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## SSA Summer Potluck Picnic

Guest Speaker – Mark Hylkema

### The Prehistory of the Ohlone Indians of the San Francisco Peninsula

Jaqua Ranch

Sunday, August 6

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Potluck lunch at noon, presentation to follow

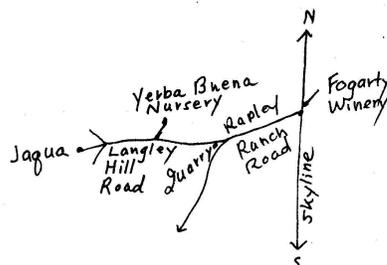
In 1769, when the first Spanish expedition reached the San Francisco Bay area they encountered numerous tribal communities that lived in a bountiful landscape. Over a period of 10,000 years, tribal communities had adapted to several major environmental transitions, and archaeological research has found that tribes spread along the San Mateo and Santa Cruz County coast developed an early focus on marine resources, while neighboring tribes of the Santa Clara Valley and San Francisco Bay shore eventually transformed into more complex levels of social organization. This discussion will provide an outline of the archaeological record and provide insights into the native lifeway of our Skyline neighborhoods, and we will reflect on what it was like not too many years ago when grizzly bears and the Ohlone people dwelled here.

Mark Hylkema is a State archaeologist with 25 years experience in California archaeology and Native American culture. He has spent considerable time among various tribal communities, particularly in central and northern California. He did his graduate research on the archaeology of the San Mateo and Santa Cruz County coast and has directed excavations throughout the greater San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas. He works full time as the Santa Cruz District Archaeologist for California State Parks, and teaches part time at Santa Clara University, University of California at Santa Cruz, De Anza College, Ohlone College and Cabrillo College. A native of Los Altos and Mountain View, he currently resides in Sunnyvale.

**Bring a potluck dish to share.**

**If you can, please bring a chair or picnic blanket to sit on.**

**SSA will provide plates, utensils, lemonade and soft drinks.**



This event will take place at Dick and Ami Jaqua's on Langley Hill Road, which is located 4.5 miles south on Skyline from Rte. 84, or 1.5 miles north on Skyline from Page Mill Rd., across from Fogarty Winery.

Please—no smoking and leave your dogs at home.



## Quarterly Report

Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG) was formed to benefit SSA members. For information about joining, or for members wishing to have current information on the Amerigas contract with us, 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. Information is also available on our website at [www.southskyline.org](http://www.southskyline.org).

Recent SPUG prices are:

April	\$1.81/gallon
May	1.81
June	1.74
July	1.74

Since Katrina struck last August, prices have risen to an all time high. The open market is about \$3.00/gallon with some customers paying even more. Thankfully, our group price is significantly less than the open market price. CONSERVE! See the website for latest changes.

Prices are subject to change as frequently as wholesale prices change. Members 55 years of age or older qualify for a 5 cent gallon discount on the SPUG group price. Our SPUG rate is based on automatic regular route deliveries on a keep-full basis, not "will-call" service.

To the right is a letter SPUG received from Amerigas explaining why tanks were not filled to capacity for the last half year.

## Home Fire-Safe Environment Info

By George Johnson, South Skyline Fire and Rescue

A few years ago the San Mateo County fire safe council developed the Living with Fire brochure. This brochure provides home owners with a wealth of excellent information for maintaining a home fire safe environment. Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties have now taken the body of this information and added a few county specifics and made them available on the following websites:

Living with fire, **San Mateo** County  
<http://www.smcfiresafe.org/PDFS/Living%20With%20Fire.pdf>

Living with fire, Santa Cruz County  
[http://www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us/fd/LivingwithFireinSantaCruzCounty\\_6-2004.pdf](http://www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us/fd/LivingwithFireinSantaCruzCounty_6-2004.pdf)

Living with fire, **Santa Clara** County  
[http://www.sccfd.org/forms/Living\\_with\\_Fire\\_SantaClaraCo.pdf](http://www.sccfd.org/forms/Living_with_Fire_SantaClaraCo.pdf)

Questions can be directed to the local fire station in your area.

