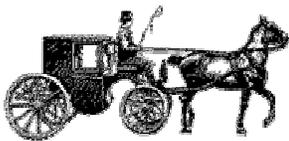


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### Directions:

Savannah-Chanelle is on Highway 9, about 4 miles east from Skyline Blvd., on the right. Or, coming from Saratoga, it is 3.3 miles from the village, on the left.

## SSA General Meeting

### *Ghosts in the Vineyard*

A historical adventure presented by the Skyline Historical Society and Speaker Janet Schwind



### **Savannah-Chanelle Vineyards**

23600 Congress Springs Road, Saratoga

**Sunday, October 17**

**12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.**

Join us at Savannah-Chanelle Vineyards for a **“Bring Your Own”** picnic lunch at noon. The historical program will start around 1:30 pm, followed by a short tour of the old homestead.

SSA will provide spiced cider, soft drinks, and bottled water.

Meet some of the characters who trod the path up from Saratoga to Skyline that we now know as Highway 9 - Indians, timber cutters, French immigrants, hikers, feuding road builders and wine makers.

The Skyline Historical Society is currently working on a book about the history of our Skyline area and will share some very interesting historical information along with a short hike to the old homestead. The program is suitable for school age children.

Immigrants from the Haute Alps region of France established Savannah-Chanelle Vineyards over a century ago. One of the settlers, Pierre Pourroy (pictured at right with his wife Marie), created the vineyards by planting the first vine in 1892. Over the following decades, several varieties were added. Among them were Zinfandel in 1910, and in 1923 a Cabernet Franc that is the oldest of its kind in California. Today among the many offerings are several Pinot Noir selections.

Savannah-Chanelle has an interesting tasting room open every day from 11 am to 5 pm. A post-SSA meeting, no host tasting will be available for \$5.00, which is deducted from the price of any bottle of wine purchased.





## Quarterly Report

Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG) was formed as a benefit for SSA members in 1994. The contract with Amerigas was renewed in 1999, and again in May of 2004 for another five years. For information about joining the SPUG, or for members wishing to have current information on the Amerigas contract with SPUG, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request to Ruth Waldhauer, SSA Membership Chairperson, 22400 Skyline Boulevard, Box 35, La Honda, CA 94020.

SPUG prices are subject to change as frequently as wholesale prices change. Reported here are prices for the first week of the month. See [www.southskyline.org](http://www.southskyline.org) for recent updates.

Recent SPUG prices are:

June	\$1.40/gallon
July	\$1.23
August	\$1.31 at the beginning of the month, spiking to \$1.56 by mid-August
September	\$1.46 at the beginning of the month, \$1.43 at mid-month

Thankfully, Jay Stephens, the Amerigas market manager for much of California, was able to negotiate with the refineries and get our group price lowered from \$1.56/gallon to \$1.46/gallon. The open market price for propane is about \$3.00/gallon. Conserve!

Under the new contract members who are served by the Scotts Valley Amerigas office have the same price as members served by the San Jose office. Members 55 years of age or older qualify for a 5 cent/gallon discount in addition to the SPUG group price. Let Amerigas know should you qualify. Our SPUG rate is based on automatic regular route deliveries on a keep-full basis, not "will call" service.

### SSA Calendar

**General Meeting** – October 17,

Savannah-Chanelle

**Business Meetings at 7:15 pm:**

Thurs. October 14

Thurs. November 18

Thurs. December 16

(Call Pat Congdon for location and directions)

President Pat Congdon 650-941-9832

Editor Patti Begley 408-867-3973



## What Is Your SSA Board Doing?

These are the issues that the SSA Board of Directors have been dealing with during the last two quarters:

