



SSA Speaker Series— Live and Zoom



Spring Flora of South Skyline

A PRESENTATION BY
SARAH SCHOEN


We are so fortunate to live in this area. The diversity of plant life means it can take a lifetime to know all the flora. But when we do learn the names of some of our most beautiful wildflowers, what else is there to know? What are the reproductive strategies, ecologies, and historical cultural uses of these plants? Tonight, Sarah Schoen will take us on an imagined hike through the local grasslands, forests, and chaparral to admire and learn about our local spring flora.

Sarah Schoen is a long-time resident of South Skyline. She and her husband David Schoen moved here in 1985. After graduating from UC Davis earlier that year with a doctorate in environmental chemistry, Sarah ran labs that tested for impurities in both the environmental and semiconductor industries.

Although trained as a chemist, she had been interested in native flora from an early age. One of the best ways to learn something is to write about it. Since 1997 she has written 105 articles about the local wildflowers, trees, shrubs and ferns

Friday, April 26, 2024

TIME 7:00 pm – Refreshments
7:30 pm – Featured presentation and Q&A

PLACE 

Thomas Fogarty Winery
Hill House, 19501 Skyline Boulevard
2.7 miles north of Page Mill Road,
across from Rapley Ranch Rd.

Fogarty wines will be available. We request a donation of \$10.00 per glass. Cash only. Light hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be provided.

ALSO ON ZOOM To join click on the link:
<https://zoom.us/j/97291285898?pwd=LONobFlyc01KMzZNclBJcFA3bWNnQT09>
Please note that Zoom is dependent on internet availability at the venue that night

for Skylines. Dave has assisted as first reader on every article, and photographer on most. A lover of nature, Sarah has hiked the Santa Cruz Mountains extensively, including with her friends, the Wednesday Walkers. Sarah is a volunteer

docent with Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District since 2006. She leads nature hikes and field trips for them in the South Skyline area and a little bit beyond. Sarah has also written short articles for Bay Nature and the MidPen newsletter.

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What the SSA Board is Doing...

BY PATTI BEGLEY, SSA BOARD MEMBER

We are looking forward to spring and all the activities to come with some sunny, warmer weather.

This month we will be holding our spring General Meeting/ Speaker series at Thomas Fogarty Winery. This will be our first gathering there since 2019! We are so grateful for all the years the Fogarty family has invited us to gather at their beautiful property. This will be an opportunity to connect with old friends and neighbors, enjoy the wine, and listen to our speaker, South Skyline resident Sarah Schoen, share her knowledge of the spring flora we might see on our local hikes on the skyline.

This month the South Skyline Firesafe Council will begin their free chipping program for residents in the area. The SSA board has enthusiastically contributed to this important project through our grant program.

Also, do not miss the Pancake Breakfast put on by the Fire and Rescue crew at the Saratoga Summit Cal Fire Station. This will happen on May 11 from 8:00am to 11:00am. This is a fun and delicious way to support our fire fighter volunteers.



The SSA board welcomes a new board member, Bill Hult from Las Cumbres. There is also a new slate of board officers:

President: Udy Gold

Vice-President: Evan Dellor

Secretary: Debra Born

Treasurer: Barbara Bekins

Chief Technical Officer: Dave Anderson

SPUG Quarterly Report

Month/Year	Amerigas	Ferrellgas	Kamps	Suburban/SV
March 2024	2.750	3.145	3.410	4.330
February 2024	2.750	3.150	3.410	4.330
January 2024	2.750	3.105	3.410	4.240
December 2023	2.750	2.937	3.350	4.330
November 2023	2.750	2.937	3.350	4.210
October 2023	2.750	2.900	3.350	3.840
September 2023	2.750	2.610	3.330	3.840
August 2023	2.750	2.487	3.240	3.840
July 2023	2.750	2.556	3.240	3.600
June 2023	2.750	2.951	3.650	3.600
May 2023	2.750	3.331	3.650	3.950
April 2023	2.750	3.335	3.650	4.350
March 2023	2.750	3.379	3.650	4.350

Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG) was formed to benefit SSA members. For information about joining, or for members wishing current information on the agreement go to our website: www.SouthSkyline.org/spug/. If you have questions, please email propane@southskyline.org.