April 10, 2006

Dear SPUG members,

We would like to take this opportunity to apologize for our performance over the last few months. The industry-wide propane shortage in March and April caused us much aggravation. As a team, we worked hard to respond quickly, but consequently ended up unable to keep up with demand. Our drivers worked very hard day and night to keep your tanks from running out by filling tanks to 50% of their capacity.

In the end, it was not enough.

The worst of the crisis is over and the refineries are doing a much better job of getting us our fuel on time. Over the next couple of months, all tanks will again be topped off. We would like to assure you that AmeriGas is a reliable, safe and responsive company. We appreciate your loyal business and will strive to continue to deserve your patronage for years to come.

Sincerely,

Jay Stephens  
Market Manager  
Central California  
Los Banos, CA

Jesse Gamino  
Sales & Service  
San Jose, CA

Kim Hicks  
Data Center  
Manager  
Los Banos, CA

## National Animal Identification System Proposal (NAIS) Update

By Judy Grote

In the last issue of Skylines we educated you about NAIS and gave you a few links to do more research on your own so that you could decide if you wanted to do anything about it, e.g., comment to public entities assigned to receive comments.

The goals of this article are to provide more information and updates on any changes that have occurred since the last article.

First, what is NAIS? It is a proposal of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). It is NOT a Federal mandate. The USDA has no 'statutory authority' to implement NAIS. It is NOT yet a plan. Congress did NOT authorize NAIS. So what has Congress done with regard to this proposal? It funded USDA to develop a plan.

It is up to each state to 1) decide whether to implement an animal identification system and 2) put supporting processes in place to execute to the NAIS timeline. This means is we need to learn what the State of California is doing about it. Most states already have systems and processes in place for livestock disease management—both for prevention and eradication.

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## NAIS Update *continued from page 2*

Note that most contamination happens after animals are sold. If this is so, then what good does it do to have a system to trace them back to the originating ranch or farm? And why do we need a Federal program layered on top of the currently existing state programs?

Second, what has/has not changed with regard to the NAIS proposal? The USDA has received so many complaints and concerns from ranchers, small livestock owners, and farmers, that it has posted a draft on its website that seemingly has more conciliatory language. It says that it is a voluntary program and there will be no enforcement rules and penalties. What it did not say is whether that was for this year, coming years, in perpetuity, or.....

Third, what would your responsibilities be as an animal owner if it becomes mandatory over time?

- Register your premises for a premise id and tracking in either a public or private database (to be determined). To register your premises you would be charged a fee.
- An animal id tag for tracking each of your animals (a chicken, pig, cow, horse, alpaca, etc. (\$3-\$20/head) in either a public or private database. Currently this still does not cover cats and dogs but could be easily extended to do so later.
- Purchase an animal id tag reader.
- Log and report to the Federal Government when animals move off the premise to another location.
- Per day fines if you do not comply with the program procedures.

Bottom line, it is a tax on livestock owners. Because the big livestock operations will be able to operate large groups under one tag, the program will not be as intrusive or expensive to them. They also will be better able to absorb the costs of such a program. What will it cost the taxpayer; \$33million to begin with.

Last, but not least, what can you do about it? 1) Go out to the USDA website and read the revised proposal and then decide for yourself (just Google NAIS to find it). If you think the way it stands now is ok, then you need to do nothing. If you don't like it, then focus on the Senate and let them know your concerns and why you think NAIS is not required. A letter is best, but anything is better than doing nothing. They need to know what you think. The House just recently acted to fund NAIS plan development so this is a non-starter for taking action right now. 2) You also can support one of the myriad groups that are fighting the implementation of NAIS (Google NAIS Opposition or NO NAIS). 3) Educate those of your friends and neighbors who would be impacted by NAIS if it becomes reality so they can get educated and decide for themselves. Spread the word...and Happy Googling.