- ❑ Looked into the prescribed burn situation on Russian Ridge, invited a CDF representative to a meeting to describe the process and take questions from residents.
- ❑ Attempted to communicate and work with the CHP regarding control of motorcycle speed and noise on mountain roads.
- ❑ Re-negotiated the contract with Amerigas which has resulted in member prices which are as much as 50% below the open market, clarifying senior discount.
- ❑ Collection, tabulation, summary and publishing of a survey of SSA members regarding what they want from the organization, with decisions already reflecting those results. (For example, more History and Wildlife topics at General Meetings.)
- ❑ Published the Skyline newsletter with articles covering a wide range of mountain interests. This includes working with the South Skyline Emergency Preparedness Organization and the South Skyline Volunteer Rescue to encourage participation and disseminate information in Skyline inserts.
- ❑ Investigated possible sites for a Community Center, then abandoned the idea based on the community's lack of enthusiasm from the survey.
- ❑ Pursued the idea of SSA facilitating clean up of the area below the Vista Point across from Russian Ridge, through Cal Trans or Mid Pen.
- ❑ Looked into why Cal Trans can dump road materials and debris off the side of highways in a Scenic Corridor.
- ❑ Ongoing arrangement, insuring, hosting, and follow-up of General Meetings: Gardening program in the Spring at Fogarty Winery, Summer Picnic and Mountain Lion presentation at the Jaqua Ranch, and Fall History program at Savannah Chanelle Winery.
- ❑ Ongoing work to revise a few paragraphs in SSA By-Laws to reflect current conditions in geographical area and election procedures.
- ❑ Establishment of a Committee structure so the Board is not making every decision about every topic, but will look at research and options which Committees bring to the meetings. Includes forming a Program Committee to find interesting and timely General Meeting topics and speakers.
- ❑ Changed website host for a cheaper rate and more services, adding to the ease with which members and the Board can communicate.

Visitors are welcome to all Board meetings; please check the website for meeting dates. Meeting minutes and agendas are also on [www.southskyline.org](http://www.southskyline.org).

~Kris Smith, SSA Secretary

## SSA Board Nominations

It's that time of year again when the SSA Board starts looking for nominees for next year's Board. At the October board meeting, the SSA President will pick a nominating committee of three people to select nominees. The nominating committee will present their proposed nominations at the December Board meeting for approval. The slate will be published in the January Skylines and voted upon at the January general meeting.

Candidates must be willing to attend one board meeting a month and volunteer to help with other standing committees as needed. If you are an SSA member (paid dues this year), and have suggestions for an SSA Board member nominee, contact any SSA Board member, or Pat Congdon at 650-941-9832, or email Pat at rxfirec@aol.com.

### Are You Disenfranchised?

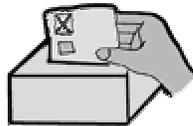
Election day is November 2. Make sure that you are properly registered so that your vote will be counted. Here in our mountain community, many have a mailing address that is different from their residence address. For instance, many use a post office box that gives no clue to their residence address. This is particularly important for those using an absentee ballot.

Check with the county to see that you are properly registered. In San Mateo County, you may access their website, [www.shapethefuture.org](http://www.shapethefuture.org), to confirm your registration on-line. This is particularly important when using an absentee ballot. Changes in registration information must be completed 15 days before the election. To receive voter information by the first mailing from the county on the upcoming election, they must have your correct mailing information 40 days before the election. Phone the elections manager for your county. Listed below are the phone numbers for each of the three counties in our SSA area.

San Mateo County  
650-312-5222

Santa Clara County  
408-299-8386

Santa Cruz County  
831-454-2060



#### Membership Reminder

If you haven't done so, please pay your 2004 SSA dues today. Send your \$15.00 check made payable to South Skyline Association to:

Ruth Waldhauer  
SSA Membership Chair  
22400 Skyline Blvd #35  
La Honda CA 94020

Your dues help to pay for the publication of "Skylines", speakers for SSA General Meetings, and other projects associated with the South Skylines community.

Thank you!

### Krauskopf Lands Preserved

Dr. Frances Conley, daughter of the late Konrad and Kathryn Krauskopf, donated a conservation easement to Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). She owns the property as surviving trustee of the Krauskopf Family Trust. The land, 191 acres of second-growth redwood, Douglas fir, oak and madrone forest, located just west of Skyline Boulevard and Highway 9 had been her parents' weekend retreat for 40 years.

