

The Haven was planted in the spring of 2009 thanks to a generous donation from [Häagen-Dazs](#). Pollination is essential for the production of many of their ice cream ingredients; as they learned more about declining bee populations and bee health concerns, they sought a way to provide support for the entomologists working to address these issues. The Haven brought this vision to life.

Working in partnership, the [UC Davis Department of Entomology](#) and the [California Center for Urban Horticulture](#) (CCUH) developed the plan for realizing the vision of Häagen-Dazs. Led by Missy Gable of CCUH, the group (David Fujino, CCUH; Lynn Kimsey, UC Davis Entomology; Aaron Majors, Cagwin & Dorward Landscape Contractors; Diane McIntyre, Häagen-Dazs; Heath Schenker, UC Davis Environmental Design; Jacob Voit, Cagwin & Dorward Landscape Contractors; and Ellen Zagory, UC Davis Arboretum) developed and judged a design competition, garnered donations, and made the garden happen.

The winning garden design was created by the team of Sausalito-area landscape architects Donald Sibbett and Ann F. Baker; interpretative planner Jessica Brainard; and exhibit designer Chika Kurotaki. Although the physical layout of the garden has not changed, the Haven has been extensively replanted since its creation. View the original garden plan [here](#).

Garden artwork was created by students in Entomology 001: Art, Science, and the World of Insects. This course is part of the University's [Art/Science Fusion Program](#). The bee sculpture at the garden entrance, known as "Miss Bee Haven," was created by artist Donna Billick with installation funded by Wells Fargo. Area residents and school children created the panels for the sculpture's pedestal.

A grand opening celebration was held on September 11, 2010. The self-guided tour signs, placed in the garden in 2011, were created by biology teacher Sarah Huber. Davis Boy Scout Troop 111 added the fence in 2012 as Derek Tulley's Eagle Scout project. In 2013 the [Sacramento Bee](#) named the Haven one of the region's top ten public gardens.

In recognition of the many bee species that occur here, the garden was renamed the UC Davis Bee Haven in 2022. The garden is supported by donations, grants, and volunteers. We gratefully acknowledge their support.