



## ALL HAPPY NOW

Fourth generation local artist **Peter Santino**, graduated from Eureka High School in 1966 and left in the early 1970's to pursue a career in the art world, spending 4 years in Seattle, 10 years in New York City, and 3 years in Italy before returning to his hometown in 1993.

Since his return to Eureka, nearly all of his exhibiting has been in Europe, and in 2001 he created a double spiral ziggurat of earth and grass for an international sculpture exhibition entitled Sonsbeek 9 in Arnhem, The Netherlands. According to Santino, "The ziggurat had been a plan of mine for some years with the first renderings going back to 1997." The earthwork was designed to be temporary and existed in the Sonsbeek Park from June of 2001 until the fall of that year.

**Queen Beatrix** of the Netherlands attended the opening and Santino had the chance to meet her and chat about the work. "In all, quite a positive experience for a local boy," remarked Santino.

The "**All Happy Now**" construction within the Humboldt Botanical Gardens will be a 100' diameter earth and grass ziggurat composed of two slowly rising and expanding spiral ramps. Santino's design is derived from an equation brought forth by the French mathematician, Pierre de Fermat (1601-1665) and called, quite likely enough, The Spiral of Fermat. Rather than a sculptural object only to be observed, "**All Happy Now**" is intended to be walked on in the manner of the meditation labyrinths found in churches and cathedrals. Its slowly rising ramps and balanced symmetry of the "yin yang" design aid in the goal of it being "a machine for creating personal happiness."

The entire \$35,000 project cost for construction and purchase of the earthwork, "**All Happy Now**" is being raised through contributions.

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:

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"All Happy Now", Sonsbeek, 2001  
66' diameter ziggurat of earth, grass and Corten steel  
As realized for Sonsbeek 9, Arnhem, Netherlands.  
Photo: Herman van Ommen



September 2004.  
Looking South towards 101 and Loleta Hill,  
soon after Woody Murphy had completed  
the initial grading.



Peter Santino and Jonathan Hughes,  
HSU Museum Studies Intern.

Photo: Karen Angel



Ron Lutsko,  
Landscape Architect for HBGF.



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November 2004  
Layout for the 100' diameter "All Happy Now".  
Beginning placement of the redwood bender board.