"This is a gorgeous piece of land, a beautiful redwood forest," said Dr. Conley, former chief of staff at the veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System, and a professor of neurosurgery at the Stanford University School of Medicine. "My folks adored the land and felt it should remain the way it is, without big homes or high-rises. They wanted it to be their legacy. This easement assures that the land will be preserved forever and never developed."

The conservation easement, a voluntary legal agreement between the landowner and POST, restricts development and protects resources on the land, while allowing it to remain in private ownership.

POST President Audrey Rust welcomed the gift of the conservation easement, appraised at \$1.35 million. "The easement recognizes the family's longtime commitment to conservation," she said. "We hope their gift inspires others."

Konrad Krauskopf was a member of the Stanford faculty since 1939, then after 1976 as professor emeritus until his death in 2003. His was a lifetime of extraordinary achievement in both geology and geochemistry with many acclaimed books to his credit. Among the many honors during his long career, he was the recipient of Fulbright, Guggenheim and NSF fellowships for research study abroad.

Konrad Krauskopf and Richard H. Blum, a neighbor, in 1991 wrote a 10-page paper<sup>1</sup> about their explorations in the Oil Creek and Pescadero Creek area to find and date old timber mills, as a supplement to Frank Stanger's book, Sawmills in the Redwoods. They concluded that there was approximately one old mill per square mile in this densely forested area. Among the sites located were several mills probably belonging to the Hubbard and Carmichael Co., (1890s-1911) including their tramway from Pescadero Creek to the old Toll Road. They also documented the Gibson Shingle Mill on Krauskopf's own property.

~Ruth Waldhauer

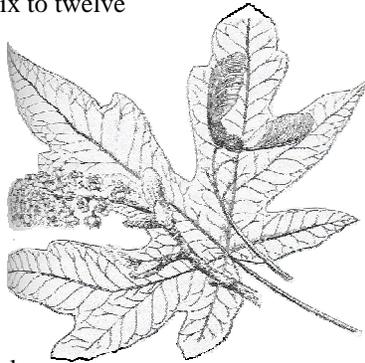
<sup>1</sup>The entire Krauskopf/Blum article on timber mills can be found in the San Mateo Historical Society archives.

# Bigleaf Maples Sweeten Skyline

Bigleaf maples (*Acer macrophyllum*) are appropriately named. With diameters of six to twelve or even fourteen inches, their leaves are the largest of all maples anywhere.

The deciduous palmate leaves grow opposite in pairs. There are usually five lobes (occasionally three). The central lobe is narrow at the base, and then flares at the apex. Indentations (sinuses) extend to half of the lobe length. Margins are mostly smooth except for a few blunt teeth. Leaves are various shades of green and usually fuzzier (pubescent) on the underside. Red leaf stems (petioles) grow six to twelve inches long and exude a milky sap. Leaves appear in mid spring, then turn brown or yellow in late summer or fall before dropping off.

Flowers appear at about the same time as the leaves. They form yellow pendant clusters (racemes) attractive to bees. Individual blooms have five petals, five separate sepals, and are usually bisexual. The two-chambered ovary ripens into a two-winged fruit called a samara. The tawny, hairy samaras grow one and one half to two inches long, ripening in October to December. As the fruits drop, the two wings split apart and the wind disperses them away from the tree. The seeds germinate later that winter. While seeds do not remain viable for more than a few months, saplings are persistent – waiting for a disturbance to bring in light and begin their rapid growth.



Bigleaf maples grow 60 to 100 feet tall and can live 150 to 300 years. Trunks start out greenish brown and smooth, then change to gray or black and deeply ridged with age.

The trees grow in two forms. In open situations, they are relatively short with a broad crown. A good example is at the southeast corner of Hwy 9 and Skyline. In dense stands, however, trunks grow clear of branches one third to one half of the way up. The crown is short and narrow.

Bigleaf maples grow from Alaska to southern California below 5000 feet. They are riparian, growing along streams, but are also found in canyons and even dry, rocky slopes. Maples are flood-tolerant, having numerous shallow roots. When burned or cut, they can grow back from the stump, forming multiple trunks.