## What Is Your SSA Board Doing?

By Judy Grote

### Actions Completed

- April General meeting at Fogarty's with a talk by Paul Heiple on "Native Plants Through Deep Time".
- Published the April Skylines newsletter
- SSA Adopt-a-Highway program is in full gear with regular clean-up days now being held. Our last litter pick-up was May 6th. The next litter pick-up is scheduled for July 8th. Anyone wishing to participate on one of the clean-up days should contact Ruth Waldhauer.

### Work in Progress

- Plan for the Summer picnic at Jaqua Ranch
- Plan for the October general meeting will focus on Land Use Planning policies for the 3 counties—Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and San Mateo. The goal is to educate the membership on this issue across the 3 counties so that each member will understand the major differences between the counties and how we can have better communication to mitigate the future issues. There will be a minimum of 1 representative from each county for the discussion. The discussion will focus on Land Use Planning problem areas such as logging, traffic (including motorcycles), fire management, Building Permit notification at the beginning of the process and not the end, and density and zoning changes—e.g., large scale developments, commercial and residential.
- Work to understand the implications of the Las Cumbres and South Skyline Volunteer Fire Departments combining into 1 volunteer fire department.
- Keep updated on the current SSEPO focus areas, which are 1) continued development of the medical supplies for emergency use in the area, and 2) putting a communication plan in place that includes GMRS radios for neighborhood use.

### General meeting topics - Coming Attractions

- General meeting in the summer will be the picnic at Jaqua Ranch on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. The speaker will be Mark Hylkema who will give a talk on "The Prehistory of the Ohlone Indians of the San Francisco Peninsula".
- October General meeting will focus on Land Use Planning policies across the 3 county areas.

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

*Correction from April Skylines:* During one of our late night edits one of our newest board members, Hertha Harrington from the Skylonda area, was incorrectly named as Hilda Hertha. Our apologies Hertha, we really do know your name!

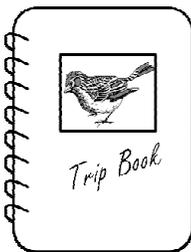
# Vacation Birding

By Freddy Howell



Summer is the time for vacation, so why not bird wherever you go. For that matter, why not bird wherever you go, business or pleasure? It doesn't have to be a "birding vacation". We returned from a two week trip to Italy with only one life bird (a little yellow bird called a Serin), but with lots of sightings of European Swifts, European Swallows, European Goldfinch, pigeons and house sparrows. I know that doesn't sound like a bird list to generate a lot of excitement but if it's a bird, I'll enjoy it wherever it is.

If you are going by car or motor home take along binoculars and field guides for the area that you will be going through. Don't pack them where they are inaccessible (just don't use them while driving). As you are driving along, check the top of power poles and the fence wires beside the road for raptors, especially red-tailed hawks, kestrels and possibly prairie falcons. Burrowing owls like to sit on the top of fence posts in many rural areas. If you see lots of activity in a field, pull over when it is safe to do so and take a look: meadowlarks, mountain plovers, horned larks, pipits, and a variety of sparrows – all sorts of possibilities.



A journal is a good thing to carry along to mark down your sightings. Maybe, you or someone else in the car would like to even sketch a bird you've seen or maybe the surroundings. This is especially a wise thing to do if you are unable to figure out one kind of bird it is. Your powers of observation will be enhanced and it will be fun trying to describe a bird in a new way. Of course, there is always photography, but I must warn you that photographing birds can be a real challenge.

If your destination is a lake, river or shore, there should be lots of bird activity. Many of the shorebirds look very similar so you can play quite the game in figuring out what the bird is. Prime viewing times for most birds is early morning and dusk; however, they are out at other times, just not in such great numbers.

If you are flying or training to your destination, take your binoculars with you to any interesting sights. You would be amazed at the birds that may be around as well as what architectural, artistic, geological or natural wonders you might see.

While you're gone, try to hire a responsible, neighborhood child to fill your seed feeders and change your hummingbird nectar. If this isn't possible, don't worry. Your birds will keep you on their circuit and will check your yard out periodically and know when you get back.