SSA has agreements with Amerigas, Ferrellgas, Kamps, and Suburban Propane Scotts Valley. The open market price is more than \$1.00/gallon higher than the SPUG price. **Please note: Prices are subject to change as frequently as wholesale prices change. The prices SSA posts are for the first of the month.** Our SPUG rate is based on a keep-full basis, not will-call service.

You are not required to pay sales tax on propane if you do not have natural gas available where you use propane. If you get your propane from Amerigas, you will need to submit a sales tax exemption form. Contact Amerigas for the form.

Membership dues are due every January. Those whose SSA membership has lapsed can be disqualified by our propane providers from receiving the benefit of the SPUG price. Membership can be renewed at <http://SouthSkyline.org/membership/>. If paying by check use the Membership Application on the website.

SSA Membership Report – April 2024

BY DEBRA BORN, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

WHAT A WINTER WE'VE HAD!

Looking back at last year this year has been been by comparison almost the perfect winter.

Not so with our renewal season. Very unfortunately for many of you who tried to renew online via our website our payment system was not allowing you to renew through no fault of your own. As I write this a new and improved system also managed by PayPal is supposed to be operational. In the meantime, many chose to renew by mailing checks or by trying repeatedly until they were finally successful. So, to all of you who have experienced this, we extend our heartfelt apology. We can only hope this experience has not dissuaded you from continuing to support SSA.

With that said many of you did manage to renew and we thank you. Our membership remains strong at around 2,300 households.

- To renew your membership or update information go to our website's membership page www.southskyline.org/membership and enter the email address you used when you signed up so a password link can be sent to you. If you cannot remember which email you used when you first joined, email us at membership@southskyline.org and tell us your name, address, and which email address you want to use so we can change it if needed.

- If you prefer to send a check, send it to SSA Membership, 400 Skyline, La Honda 94020.
- Many members ask when their membership expires. This typically occurs by the end of January following your last payment unless you have paid for multiple years. You can always check easily on our websites "Membership" page and click on renew. You will be taken to a page where at the bottom you will see when your membership expires.

And as was the case last year those wanting to join and many of you participate in the SPUG program using Amerigas and Ferrellgas still have issues with their invoices not reflecting the SPUG rate or they ask for a community code, which we do not have. We ask that you read the information on our website using this link before contacting us.

<https://southskyline.org/important-information-about-ssa-spug-changes/>

Lastly, our Membership Committee needs volunteers. If you have some spare time, please contact MEMBERSHIP@SOUTHSKYLINE.ORG with your name, address, and phone number so we can contact you.

Have a great Spring and enjoy the beauty of where we live!

SSFSC Brush Chipping Leaders to Receive Recognition at Upcoming Fogarty Community Event

BY DICK SCHWIND

John DeLong and Ed Hayes will receive awards at the upcoming South Skyline Speaker Series meeting on April 26, 2024. This will be at Fogarty Winery (see front page). This award is for their outstanding volunteer community service, structuring and leading this very popular free brush chipping program for homeowners improving their defensible space. They are leaders in the South Skyline FireSafe Council (SSFSC) which sponsors this bold program twice a year where all the organizing is done by Ed

and John and the volunteers, they recruit in turn to monitor the contract chipping crews and lead them around to the chipping sites.

They have chipped as many as about a hundred sites in their largest campaign. John raises the required tens of thousands of dollars from the South Skyline Association, personal donations, and from the surrounding three county FireSafe Councils to make this program possible.



Free Address Sign for South Skyline Association In-Boundary Members

If you are unsure if you are in-boundary, see the SSA Area Map at <https://southskyline.org/about/>

The signs are regulation green and white with 4" reflective characters and are 80 mil aluminum.



Applications are at <https://southskyline.org/events/free-address-signs-application/>

South Skyline Fire & Rescue News

BY ANDY SEIGEL, CAPTAIN, SSF&R

Our early February storms had us chasing many trees and wires down all around the response area. We had one incident where a large tree fell onto a residence, thankfully with no injuries.

A reminder regarding wires down – if you come across trees or any sort of wires down, just call 911. Assume that any downed power lines are energized and stay well clear of them.

Pancake Breakfast!

Mark your calendars for
Saturday, May 11th, 8–11am
Saratoga Summit Cal Fire Station
(12900 Skyline Blvd).