Bigleaf maples are ecologically and historically important. Deer browse their leaves. Bees eat the nectar and pollen from their flowers. Squirrels, chipmunks, finches, grosbeaks, and rodents eat their seeds. Many species of birds use their leaves

and seed stalks in nest building. Native Americans used the bark for rope and turned the hardwood into bowls, utensils, and canoe paddles.

And yes, although not commercially viable, the sap may be used to make maple syrup.

~Sarah Schoen

## Bird Banding, Not Collecting

A children's poster contest is part of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society's Wildlife Education Day. To entice school children to enter, volunteers go into the schools and talk about John James Audubon, what makes a bird native and how their habitats are so important. John James Audubon was born in France in 1780 and through his paintings, many people became more aware of nature and its beauty. During the 1800's people didn't take pictures of birds, they collected them by shooting them. Many Victorians had vast collections of birds, butterflies and insects. When whole dead birds started showing up on women's hats, many outraged citizens banded together to form the Audubon Society to prevent more birds from being killed and to protect their habitats. Many collections still in existence today have examples of Passenger Pigeons, Ivory-billed Woodpeckers and other extinct species. Luckily scientists since have not wasted these birds' lives and have used many collections in research.

Luckily, times have changed. We went to the Point Reyes National Seashore and visited the Palomarin Field Station for Conservation Science where we saw a bird banding demonstration. This organization has been banding birds since 1966 to gain knowledge of birds, their migration and other habits. In 1980, bird researchers set up protocols for everyone worldwide who was researching bird behavior to follow. Instead of shooting the birds, they use fine mist nets set up in 14 different locations in two distinct habitats. The nets are set up 15 minutes after sunrise and taken down 6 hours later and are checked every 30 minutes. Charts on skull development and other rules for aging birds hang on walls all over the banding lab. Data collected is written in a binder and transferred into computers. We hiked the mist net trail but no birds had been trapped. While listening to our docent describe the banding process, an intern returned with a Fox Sparrow from one of the nets. He/she (as it is impossible to tell by feathering of this specie) was aged (hatch year) weighed, measured, banded and released. What a privilege to see such a beautiful bird up close and know that it would be released shortly. The bird made no noise during the examination, but as soon as it was released, let forth a loud "chip". We all translated it as "I'm outta here!"

For information on visiting the Palomarin Field Station visit [prbo.org](http://prbo.org) or call 415/868-0655 and for information on the SCVAS Poster Contest and Wildlife Education Day visit [www.scvas.org](http://www.scvas.org) or call 408/252-3747.

~ Freddy Howell  
Wild Bird Center, Los Gatos

# Take a Hike . . .



## Hiking Skyline Ridge and Long Ridge Open Space Preserves With a Devil's Canyon Side Trip

Here is a walk that features two ponds, a lovely view of the Pescadero coastline, a chestnut orchard and a sandstone cave. Although the hike is not long (approx. 6 miles), you are continuously walking over ridge tops and down into the adjacent valleys. Thus, this hike is classified as moderately hard because with five ridges being traversed, the total elevation gain is significant. Most of the trail is in the trees, which provide shade, but there are several uphill stretches that are exposed. So bring plenty of water and a lunch (or some healthy snacks at least) to help you comfortably complete this hike.

Park at the large Russian Ridge OSP lot on the north side of Alpine Rd. at its intersection with Skyline Blvd. Pass under Alpine Rd. through the large culvert-like tunnel and take the trail to the right for a loop of Alpine Pond. Enjoy the walk around the pond because it is one of the few flat places in which you will walk today. Keep an eye out for critters both in and out of the water.

Start up the hill and take the Skyline Ridge Trail to the right. After about a half-mile you will have left MROSD's Skyline facilities and you will start getting beautiful views of the coastline to the west and the lands between. Butano Ridge always seems to dominate the western landscape when seen from the trails south of Alpine Rd. At this point you are walking along a portion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail and you will follow this trail, with the exception of one side trip, until the end of the hike. The first bench is a good spot for a water break. Keep your eyes open for raptors and turkey vultures as the trail winds through some rocks; there is a good updraft at this location on the ridge. There are some safety cables here to make your passage safer which is a good idea because the views just keep getting better. After 1 mile, the trail winds to the east and heads down toward the Skyline Ridge parking lot. Next, follow the signs to Horseshoe Lake and go around this pond to the south. Stopping at one of the benches here is a good idea because the ridge-hopping starts in earnest shortly hereafter. Horseshoe Lake is a stop for migrating birds and usually a few ducks or coots can be seen.