Skyline Clean-up Volunteers: Sandy Hall and Ginny McClane

## Skyline Adopt-A-Highway

By Ruth Waldhauer

SSA has completed its first year of Adopt-A-Highway litter removal. On May 6 to begin our second year in the program, the cleanup crew included Robert Bradford, Sandy Hall and Ginny McClane. The next cleanup will be on July 8.

Adopt-A-Highway asks that we conduct cleanups six times a year. Thanks to all who signed up, we so far have not had to call on anyone more than once. The cleanup takes about an hour. The ideal crew is four people in two cars. Should you wish to volunteer for a future cleanup, contact Ruth Waldhauer at 650-948-1466 or [ruth-waldhauer@yahoo.com](mailto:ruth-waldhauer@yahoo.com)

It's so satisfying to see Skyline free of litter.

### Adopt-A-Highway Fact:

Adopt-A-Highway Program participants pick up nearly 250,000 bags of trash from California's roadsides each year – enough bags to reach from Stockton to So. Lake Tahoe or from Bakersfield to Disneyland!

# Take a Hike . . .



## Five Fun and Easy Hikes

By Jerry Peters

Realizing that not everybody is a manic hiker like me, I thought I would describe some gentler hiking opportunities that are suitable for young children or those who may be physically challenged. Two of the places, Alpine Pond and Horseshoe Lake, provide an especially good environment for family outings. Besides being picturesque, the Earthquake Walk is also quite educational.

**1. Alpine Pond Loop:** Although the pond is in Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve (OSP), you park across Alpine Rd. in Russian Ridge OSP. The parking lot is just below Skyline Blvd. Proceed under Alpine Rd. through the metal tunnel. It is a short walk to the Daniels Nature Center which has exhibits a nice collection of our local critters. The Daniels Nature Center is open on Saturdays and Sundays from April through mid-November between 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. There is also a water fountain (very rare in OSPs) and informational displays about our natural communities. As you continue around the pond following a trail that is nearby the water, you may enjoy the native pond flora, such as cattails. The round trip back to your vehicle is just over a half-mile.

**2. Horseshoe Lake Loop:** This pretty little lake is also in Skyline Ridge OSP. There are three places to park: in the main lot, in the handicapped lot or in the equestrian lot. The entrance to Skyline Ridge OSP is on Skyline, one-mile south of Alpine Rd. Parking in the main lot adds about a 1/2-mile to the loop distance. If you have a handicapped parking permit, you may park in the handicapped parking area closer to the lake. From this lot, there is a wheel-chair accessible portion of the trail down to and around a portion of the lake. Parking in the equestrian lot provides the shortest loop distance around the lake; I would estimate at just over a mile. There is a great lunch spot on a knoll overlooking the lake. There are two picnic tables under some very large and shady oak trees. For a relatively short hike, the scenery changes quite frequently. MROSD has recently completed a program to eliminate invasive and non-native species (i.e. Christmas trees) in this area.

**3. Castle Rock Loop:** Castle Rock State Park is probably the most diverse environment in our local area. The entrance is located on Skyline about three miles south of Hwy 9. You can park in the State Park lot for \$6, or along the boulevard for free. (Note: the State Parks are hurting right now). Take the first trail on the left as you enter the parking lot and proceed up the hill to Castle Rock. After about a half-mile of walking you will have also climbed about 300-feet in elevation. The very large sandstone formation is quite impressive and has been a tourist attraction for over a hundred years. The official trail goes

around the rock and down into the canyon where it intersects the Saratoga Gap Trail about 1/3-mile below the parking lot. This trail is hard to follow. There is another trail (unofficial) that goes past the upper part of the rock and continues back to the lower edge of the parking lot. The official trail loop distance is around 1 1/2-miles with a 500-foot elevation gain. The unofficial trail loop distance is around 1-mile with 300 feet in elevation gain. It is always a good side-trip to visit Castle Rock Falls which is 0.7-mile down the Saratoga Gap Trail from the parking lot. The falls run year-round and there is an up-close-and-personal viewing platform.

