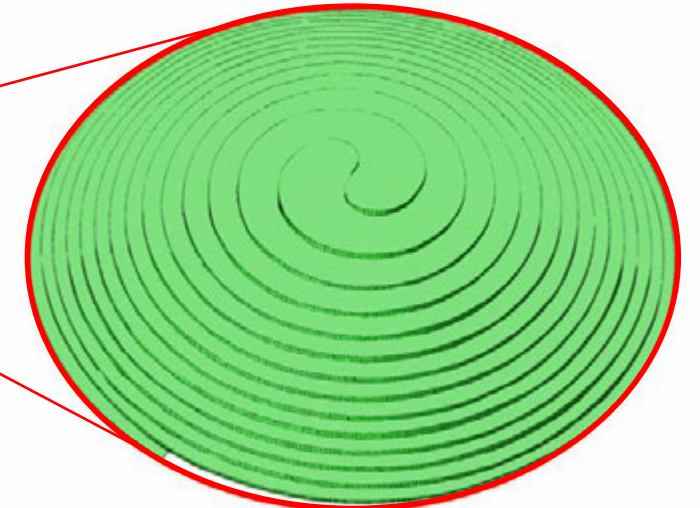
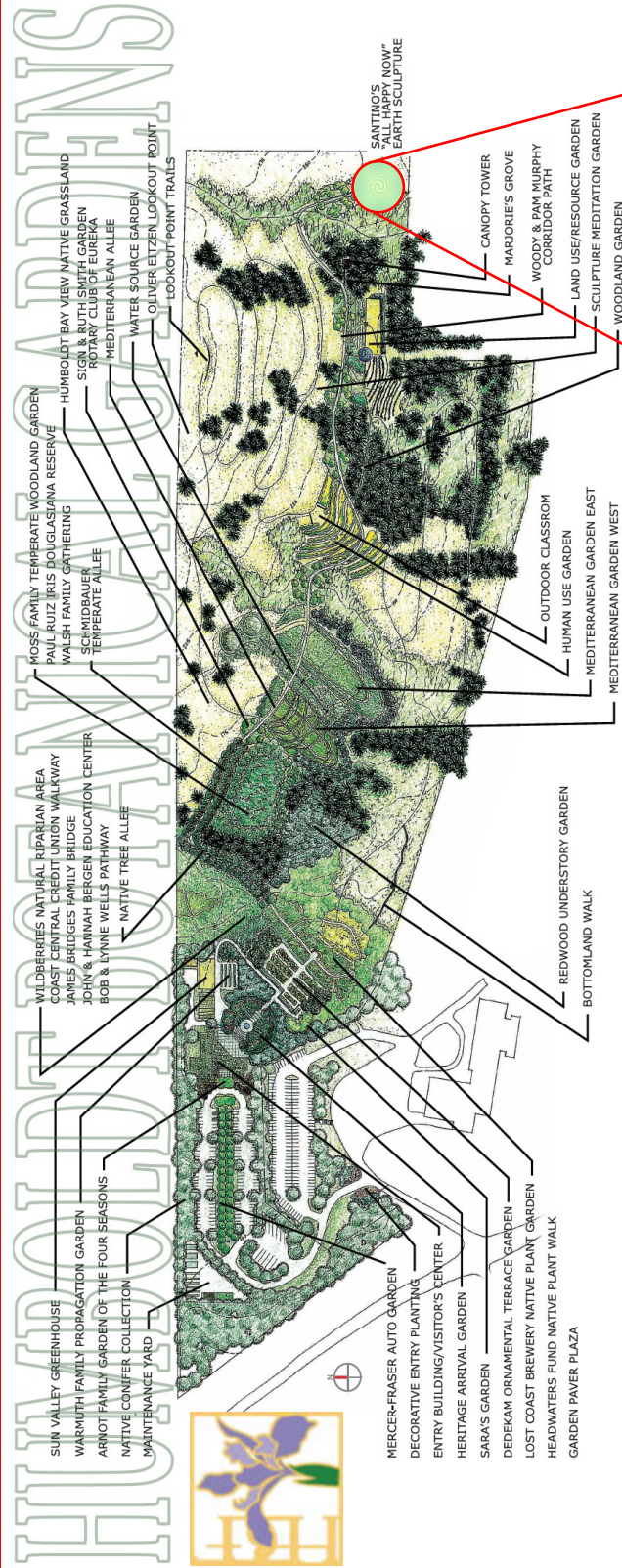


HUMBOLDT BOTANICAL GARDENS



ALL HAPPY NOW

Fourth generation local artist, **Peter Santino**, graduated from Eureka High School in 1966 and left in the early 1970s to pursue a career in the art world; living and working 4 years in Seattle, 10 years in Manhattan, and 3 years in Italy before returning to his hometown with his wife and two children. Since the return to Eureka, nearly all of his art exhibitions have been in Europe, and in 2001 Santino created a double spiral ziggurat of earth and grass for an international sculpture exhibition entitled **Sonsbeek 9** in Arnhem, The Netherlands. **Queen Beatrix** of The Netherlands attended the opening and Santino had the opportunity to meet with her and chat about the work, a smaller **All Happy Now**. Home from that trip, Santino saw an article about the nascent Humboldt Botanical Gardens and decided to pursue the dream of making a larger version, closer to his original vision of the ziggurat, here locally. After extensive planning and fundraising, ground was broken in 2004 and with the help of HBGF staff and many volunteers, the dream was realized in the spring of 2008.

The **All Happy Now** construction within the **Humboldt Botanical Gardens** is a 100' diameter, earth and grass ziggurat composed of two slowly rising and expanding spiral ramps. Santino's design is derived from an equation created by the French mathematician, **Pierre de Fermat** (1601-1665) and called, quite likely enough, The Spiral of Fermat. Use of 3D computer software allowed that simple equation to be extruded into the design for the earthwork.

Realized primarily as sculpture, a work of art to be observed, **All Happy Now** may also be walked on in the manner of the meditation labyrinths found throughout the world. Walking barefoot along its slowly rising ramps and feeling the balanced symmetry of the *yin-yang* design aid in the goal of it becoming:

A Machine for the Creation of Personal Happiness.

In 2017, the aging redwood bender board was replaced with Corten steel and funding for these much needed upgrades to **All Happy Now** is being raised through contributions. You can help maintain and improve this wonderful project! Individuals who donate to the project under the HBGF umbrella receive the benefit of a charitable tax deduction to the extent allowed by law. Checks should be made payable to HBGF and sent to:

HBGF – All Happy Now
PO Box 6117
Eureka, CA 95502

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Photo: Luciano Santino

Fall of 2004
Looking South after initial grading.



Summer of 2005
Basic layout and installation of redwood bender board.

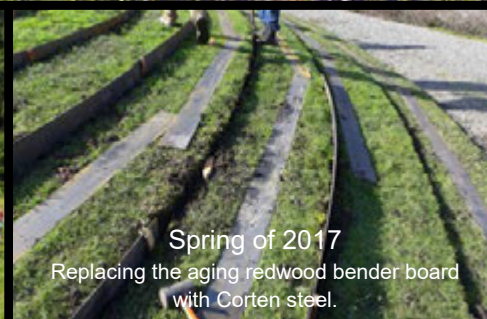


Fall of 2007
The project seeded and ready for growth.



All Happy Now, 100' diameter ziggurat of earth, grass and Corten steel, Peter Santino, 2008

Humboldt Botanical Gardens, Eureka, CA



Spring of 2017
Replacing the aging redwood bender board with Corten steel.

