



JUNE 2021 FARM VISIT

A WORLD OF SUNFLOWERS

Elkhorn Basin Ranch, West Sacramento

15124 County Road 117 West Sacramento, CA 95691

THU, JUNE 17 | 8am-12pm and SAT, JUNE 19 | 8am-12pm

Dear Artists and Supporters,

As you drive down County Road 117 off the Old River Road you will see an unexpected sight: Over 400 continuous acres of sunflowers. They are all the more remarkable because when we last visited Elkhorn Basin Ranch in 2018, it had just begun to recover from a devastating flood that ruined 90% of their mature walnut orchards. Now, three years later, sunflowers represent a rebirth for the farm. And what a rebirth it is! Rows of flowers as far as the eye can see from the levee to the east all the way to the western perimeter of the property. Farm manager, Ricardo Garcia describes it as "a world of sunflowers."

Ricardo and his father Jose nearly gave up after the flood. But they made a decision to carry on and to replace the walnuts with rotating row crops. "After what my father and I have been through it's exciting for us to start something new. There's a lot of work to it but sunflowers have a quicker turn around - we plant in March and harvest in August/September."

The early morning is a great time for artists to come out. "Sunflowers really do follow the sun and it will be in a perfect spot this time of year with the sun behind the artists and the sunflowers facing them," says Ricardo.

Come see the sunflowers on the restored Elkhorn Basin Ranch owned by the Yolo Land Trust and leased to Don Beeman and to Garcia Farms. And with the ground now in row crops you will also see the sophisticated drip irrigation Don Beeman has installed for better water conservation on the farm.

NOTE TO ARTISTS: Check-in at the Garcia's shop headquarters which is near the end of the 4-mile drive down County Road 117. You may access the dirt roads in between the sunflowers or set up on the levee for an elevated perspective. Please be aware of bees.



Thanks in advance to the Garcia family, Don Beeman, and Art & Ag Project partner, the Yolo Land Trust, which has one simple and vital mission: to conserve farmland in Yolo County.



Elkhorn Basin Ranch Directions

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15124 County Road 117 West Sacramento, CA 95691

Thursday Greeter is Nancy Muller 530-304-1902

Saturday Greeter is Janice Purnell 530-908-4321

Portapotty available at farm headquarters near end of road

To RSVP the DAY you would like to attend email: jpurnell@yoloarts.org



Rhonda Egan's Painting Demo

It was fascinating to view Rhonda Egan's palette knife painting process at Art and Ag's first Zoom painting demo in May. Check out the finished painting inspired by a scene from Citrona Farms in Winters. Thanks for sharing your 'tips of the trade' with us Rhonda!



SUPER TIME AT CITRONA FARMS!

Over 100 painters and photographers came out to take in the beauty of Citrona Farms in May. We are grateful to our hosts Sarah and Dan Hrdy for welcoming the artists and sharing your enthusiasm for farming AND for art with us!



Painting by Richard Yang



Photo by Ari Hoover



Courtesy YoloArts

LOST AND FOUND

A pendant was found on Citrona Farms on Saturday, May 22. Please contact ya@yoloarts.org for more information.

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 in close proximity to 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.

CALL FOR ART

YoloArts invites you to enter our 14th annual Art Farm Exhibition!

NEW DATES AND DEADLINES!

August 25: Art Entry and Delivery Deadline

Sept 9: Art Farm Opening Reception

Oct 16: Art Farm Gala

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SAVE THE DATE

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

YoloArts is pleased to announce we will be holding our annual Art Farm Gala at the historic Gibson House & Property in Woodland. This daytime event will include an Art Harvest, silent auction and individual picnic boxes to enjoy 'alfresco' style among the old growth olive trees and native oaks.

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



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