Still made from scratch, and still only \$5 per person, and free for kids 10 and under. We hope to see you there!

Recruiting

We have one candidate working through the current fire academy. But we are very much in need of new members for 2025. Why is that? Statistically, the more volunteers we have, the better the response to emergencies. Also, we have a small team, half of whom are within sight of retirement. Building up the team prior to this inevitable attrition is a major goal.

Talk to us in person at the pancake breakfast, or at other local events. Visiting us on our training days is a good way to get information and it's a pre-req for submitting an application. We can also set up fire station & equipment tours. Watch our website for announcements of upcoming recruiting events. Send email to interest@southskylinefire.org for more information.

Visit us at: <http://southskylinefire.org>

2024 South Skyline Sudden Oak Death Blitz – last weekend of APRIL!

Sudden Oak Death (SOD) is an exotic plant disease threatening the survival of tan-oak and several oak species in coastal forests of California. It spreads during wet years on leaves of California bay laurels and tan-oaks. Some management options are available (sanitation, chemical preventative treatments, bay removal), but they are effective only if implemented before oaks and tan-oaks are infected. The presence of SOD symptomatic bay leaves generally precedes oak infections. Hence, timely detection of the disease on bay laurel leaves is key. Given the amount of rainfall in 2024, SOD may have resurfaced near you. Please join hundreds of trained volunteers from Del Norte to San Luis Obispo Counties, to fight SOD by spending a few hours with the trees!

HOW: Register and watch the training video at www.sodblitz.org

WHEN: Pick-up sampling packets through the weekend, starting 5 pm Friday, April 26

Drop-off packets by 7 pm Monday, April 29

WHERE: CalFire Saratoga Summit Station #21,
12900 Skyline Blvd, Los Gatos

Sample packet pick-up is outdoors and self-serve. Please drop-off by 7 pm Monday. Even if you only have time for a few samples, any contribution is welcome! For questions:

skyline_sod@yahoo.com



Four Trees, Eleven Years of SOD Testing

BY JANE MANNING AND DENIS DE CEUSTER

We re-sampled four mature bay trees every year for 11 years from 2013 to 2023, from mid-April to mid-May (nine in the last half of April). Obviously, four trees is too few for statistical analysis. But were there trends over the 11 years?

All four trees are located in wildland, closed-canopy (i.e. shady), mixed bay/evergreen oak/Douglas-fir forest sites 2062 to 2800 feet in elevation, between Hwy 9 and Gist Road. Aspect and terrain vary somewhat: tree A is on a ridge top flat; B, C, and D are on NE, W, and N facing hillsides respectively, with D also near a narrow-paved road.

Samples of 5–8 leaves from each tree were PCR-tested at UC Berkeley's Forest Pathology Lab for the Sudden Oak Death (SOD) pathogen, *Phytophthora ramorum*. Results are + or - as portions of all leaves are tested together in one 'test tube'.

First, none of the four trees tested the same all eleven years. Thus, an individual bay tree can harbor the disease (i.e. be infectious to nearby oaks) in some years but not others. Also, each tree was SOD-positive 36 to 64% of the 11 years, but none was killed by SOD. This variation in disease vector behavior underlines the importance of annually tracking pathogen prevalence through local SOD blitzes.

SOD researchers consistently find a strong rainfall/temperature correlation with SOD-infection rates across large data sets. In this small trial, in only four of the eleven years were the results the same for all four trees (all + or all -)—about 1/3 of the time. We did not incorporate temperature, but rainfall in the prior month or for the whole

season failed to correlate with this. The rest of the time (seven in 11 years), results were mixed among the trees. Collectively, this implies that in some years, some strong factor(s) may drive SOD in a small geographic region, but not in all years. In the latter case, the disease may be present in some places in that small geographic area, but not others. In those years, perhaps other factors push certain trees to become SOD-positive. Across the eleven years, three of the trees were slightly more likely to test SOD-positive when rainfall was high in the month prior to sampling. The exception was tree A located on more of a ridgetop rather than hillside, which may be a site that dries out more readily. Also, tree D, next to the road, tested positive least often (36%) across the 11 years.