As you continue from the south end of the lake, you can follow the footpath (trail) or take the dirt road (more direct) as you start up the next ridge. Now you are heading into an old Christmas Tree Farm, which MROSD has purchased and is changing back into native habitat. I found it rather interesting that in amongst the remaining fir and scotch pine Christmas trees there are also some giant sequoia trees including one rather large tree with a three-foot diameter base. As you hike down into the next valley and start up the next ridge you are exposed to the sun and may get a little hot. It's a good spot for a water or snack break as you reenter the douglas fir forest after about 3-1/2 miles of hiking.



Follow the trail for another half-mile through the forest and through a beautiful area of ferns and you come to a chestnut orchard featuring over twenty large trees that were planted by an old time Skyline resident around 60-years ago. There are several walnut trees as well. (Note: these trees are open to harvest by the general public and the chestnuts start falling after the first big wind or storm in October/November.) As you leave the orchard you come to the top of another ridge; be sure to enjoy the unique view of Montebello Ridge to the east. The trail now closely follows Skyline Blvd. until you reach Portola Heights Rd. At this point, leave the Bay Area Ridge Trail and use the trail that winds down through the chaparral to the west toward Devil's Canyon. Shortly after you reenter the forest you come to Peters Creek. I found this very beautiful spot appropriate for my lunch stop. After eating, I followed the trail west along the creek through the huckleberry bushes to the edge of Devil's Canyon. There are numerous waterfalls along this stretch when Peters Creek is flowing well but there is only a trickle of water in late summer.

There are numerous large sandstone rocks and cliffs at the edge of the canyon where limited rock climbing is permitted. There is also a very impressive cave at this location, which is quite popular with the younger set. There are also several tafoni sandstone formations higher on the ridge to the south but these are difficult to access (very steep).

Retrace your steps along Peters Creek and get back to Portola Heights Rd. and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Enter the portion of Long Ridge OSP where dogs are permitted and follow the trail south along Peters Canyon. After 1/2 mile of paralleling Peters Creek, take the trail back up the hill 0.4 miles to the Grizzly Flats parking area where a car shuttle can take you three miles north on Skyline Blvd. back to the Russian Ridge parking lot. [The car shuttle is something an individual must arrange for oneself.]

~Jerry Peters

*Editor's Note: Jerry Peters is a volunteer docent for the Sierra Club and leads hikes in our area.*

# 2003 SSA Survey Results

The board will take these results into consideration when planning for the next year, and will report on any specific actions.

Of the approximately 360 surveys that were sent out, we received 111 responses, or approximately 31%. This high of a response is considered very good. An interpretation of the data follows.

## Meetings

Of the 111 responses, 54 respondents (49%) indicated that they never attend SSA meetings. Of the remaining, 37 (33%) indicated that they sometimes attend, and 20 (18%) frequently attend.

Respondents seemed more inclined to express no opinion about the General Meeting topics rather than indicate a "dislike". Rather than interpret what is going on, we list meetings, by date and topic in order of most liked.

Meetings (most to least popular)	Like	Dislike	No Opinion
Apr 2002: Local History	45	3	63
Jul 2003: Craft/Art Fair	31	2	78
Jan 2003: Falcons	30	3	68
Jul 2001: Emergency Preparedness	26	2	83
Apr 2003: Beka Jaqua	25	2	84
Oct 2002: Environmental Health	23	2	86
Jan 2002: Skyline Suburban Medicine	22	2	87
Jul 2002: Banjos by the Bay	20	4	87
Oct 2003: Square Dance	16	4	91
Oct 2001: Square Dance	14	4	93

## Ongoing Projects

The section of the survey about ongoing projects in which SSA has been involved was designed to gauge the level of support for these projects. The responses are listed below in order of popularity. It should be noted that all the projects have widespread support with very few negative votes. It would seem that increasing involvement in SPUG and the South Skyline Septic group is not warranted at this time.