**4. The Earthquake Walk:** Los Trancos OSP is about two miles east of Skyline on Page Mill Rd. It is across the street from Monte Bello OSP. The San Andreas Fault Trail is 1.5-miles long. Pick up a trail map at the kiosk. This trail map contains a brochure having information which interprets the landscape features along the fault zone. This walk starts at the less obscure trail entrance at the west side of the parking lot (opposite from the kiosk). Though mostly shaded, it can get hot in this wind-protected area; so bring water.

**5. Summit Rock / Indian Rock Hikes:** These two large sandstone rocks are in Skyline-Sanborn County Park, across Skyline from Castle Rock SP. The Summit Rock parking lot is on the east side of Skyline about two-miles south of Hwy 9. The Indian Rock parking and entrance is about two-hundred yards south of the Castle Rock parking lot and across the street. There is a trail kiosk where you can get a map. Indian Rock is a very short walk (not a hike) from the highway. The trail passes through some gentle terrain and is people-friendly. This is a very good lunch spot for hiking groups (i.e. rocks to sit on in the shade). Summit Rock is one mile from its parking area and you will return on the same trail (part of the Skyline Trail). Both of these rocks provide a view of the south bay looking east from Skyline Blvd. They are climbable but you had better be young or in pretty good shape. Be careful!

### Free Docent Hikes with MROSP

Midpeninsula Open Space District (MROSP) offers free docent-led hikes around the Skyline area this summer. These activities are for hikers of all ages and abilities. There are also bike rides. For more information check out the website at <http://www.openspace.org/activities/>, or call (650) 691-1200

# News from the Alpine-Portola Neighborhood

By Judy Grote

## Residents Beware

The weather this year was not kind to Portola Redwoods State Park. The bridge in the maintenance area that leads to Old Haul Road was washed out on Jan 1, 2006. The immediate impact of this was 1) the park could not open until May 15<sup>th</sup>, which impacted both the park revenue stream as well as that of the Portola and Castle Rock Foundation which supports interpretive programs at the parks, and 2) access by park employee occupants of the 2 houses on the other side of the bridge was not possible. The latter meant that they would need to move to quarters at other parks and commute to work at Portola.

FEMA money was received because this area was declared a disaster area. State Parks is working with the engineer and FEMA to get the restoration plans approved. The new bridge will be made of metal, rather than wood, and will be approximately 30' above the other one to lessen the probability for getting washed out in the future. Construction hopefully will start after summer and is scheduled to be completed by some time next year. No exact date is known at this time because the plans are not yet approved.

**Longer Term Impact: This means that during emergencies and fire season there is only 1 way in and out for residents living along Portola State Park Rd and in Middleton Tract until the new bridge is operational. The one way out is Portola State Park Rd up to either Alpine Rd or Highway 35. We will need to be especially observant for fires this season.**

Thanks to Mary Hazel, the acting replacement for Holly Huenemann (who retired last December), for making sure the District understood that the bridge needed to be replaced because Old Haul Road is a major emergency alternative for the Alpine-Portola Neighborhood.

In future years the park will open on May 1 for both group and family camping. Currently group camping is permitted beginning in April and family camping in May.

Periodic updates on the bridge project will be provided in the South Skylines Newsletters and the SSA website at [www.SouthSkyline.org](http://www.SouthSkyline.org).

## Introducing Mary Hazel

The other piece of news is that Mary Hazel is the new Acting Head Ranger for the Portola and Castle Rock State Parks. Mary came to this position after working 4 years at Big Basin.

Mary graduated from Sonoma State University in May 1996 with a major in History and a minor in Geography. From 1995-1999 she worked in the Russian River District as a Park Aid at

Sonoma Coast and Armstrong Redwoods. During 1999-2000 she served as a Historical Guide at the Monterey Historical Guide at Monterey State Historic Park. In Sept 2000 Mary entered the State Park Ranger Academy and graduated in March 2001. Her first park assignment as a ranger was at Big Basin (2001-2005), which is where she lives currently.

