

BALLET SAN JOSE

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Garden Party is a "Friend-Raiser" for Ballet San Jose

Anita Del Grande hosted a Membership Garden Party for Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley Council in her beautiful home in the hills above Los Gatos on Sunday afternoon, September 18th. President Valerie Kohl and Council Executive Board members Cathy Gillum, Jean Hargrove and Debbie Martin along with Ballet Board Members Joanne Meninger, Marie Lo Presto, Michelle Rose and Rachel Spivack welcomed 20 prospective new members with wine, food and conversation.



Party Hostess, Anita Del Grande (center) enjoyed some food and fun conversation with guests Ginger Turnbull of San Jose and Ballet SJSV Artistic/Executive Director Dennis Nahat.

The event included a tour of the Del Grande home, an opportunity to meet Ballet San Jose principal dancers Karen Gabay, Raymond Rodriguez and Michael Doerner and a light lunch at poolside where Artistic/Executive Director Dennis Nahat entertained the gathering with stories about his upcoming worldpremiere setting of THE FIREBIRD, scheduled to open the new season, October 6-9 in San Jose.

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Council President Valerie Kohl reports the Ballet Council, which has raised over \$2.5 million for the company with their yearly galas, special events, and fabulous Ballet Boutiques in the theatre lobby which accompany each ballet program.

Persons interested in becoming a member of Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley's Council should contact the Ballet Offices at (408) 288-2820 x 204.

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