Further, the two trees not on the ridge top or next to the road had the same result in all but two years, and were both SOD-positive in 7 out of 11 years (64%). These two similar bays are located on NE and W facing hillsides in deep shade for much of the day. Perhaps these sites retain moisture low in the canopy such that the disease can be nurtured. Ridge top and roadside areas tend to have drying air circulation.

What these four stalwart bays potentially teach us is that although weather remains without a doubt the principle factor driving SOD outcomes, site characteristics could also shape how virulent the disease gets for the oaks. We cannot control the weather. In a given location, consider how site modification could turn things in the oaks' favor!

Local Events

California Native Plant Society Santa Clara Valley Wildflower Show

Saturday, April 27, 2024
10am–4pm
West Valley College

The show will feature hundreds of species of wildflowers and native plants from Santa Clara, San Mateo and surrounding counties gathered by volunteer collectors. The event and parking are all free to the public.

The South Skyline 2024 Sudden Oak Death Blitz

Friday, April 26 after 5pm (pick up packets) to Monday, April 29 at 7pm (return packets)

WHERE: Cal Fire CZU #21 Station (Saratoga Summit), 12900 Skyline Blvd, Los Gatos

South Skyline Fire and Rescue Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 11th, 8–11am at the Saratoga Summit Cal Fire Station (12900 Skyline Blvd).

Still \$5 per person, and free for kids under 12.



What Do You Mean, Fire Safe?

BY LARRY WATSON, BOARD MEMBER SSFSC



If you didn't see the article of the same name in the last issue of *Skylines*, these articles are about being safe from wildfire. More correctly, "safer" from wildfire that could affect you, your family, your home, your power and water, your neighborhood, your escape routes and access for emergency vehicles.

What is safe enough is not only decided by you but also your fire protection agency, neighbors and homeowner insurance provider.

This photo was taken from our home on June 12, 2008, 16 hours after the start of the Martin Fire. In the center is the highest point on Ben Lomond Mountain (elevation 2598') 14 miles away. Atmospheric conditions and adequate fuel supported a 2000' convective plume that likely carried embers and firebrands 100s of feet upward. Such plumes can cause spot fires significantly beyond the fire perimeter. Fortunately conditions changed and that fire was contained to 700 acres.

Fourteen months later the Lockheed Fire started just to the North of this plume location and consumed over 7000 acres. You, like me, may have witnessed glowing embers and small flaming firebrands scatter from a campfire or burnpile due to a strong wind gust. I got a new perspective regarding firebrands from a farmer on Swanton Road. The farm was more than a mile from that fire but he witnessed a flaming 8-foot-long Douglas-fir branch fall from the sky

landing on a wooden fence and igniting it. Imagine the consequences of a firebrand like this landing on a skylight or roof.

Given the difficulty of home defense in such a scenario, how do you prepare? Your highest priority for personal safety should always be the ability to escape. First, could every driver in the household open the garage door if the power were off?

Next, to evacuate, everyone would need to use a very critical county- or state-maintained road. You and your neighbors can maintain driveways and community roads but in the bigger picture your South Skyline Fire Safe Council has been bringing attention to the safety of county roads and state highways. Please consider becoming active in our Fire Safe Council to support this bigger picture perspective.

Also important is the defense of your home. Most of our homes are located in State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) where Cal Fire is our primary emergency response agency responsible for fire suppression and prevention. Any point within California is located within a Local, State, and/or Federal Responsibility Area.

Cal Fire in 2023 performed an unannounced visit to our property and left a "Notice of Defensible Space Inspection" form. The box on the form labeled "No Violations

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Examples of eligible homes with a 5-foot noncombustible buffer



Observed” was fortunately checked. Failure to correct any violations noted may result in a citation and fine. But satisfying Cal Fire requirements may be insufficient to satisfy your insurance provider.

Most of us have heard of homeowners within our greater area receiving non-renewal notices from their insurers. What can one do? Check around and if no commercial insurer will provide coverage, California has the FAIR Plan <https://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/200-wrr/California-FAIR-Plan.cfm>. It is important to keep calling insurance providers since they may reopen availability for coverage.

It has been reported in some areas that Farmers is now requiring a **Wildfire Prepared** certificate for renewal. The FAIR Plan offers a 15% discount if a homeowner has the certificate and other insurance companies may began to offer discounts as well. Compliance would be onerous for many, if not most of us here.