Mary's hobbies are kayaking, mountain biking, reading, and hiking. She has 3 black cats—Anubis, Tituba, and Salem—the names of which, as you might expect, have historical ties given her major in history. Mary's favorite time of the year is Halloween when she throws a big Halloween party (costumes mandatory to get in) for her friends.

## South Skyline Emergency Preparedness Organization Communications

By Kenneth R. Broome, President

All households in the South Skyline area are asked to consider purchase of Personal Radios (walkie-talkies) for communication during emergencies when regular telephones and cell phones are unlikely to be operable.

Tom Anderson, our Communications Director, has been conducting tests of the effectiveness of various types of radios under the mountainous terrain conditions of the South Skyline area and is recommending the Midland GXT 5000 as being both effective and reliable. A pair of such radios together with a charger is available from Fry's Electronics for about \$75.00. Each Neighborhood Coordinator will be equipped with an enhanced version of these GMRS radios and will be able to communicate not only with residents in their neighborhood but also with the SSA Operations Center.

These GMRS radios require registration with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), compliance with FCC regulations in their use, and payment of a registration fee. However, these procedures are much less demanding than similar requirements for licensing as a "HAM" radio operator.

Practice and drill test exercises will be organized by each Neighborhood Coordinator (N.C.). Call Barclay Slade at (408) 354-7818 for the name and telephone number of your N.C.

Further information about SSEPO Emergency Communications was included in the insert to the January *Skylines*.

# Soap Plant is More Than It First Appears

By Sarah Schoen

Soap plant (*Chlorogalum pomeridianum*) is a lily with an interesting history. Also known as soap lily, wavy-leaved soap plant, and called amole by the Spanish, soap plant was very important to the early native Californians.

Soap plant spends much of its life underground. In early spring, a basal rosette of leaves appears. The ½-1"-wide leaves have parallel veins, wavy margins and stretch out along the ground 8-20" or more.

From April to May, a thin asparagus-like stem shoots up and branches out from 1 to 5 feet high. From May to August, white flowers bloom along the stem branches. The flowers have 6 white perianth parts (really 3 petals and 3 wider sepals) curved back toward the stem and with green or purple midveins. The six stamens are shorter than the petals, and point forward, as does the 3-part stigma – right in the path of the pollinators headed for nectar.

Each flower opens only once and individual blooms open on different days. Each flower opens at dusk, and pollinated or not, closes before the next morning. The species name, *pomeridianum*, means afternoon. The flowers take advantage of reduced competition for evening and night flying insects, including certain moths, flies, and beetles.

The seed pods are globe-shaped capsules ripening from green to dark brown from July to September. As the stalk catches the wind and moves back and forth, the near black seeds are spilled to the ground. The seedlings rapidly develop to survive the next year's summer drought, but take 5 to 6 years before they flower.

In late summer, the flower stalk falls over and leaves die back, leaving only a brown fibrous covered bulb, 3-6" long, buried in the ground. The bulb has contractile roots that pull it down, eventually as much as 6 to 8" deep. At times, erosion, such as in the middle of a trail, causes some of the fibrous covering to appear on the surface, looking like the hair of an animal that has come to a sudden end. The bulb stores food and water until the plant reappears the following spring.

California Indians used soap root in a number of ways. The young leaves were eaten raw or slow cooked. Mature leaves were used to wrap acorn bread and the leaf sap as a green dye for tattoos (*Chlorogalum* is from the Greek for green milk or juice).



The bulbs were the most useful part. As the name implies, the bulbs could be used as a nonalkaline substitute for soap. They were particularly useful for washing hair. The saponins, which cause the soapiness, are toxic, but destroyed by heat. After slow roasting, the bulbs were eaten as a source of starch. The sap they gave off during cooking was used as glue in a number of ways – for attaching feathers to arrow shafts, for sticking soot to a new bow, and for making baskets water tight. The glue and fibers together were used to make brushes, which were particularly useful for moving acorn meal from mortars to leaching baskets or later cleaning acorn meal from the baskets.

