1902 by the Lowes family who raised horses which were sold to the San Francisco Fire Dept. The house is on the Yolo County Historic Resource Survey and you can still see the original horse and buggy path in front of the house from the turn of the last century.

Other buildings include a bunk house "where the hired hands slept and earned \$1 a day." The tank house-where the well still sits- an almond processing barn, tractor barn, and a variety of old farm equipment dots the landscape. All of these structures are surrounded by what remains of the original grove of olive trees and native oaks.

At one point, the land was covered with almond trees and farmed by Sally and her husband as part of a larger family operation, while raising four daughters in the historic house. And for 20 years Sally travelled to the San Francisco Ferry Building where she was known as the beloved 'Nut Lady' selling their Yolo grown almonds, walnuts and pistachios.

The almond trees are now long gone, and her husband passed away two years ago. She now leases the land to Colin Muller who transformed it into a certified organic farm, producing radish seeds and curly chard among other rotating row crops. "The gift of this rich ag land that Yolo County has should be so honored," says Sally, "It's got rich soil and water - that doesn't happen in very many places in the world."



Sally is also a landscape painter who has participated in Art Farm throughout the years. That's one reason for her to welcome artists onto her land. But there's another: the future of her farm is now in doubt. A flood protection project would build a proposed levee which will cut through the middle of her property "making the land impossible to farm," she says, "It will eliminate my income." She and her family are fighting the project and its eminent domain over her property, but success is by no means assured.



Sally wants artists to visit her property now so that they can archive its beauty through their paintings and photographs. "I'd like the artists to see it through their own eyes, and to feel nurtured by its history."



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## To Our Art and Ag Artists,

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.

**RESTROOM AVAILABLE - THANK YOU! HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!**

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## Thank You Rominger Farms

Thank you Scott Rominger and family for hosting the artists in February. The artists enjoyed capturing the promise of new beginnings among the endless canopy of blossoms.



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**Now Showing at Gallery 625,  
Woodland, through March 30**

**THE GOOD EARTH:  
Farms and Fields from California to**

## Cape Town

*Drawings and paintings by Margaret Eldred*

Drawing from her travels abroad and in Yolo County, Eldred's work represents farming in many cultures and it all its phases.

Right: *Hilltop View (Yolo County)* Acrylic on canvas



## Oliver Farms on Google Maps

### Oliver Farms

**16634 County Road 98, Woodland, CA. 95695**

NOTE: The farm is located NORTH of Main Street in Woodland just past Kentucky Ave. (Rd 98 changes names to Hwy 16 at Main Street. The farm is on the west side of the road)  
Look for Art and Ag Sign.

**Thursday Greeter is Nancy Muller 530-304-1902**

**Saturday Greeter is Janice Purnell 530-908-4321**

**RESTROOM will be available.**

**RSVP [jpurnell@yoloarts.org](mailto:jpurnell@yoloarts.org)**

**and indicate which DAY you plan to attend.**

## Save the Date

**14th annual Art Farm Gala**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021**

Whether virtual or in-person, we hope you will participate in Art Farm 2021. This event promises to highlight your outstanding artwork, delicious local fare, and homegrown love for the farmlands that we treasure.

Image: Karen Fess-Uecker, *Evening Harvest*, Oil on canvas, Art Farm 2020



**ART FARM GALA**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2021 WOODLAND, CA**

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