Wildfire Prepared is a program of IBHS (Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety). IBHS is a science-based organization studying wildfire resiliency and sponsored by companies you have heard of like State Farm, Mercury, Farmers, USAA, CSAA, and others.

There are two levels of Wildfire Prepared certificates: BASIC and PLUS. The homeowner guide can be downloaded from <https://wildfireprepared.org/wp-content/uploads/WFPH-Standard-2022-Homeowner-Guide.pdf>. The minimum requirement to request the \$125 inspection is that “A 5-foot noncombustible buffer must surround the home”. These photos from the guide are examples.

Note there is an absence of wooden siding, decks, porches, fences, or stairs in these photos. This 5’ limit extends from the ground upward to the sky. The higher-level PLUS certificate requires noncombustible exterior siding, stairs,

and decks. The BASIC certificate allows fire-resistant materials.

Any new construction, remodels, or repairs should consider addressing these certification requirements. There seems to be no exceptions to this 5’ non-combustible zone. And note since 2023 Cal Fire inspections now include a Zone 0 (0-5’).

Matters related to insurance in wildfire-prone areas are in constant change. To review the current state of this topic watch “Wildfire Insurance Town Hall Meeting—November 1, 2023” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTYE0HIFUg>.

Our Fire Safe Council has had several retirements recently. If you can’t help with your time and talents as a Board Member, please consider a possible tax-free donation to support our work.



Tidy-Tips Are a Welcome Sight

BY SARAH SCHOEN



Tidy Tips with Tiny Beetle by David Schoen

Tidy-tips (*Layia platyglossa*) are an annual sunflower, growing mainly in grasslands. Their stems can be upright or prostrate, generally reaching a height of 6 to 12", or reportedly up to 2' tall. Wildflower enthusiasts are always happy to see them. "Oh look! Tidy-tips!" is often heard at the day's first sighting.

A member of the family Asteraceae, tidy-tips have 6 to 120 tiny disk flowers in the center portion. These have purple to black anthers, looking like a sprinkling of pepper. Surrounding the disk flowers are 8-15 ray flowers, looking like petals on the composite flower. They bloom from March to May.

The name tidy-tips conjures up something old fashioned. Who uses the word tidy much these days? The flowers are named for their bright yellow ray flowers with distinct white tips and 3 lobes at the outer edge. The straight line between the two colors makes it look as though they were painted on very carefully.

The stems are branched and succulent. Leaves are alternate and linear. They are lobed at the base and entire (not lobed) growing up the stem.

The fruit is an achene up to 6 mm long. The seeds are tufted and dandelion-like, distributed by wind. Tidy-tips are reportedly easy to grow from seed.

Tidy-tips are nectared by butterflies and pollinated by a number of insects. Along with other small sunflowers, they are a likely larval host for the tiny *Heliothodes* moth (*Heliothodes diminutivus*). The seeds are readily eaten by birds.



Heliothodes diminutivus
National Museum
Actual Width
15-19 mm

Some native peoples used tidy-tip seeds for food. Ohlone and Mendocino tribes made the seeds into pinole (seed cakes). Cahuilla ground the seeds into flour, and made that into a porridge.

The genus name *Layia* is for English botanist George T. Lay. He visited California in 1827 on the HMS Blossom with Captain Beechey. The species name *platyglossa* means broad-tongued, possibly for the ray flowers.

Tidy-tips are found mostly in California along the coast, coastal mountains, and into the Central Valley from Mendocino and Tehama Counties south into Baja California. They grow below 6000' in full sun.



A Field of Tidy Tips by David Schoen



Tidy Tips Parsons 1906

From a distance, large stands of tidy-tips can appear as a solid pale yellow, the yellow and white colors melding into one and looking like something else. I myself have been fooled more than once and it always helps to take a closer look.

Take a Walk in Burleigh Murray State Park

BY KIM BORICK, WEDNESDAY WALKERS

If you are looking for a quiet, gentle walk this spring on the road “less traveled,” plan to visit Burleigh Murray State Park south of Half Moon Bay. Here is another *hidden gem* in our big backyard offering several unique aspects to the visitor.

Located off Highway One on Higgins Canyon Road, the 15-car parking lot is the only public gateway into this 1325-acre park that unites four former coastal ranch properties. The “trail” is mostly a wide ranch road for this out and back walk to the former heart of the Burleigh Murray ranch, reached after approximately one mile.