Medicinally, the fresh inner bulbs were used topically to treat rheumatism and cramps, and roasted bulbs were used as a poultice for sores and to treat poison oak. And finally, whole fresh plants were crushed and thrown into water, interfering with respiration and making fish easier to catch, but not making them toxic to humans.

Bulbs were harvested using a digging stick in summer or early fall. This practice caused the lower root crown to be detached from the bulb, and stay behind to grow a new plant. In addition, seeds were placed in the hole. The area was kept open by burning and then harvested every 3 to 5 years. Soap plant is a fire follower, showing vigorous growth at least the following 2 years.

Soap plant is found on dry slopes, in chaparral, forest margins, and grasslands along the Pacific coast from southern Oregon to southern California below 5000 feet. Related species in the same genus have more limited distributions in other parts of our state.

NOTE from Sarah Schoen: I recently completed training as a MROSD Outdoor Activity Docent. Much thanks and appreciation to Diane, Renée, and Keith.



## 43rd Annual Kings Mountain Art Fair

**Event** 43rd annual Kings Mountain Art Fair, a juried multi-media show restricted to 135 artists. An additional 25 “mountain” artists participate in the Mountain Folk Art section of the fair to ensure that the fair keeps its local flavor.

**When** Labor Day Weekend, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Sunday & Monday, 10AM to 5 PM.

**Where** Kings Mountain Community Center/Fire Station  
13889 Skyline Boulevard, Woodside.

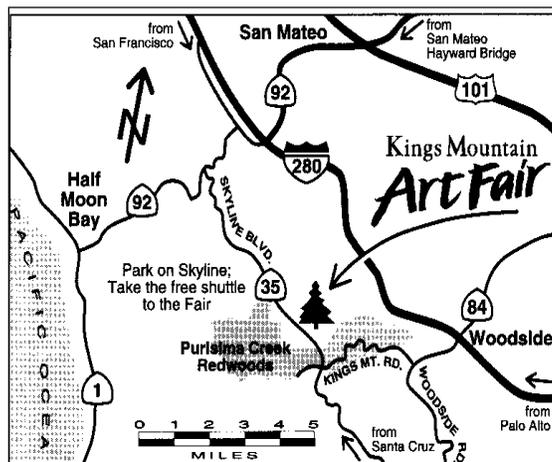
**Admission** Free

The glorious setting in a redwood forest provides a unique day of outdoor leisure and quality art. There are no sound stages or wine tastings. There is just the restful sound of the breeze in the trees and extraordinary art. Celtic harp music from “artists hollow” soothes the soul. Hiking trails surround the site.

Breakfast with the artists under the redwoods is served from 8 to 10:30AM; other food and beverages are available during show hours. Supervised children's activities and games take place all day in "Kiddie Hollow".

Park along Skyline Blvd. and ride the free shuttle to the fair. Out of courtesy to the artists, please no dogs on the fairgrounds.

Information: [www.kingsmountainartfair.org](http://www.kingsmountainartfair.org)



## ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD

By Tom Stoppard

Directed by: Dave Sikula

A classic comedy of Shakespearean proportions - performed outdoors as part of a leisurely hike through Woodside's beautiful redwood forest.

**Runs July 22 to August 13**

Saturdays and Sundays at 1pm (Picnic begins at 12pm)

\$20 sliding scale

\$10 (students/seniors)

Performed at:

Theatre in the Woods (a division of AtmosTheatre)  
2170 Bear Gulch Rd. West  
Woodside, CA 94062

More info: <http://www.atmostheatre.com>

Box Office: **415-668-2879**  
[reservations@atmostheatre.com](mailto:reservations@atmostheatre.com)

No need to cross a bridge or climb a mountain. Our mission is to share the joy of acting in the beauty of nature, right in your own backyard.

