



## JULY 2021 FARM VISIT

Clos Cavanis Farm, Woodland

39169 County Road 15 Woodland, CA 95695

THU, JULY 22 | 8am-12pm and SAT, JULY 24 | 8am-12pm

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### Dear Artists and Supporters,

Preserving history is important to Van and Catherine Overhouse. That explains why they spent the last two decades bringing their 1868 Victorian Italianate home back to life. "We saved the house" says Van who recently completed repainting the exterior- which took 2 years working 40 hours a week - the final stage in the restoration.

It was a demanding project, scraping the old paint and repairing the damaged wood in an effort to "keep it original". Van took apart the moldings around each window (77 pieces in total), refinished them and put them back together exactly as they were. "There is definitely a feeling of accomplishment to preserve the beauty of the house and I am happy that this is something we can leave for posterity, to pass it on." says Van.

Said to be the most ornate of the Italianate homes in the county, the home was originally known as The Morris House, homesteaded by Asa Morris, who was a "leading farming pioneer" of his time and also served as county supervisor. The home stayed in the Morris family all these years until the Overhouses purchased it in 1995. They renamed it CLOS CAVANIS. *Cavanis* made from letters from their names. As Catherine explained, "CA for Catherine, VAN, for my husband's name and IS for Isabelle, our daughter's name."

The house is set in the middle of 80 acres of prime farmland, 69 of which are leased by Aoki Farms currently used for growing tomatoes. Although Van spent years in the tech industry, he is no stranger to farming himself. He is the 4th generation of a farming family from Winters and he farmed in Capay Valley for a time. When they decided to return to Yolo County from Los Gatos, they wanted to return to the country, but not too far away. "This is a perfect location for us because it's quiet but not too far from town." says Van.

Catherine, originally from Marseilles, also had a



hand in the home's renovation working with Bradbury and Bradbury in Benicia to select Victorian style wallpaper found in each room that exquisitely matches the historical spirit of the house.

Their work and dedication to this labor of love has created an oasis of quiet elegance on this property, combining the historic architecture with the beauty of nature, including Swainson hawks and California quail. The home is surrounded by a variety of trees including Gray and Aleppo Pines, mulberry, and native olive trees. It is also flanked by other original and renovated structures including a carriage house, pump house, and the beautiful redwood horse barn (where their daughter was married). Artists are welcome to set up anywhere on the property to paint and photograph.



## Clos Cavanis Directions

### Clos Cavanis **39169 County Road 15 Woodland, CA 95695**

They are the first driveway on Road 15. Enter through gate

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

Restroom facilities available

**RSVP: [jpurnell@yoloarts.org](mailto:jpurnell@yoloarts.org) and indicate which DAY you will attend.**  
**\*\*Face coverings recommended for artists who are not fully vaccinated \*\***

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### A WORLD OF SUNFLOWERS AT ELKHORN BASIN

An abundance of 'sunnies' and sunshine greeted artists in June at Elkhorn Basin Ranch in West Sacramento. Many thanks to our kind hosts, Ricardo Garcia and family, for welcoming us.



Photo by Wayne Hopkins



Photo by Debra Gonella



Photo by Don Vanderloo

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## CALL FOR ART

We can't wait to see what you have in store for this year's 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

CALL FOR ART +



## 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 delicious tacos and salsas by Las Brasas Catering. Also featuring food tastings from local farms and the finest Yolo wines 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



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

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