Topic	Yes	No	No Opinion
Education re: wildlands issues	105	0	6
SPUG	98	1	12
Support local history project	89	0	22
Support education re: invasives	86	6	19
Lobby CalTrans	85	5	21
SS Septic	62	0	49
More SS Septic	26	10	75
More SPUG	21	23	67

## Parks Issues

The section of the survey about parks issues in which SSA has been involved was designed to gauge the level of involvement that SSA might have with local parks. While none of these issues elicited the same level of support as the previous section, neither did they indicate a lower level of involvement. The issues are listed in decreasing order of support. While the bike/horse safety issue received the least support, there were numerous written comments about safety from bikes.

Parks Issue	More	Less	None	No Opinion
Parks: Fire	71	2	3	35
Parks: Invasives	57	6	4	44
Parks: Management	51	10	8	42
Parks: Patrol	40	11	9	51
Parks: Safety: bikes/horses	36	14	10	51

## Emergency Preparedness

The section of the survey on emergency preparedness (EP) attempted to measure SSA member's willingness to contribute in this area. Most respondents thought that emergency preparedness was important (91 respondents, or 82%), and 87 (78%) liked the EP inserts in *Skylines*. However, respondents seemed unable, or unwilling to contribute too much. Of the 6 metrics measured, the most willing contributions would be to participate in CERT training (32 respondents or 29%), annual EP refresh training (27 respondents, or 24%), and willingness to participate in GPS mapping (27 respondents, or 24%). Very few respondents were interested in being Ham certified (15 respondents, or 13%) or being a local coordinator (13 respondents, or 12%).

Contribution Area	Yes	No	Opinion
Emergency Preparedness Important?	91	4	16
EP: continue <i>Skylines</i> inserts	87	8	16
EP: CERT Training?	32	35	44
EP: Annual Refresh	27	36	48
EP: GPS Mapping	27	38	46
EP: Two Annual Drills	25	38	48
EP: Ham Certified	15	55	41
EP: Local Coordinator	13	50	48

## Fire & Rescue Volunteers

Fire and rescue volunteers are hard to find. Of the 111 respondents, 4 (3.6%) indicated a willingness to join the volunteers. However, the number grew to 25 (22.5%) if the barriers to participating could somehow be reduced.

## Other Issues

Of the remaining issues, broadband Internet access, engaging PG&E and SBC, and possibly forming a South Skyline Septic users group drew the most support. Child/youth networking and local school support drew a less enthusiastic response, and the notion of an SSA community center drew the most no votes.

Topic	Yes	No	No Opinion
Broadband	68	9	34
Engage PG&E	61	8	42
SS Septic User Group	55	10	46
Engage PacBell/SBC	53	9	49
Child/Youth Networking	29	18	64
Local Public Schools	25	28	58
Build/find Community Center	23	41	47

## Demographics

Finally we solicited information about where respondents lived and whether they were SSA residents. Only 5 respondents indicated that they were non-residents, and 2 declined to state. Most respondents were from the Portola Heights (21), Saratoga Gap (21), Skylonda (20), and Las Cumbres (19) areas, with nearly 75% of the respondents coming from those 4 areas. The remaining 30 respondents came from other areas.

Area	#	%
Portola Heights	21	19%
Saratoga Gap/ Highway 9	21	19%
Skylonda	20	18%
Las Cumbres	19	17%
Alpine/Middleton	8	7%
Other	7	6%
Black Road/Bear Creek	5	4.5%
Langley Hill	5	4.5%
Crazy Pete's	4	3.6%
Oak Ridge Road	1	0.9%

## Lakeside Elementary School Hosts Fall Events



The fall is always a busy time for Lakeside School. There are a few events coming up that may interest the mountain community.

### Line Dance Classes

Lakeside's new Community Center provides a great place for **Line Dancing classes every Tuesday night from 7:30-9:00pm.** Classes start Sept 21. These classes are being taught by Karen Fishback who is generously volunteering her time so that all money will go to the Lakeside School and Community Foundation. The requested donation is \$4 for adults, \$2 for kids, and not more than \$10 for an entire family. Classes are offered on a drop-in basis. So stop in for some fun dancing and lots of laughs with Karen.