## Djerassi Resident Artists Program Annual Open House

**Open Studios/Open Spaces**

**Sunday, July 30**

**1:00 – 5:00 pm**

**2325 Bear Gulch Road, Woodside**

**Reservations Required at [www.djerassi.org](http://www.djerassi.org)**

This is a fun event that includes open visual art studios, dance and music performances, and readings. There will be self-guided tours of the on-site sculpture collection. Tasty Treats and Thirst Quenchers will be prepared by Susan Chapman, the Program's chef.

# Classified Ads

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## FOR SALE

**12 volt ceiling Fan** goes two directions, with switch. Very low power draw. \$50 Contact Joe Davis 650-948-6424

## Employment Opportunities

**Development and Communications Director** at the Djerassi Resident Artists Program. DRAP is a multi-discipline artist retreat located on Bear Gulch Road west off Skyline Blvd. in Woodside. The successful candidate will undertake development efforts and communications with donors, trustees & public. Fulltime, salary and benefits. BA and 2 years development exp. req. Send letter of interest, resume, writing samples and contact info for three references to: Development Search, Djerassi Resident Artists Program, 2325 Bear Gulch Road, Woodside, CA 94062. Please no phone inquiries or email applications. For more info see [www.djerassi.org/employment2.html](http://www.djerassi.org/employment2.html)

## SERVICES

### **Alice's Restaurant**

Four Corners on skyline  
Locally owned and operated  
8:30 AM - 9:00 PM daily;  
7:00 PM Tuesday  
Gourmet dinners from our chef, Ruffino  
Full breakfast and luncheon menu  
650-851-0303

### **Babysitting Available**

14 yr. old, responsible, some experience. Certified in First Aid and CPR. Live off Skyline between Page Mill and Fogarty's. 650-851-5690 - Ask for Chloe

**Coastside Services** is a multifaceted business providing 2 services to HMB and the surrounding coastal community. Service from Pacifica to Pescadero and along the peninsula.

1. **Coastside Spas** - We service and repair ALL makes and models of Hot Tubs. We stock chemicals and supplies. Available weekends as well. We also provide monthly maintenance services. Call 650-728-5631 for details.  
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### **High-speed Internet Access**

1 Mbps symmetrical broadband is now available in the South Skyline area. Visit our website at <http://SkylineBroadbandService.com> 650-917-9279; ask for Bill

**House/Pet Sitting.** Would like to return to the Woodside/Portola Valley Area and am willing to house/ pet sit at **no charge**. Good with animals, experienced with horses. Have very old cat and a well behaved Border Collie. Home must be in a quiet location. I am a mature and an extremely responsible woman. Personal references in your area can be provided. Call 559-843-2522 or email [cassandra7@aaainter.net](mailto:cassandra7@aaainter.net)

**Massage & Yoga.** Group yoga classes at Kings Mountain Community Center. Massage, energy therapy & private yoga sessions available upon request. Contact Deborah at 650-851-1519 or [pranadancer@yahoo.com](mailto:pranadancer@yahoo.com).

### **The Mountain Terrace**

Charming and rustic atmosphere uniquely suited to your special occasion. Now available for private events and Sunday brunch 650-851-1606

**SOUTH SKYLINE ASSOCIATION**

Box 400, Star Route 2

La Honda, CA 94020

**Don't forget to renew your SSA Membership for 2006!**

A membership application can be printed from the SSA website at  
[www.southskyline.org/About.html](http://www.southskyline.org/About.html)

**SSA Calendar**

**General Meeting** – July 18, Jaqua Ranch

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

Thurs. July 15

Thurs. August 19

Thurs. September 16

(Call Bill Prince for location and directions)

President Bill Prince 650-917-9279

Editor Patti Begley 408-867-3973

**SSA Volunteer Sign-ups**

Periodically, SSA needs volunteers. Sometimes simply to help set up or tear down at a general meetings (4 times per year), and sometimes we need people to sit on a committee (infrequent, but sometimes once or twice per year). If you would like to participate once in a while let us know, and we will add you to our private volunteer mailing list. Email us if interested at:  
[webMaster@SouthSkyline.org](mailto:webMaster@SouthSkyline.org)

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