Birders and wildflower lovers will enjoy the route that follows along Mills Creek through a riparian corridor with less than 300’ of elevation change. Although ranching brought in non-natives plants that persist on the landscape, the route is lined with numerous natives



in spring bloom. Favorites include Twinberry Honeysuckle, Osoberry, Red-berried Elder, Coastal Paintbrush and Pacific Pea. The diversity of bird life found here makes this one of the county’s hot spots in spring—don’t forget your binoculars.

As you arrive to the former heart of the ranch, several historic features of the old ranch come into view. Burleigh Murray’s father purchased the ranch in 1861 but real development of the property began in the 1880s. Wisely adapted to the terrain, the dairy barn was constructed in the old English Lake County barn style and is one of only two remaining in California. Guiseppi DiMartini is credited as the talented stonemason who constructed the dairy barn’s foundations and unique buttresses seen outside the barn. He also constructed the lovely arched stone bridge seen nearby, culverts and retaining walls.

The barn was able to house 100 dairy cows at a time, but the ranch was also used for grazing cattle, planted with several fruit orchards and cultivation of crops such as Hay,



Grains, Corn, Peas, and Fava Beans. A small ranch house remains on the property, used now as a residence for park personnel. There are one or two picnic tables near the barn but no water available. Two porta-potties are located at about the halfway point along the ranch road.

One other feature of the property that visitors should be aware of is the Shooting Range beyond the park residence area. Reserved for use by law enforcement personnel, the area is well marked with signage and off the main ranch road.

For the more adventurous, the road past the ranch house narrows to a single-track trail heading up into the hill about a half mile before it diminishes in the stands of stinging nettle, poison oak and coyote brush.

Having grasped the history of the property, on the return walk, one notices the evidence of ranching here and there, although much that was once developed has now overgrown. A stalwart reminder of its past are the aged eucalyptus trees planted on the ranch road to mark boundaries. Cypress and pine tree stands were also planted to designate specific areas of use, such as the fruit orchards.

If you enjoy local history, you might time your visit to see the James Johnston house, also on Higgins Canyon Road, established in the same era as the ranches in the park. Constructed in the 1850s, the house is open for limited public tours. Visit the Johnston House [website](#) for dates/times/details.

Dogs on leash are allowed at Burleigh Murray State Park as well as hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding. Bring water for your dog(s) as none is available at the park. Burleigh Murray State Park is located at 305 Higgins Canyon Road. Happy Trails.

SOUTH SKYLINE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

APPLICATION TO: JOIN _____ RENEWAL _____ (please check one)

Contact Information

Name(s)	
Mailing Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Physical Address	
City ST Zip Code	
Phone(s) (required)	
E-Mail Address(es) (required)	

Propane Supplier

To participate in the SPUG program indicate your current or preferred participating propane provider. After receipt of your application and payment, we contact the provider directly to inform them of your membership status.

Amerigas Kamps
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Volunteer Interests

SSA always needs additional volunteers. Please tell us in which areas you may be interested in volunteering.

Board Member Skyline Propane User Group (SPUG) Committee
 Events Planning and Setup Membership Committee
 Website Committee Grants Program
 Skylines Newsletter Other

Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarize special skills and qualifications which you feel may be useful to our association.

Our Policies

All contact information is kept confidential. Dues are payable in January of each year and are not prorated if paid later in the year. Members must be at least 18 years of age to participate. Anyone is eligible to join regardless of property address. Members who live within the SSA boundaries are considered "regular members" and are eligible to serve on the Board, vote at general meetings, and receive hard copies of *Skylines*. All members receive an electronic copy *Skylines* newsletter. If your property is outside the SSA boundaries, you must confirm with your propane provider prior to joining they will honor the SSSA SPUG rate. Outside boundary members receive an electronic copy of the newsletter and all notifications. You can also join online at southskyline.org.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Enclose this application with your \$20.00 check payable to "South Skyline Association" and mail to:

SSA MEMBERSHIP
P.O. Box 400
La Honda, CA 94020

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SSA Calendar 2024
Monthly SSA
Board Meetings
7:00pm

May 09
June 12
July 10

For further updates
 contact Udy Gold:
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