### Election Day Goodies

On Election Day morning, the PTA will be serving hot coffee and baked goods to voters at the Las Cumbres and Lakeside School locations. (They want to make sure you are wide-awake when you mark those ballots!) Any donation will be happily accepted, and will be used for PTA projects such as school assemblies, library books and other school services.

### Harvest Festival and Chili Cook-Off Saturday, Oct 23, 2004 1 to 4pm

Join us for a day of creative kids crafts, bounce house, hot dogs, lots and lots of chili, Halloween costume events, local artisan boutique, Chili contest and baked goodies. There will be great prizes for the top 3 chili cooks.

We invite local artisans to rent a boutique table to sell gift items.

The Chili contest entrance fee is \$25. Boutique table rental is a \$20 suggested donation. To enter the contest or to rent a boutique table call 408-354-3309, 408-395-7099 or email [harvest@dbkay.com](mailto:harvest@dbkay.com).

There is no charge to visit the festival.

### Pumpkin Patch

Halloween pumpkins will be on sale again this year. Stop by any time to pick out your favorite Jack O'Lantern. They will also be on sale at the Harvest Festival.



Lakeside School is located on Black Road, about 3 miles from Skyline Blvd.

~Patti Begley & Rachel Wilson

The California Native Plant Society Santa Clara Valley Chapter presents a

**Native Plant Sale  
Saturday Oct. 9, 2004  
10 AM – 4 PM**

**Hidden Villa Ranch**

26870 Moody Rd.

2 miles west of Foothill College

Take the El Monte/Moody exit from 280

## Top 5 Halloween Jokes

1. Why do mummies have trouble keeping friends?  
They're too *wrapped up* in themselves...
2. What do birds give out on Halloween night?  
*Tweets...*
3. How do you tell twin witches apart?  
You can't tell *which witch* is *which...*
4. Why did the dyslexic vampire starve to death?  
He couldn't find any *dloob...*
5. What is a vampire's favorite mode of transportation?  
A *blood vessel!*

*Submitted by Tessa Begley – Age 10*

### Why did the vampire editor ask for more contributing writers and artists?

Because she needed fresh *blood!*

Ok, that is bad. However, we are very happy to have a new contributor to the Skylines this issue (see Jerry Peter's article on *Hiking the Skyline Ridge...*) and I'd like to encourage more SSA members and Skylines residents to send us your articles or artwork because it makes for a much more diverse and interesting newsletter. We are looking for articles on a variety of subjects that would be of interest to our mountain community. Kids are welcome to contribute too. Just contact me at the address listed below.

~Patti Begley, Editor

### Skylines Is Published Once A Quarter

*Skylines* invites individuals to submit articles and artwork.

**Policy on Classified Ads:** Ads are free to SSA members. No continuing ads will be accepted. They must be resubmitted for each issue. **Deadline date for ads for the January issue will be December 31, 2004.**

**Skylines News Articles:** The deadline for submitting articles for the next issue is December 12, 2004.

**Send all ads and articles to:** Patti Begley c/o 22400 Skyline Blvd #35, La Honda CA 94020, or [SkylinesEditor@earthlink.net](mailto:SkylinesEditor@earthlink.net), 408-867-3073  
We reserve the right to edit all submissions. We assume no responsibility for omissions, incorrect information or personal opinions.

## SOUTH SKYLINE ASSOCIATION

Box 400, Star Route 2  
La Honda, CA 94020



## Classified Ads



### FOR SALE

**Kayak:**Merlin XT Carbonlite 2000 by Eddyline-High volume and good stability with excellent paddling performance. Rudder Free Design. Length 15 ft., Cockpit 31.5x17 in., Beam 23 in., Volume 11.3cu ft., Weight 52 lbs., Capacity 390 lbs. Excellent condition. \$1150.00  
Phone (408) 354-8792

**Brass bed** - head & footboard king size w/frame \$250.00. Carmel Moody  
408-867-2425 [mtntopmama@aol.com](mailto:mtntopmama@aol.com)

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